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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 29.1-576.1, relating to zebra mussels; education program.*

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Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 29.1-576.1 as follows:

§ 29.1-576.1. Zebra mussels; education program.

The Director shall establish an education program that instructs boaters and other members of the public in methods of preventing or slowing the infestation of the waters of the Commonwealth by zebra mussels, quagga mussels, or other nonindigenous aquatic nuisance species as defined in § 29.1-571. The education program may be delivered through the boating safety education program required by § 29.1-735.2 and shall include cleaning and draining guidelines, designated dry times for watercraft and other recreational equipment, a standard boat inspection form, and public outreach, including published instructions and training videos.

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