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HOUSE BILL NO. 2184

Offered January 9, 2013

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 29.1-303.1 and 29.1-311 of the Code of Virginia, relating to hunting and fishing trip licenses.

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Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

- 1. That §§ 29.1-303.1 and 29.1-311 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**
§ 29.1-303.1. Nonresident trip hunting licenses.

Nonresidents of the Commonwealth may purchase a ~~three-day~~ *nonresident trip* hunting license in lieu of the nonresident hunting license required by subdivision 3 of § 29.1-303. *The duration for which the license shall be valid shall be established by the Board.* The fee for the ~~three-day~~ *nonresident trip* hunting license shall be \$40 ~~or as subsequently revised~~ *established by the Board and may be revised* pursuant to § 29.1-103; ~~and the license shall be effective for three successive days as specified on the face of the license.~~

§ 29.1-311. Trip fishing license for residents and nonresidents; trout stocked waters.

A. Residents and nonresidents of the Commonwealth may obtain trip fishing licenses to fish in the freshwater creeks, bays, inlets, and streams of the Commonwealth, or in any of the impounded waters of the Commonwealth during the open season for game fish. These licenses shall be in lieu of the regular season state or county fishing license required under subsection A of § 29.1-310. *The duration for which trip fishing licenses shall be valid shall be established by the Board.* The fee for the trip fishing license shall be \$5 for residents, \$10 for nonresidents, ~~and the license shall be effective for five successive days as specified on the face of the license established by the Board and may be revised pursuant to § 29.1-103.~~

B. Residents and nonresidents of the Commonwealth may obtain a special combined sportfishing trip license to fish in all inland waters and tidal waters of the Commonwealth during the open season. This license shall be in lieu of the trip fishing license specified in subsection A and the saltwater recreational license required by § 28.2-302.1. The cost of the license shall be \$10 for residents and \$15 for nonresidents. The license shall be valid for five successive days as specified on the face of the license. Of the funds collected under this subsection, (i) \$5 per license sold shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund as established in § 28.2-302.3 and (ii) \$5 per resident license sold and \$10 per nonresident license sold shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the Game Protection Fund as established in § 29.1-101.

C. Possession of a trip fishing license by a nonresident shall not entitle him to fish in designated waters stocked with trout by the Department or other public body unless he also possesses the trout license required under subsection B of § 29.1-310 or has obtained the special lifetime trout fishing license pursuant to § 29.1-302.4.

D. Possession of a trip fishing license by a resident shall not entitle him to fish in designated waters stocked with trout by the Department or other public body. Residents shall only be entitled to fish in such waters if they possess (i) a regular season state or county fishing license and (ii) a trout license, as required by § 29.1-310, or a special lifetime trout fishing license pursuant to § 29.1-302.4.

E. The Board may subsequently revise the cost of licenses set forth in this section pursuant to § 29.1-103.

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