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HOUSE BILL NO. 1686

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources
on February 19, 2015)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Fariss)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 29.1-417 of the Code of Virginia, relating to a special permit to stock and sell fish.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 29.1-417 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 29.1-417. Capturing, holding, propagating, and disposing of wildlife for authorized purposes.

A. The fee for a permit to capture, hold, propagate, and dispose of wildlife for purposes authorized by the Board shall be an amount sufficient to defray the costs of processing the permit and administering the permitted activity. However, in no instance shall the fees established by the Board exceed the following:

1. For endangered species, scientific collection and wildlife holder, \$20 per year; and

2. For all other such permits, \$50 per year.

B. The Board shall establish a permit ~~shall also~~ to authorize the permittee to artificially raise trout ~~or, catfish, or largemouth bass and other members of the sunfish family~~ for sale from a privately owned facility ~~where. Where~~ the permittee allows public fishing from its facilities. ~~If this, if the fee provided for in subsection A has been paid, no license shall be required to fish from such a facility.~~

~~B.~~ C. The Board shall establish standards for the possession and display of wildlife by elementary or secondary school teachers for educational purposes. No permit fee or application shall be required, and such display shall be deemed to be permitted so long as notification of the display is made to the Department and the exhibit is in compliance with the standards established by the Board. The Board's standards may include species permitted to be possessed and displayed, caging and enclosure requirements, prohibitions on release of wildlife, and notification requirements in the case of wildlife sickness or escape.