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HOUSE BILL NO. 584

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

on February 10, 2016)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Yost)

234567 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 29.1-527.2, relating to the feeding of deer. 8

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

9 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 29.1-527.2 as follows:

10 § 29.1-527.2. Localities may prohibit feeding of deer.

Any locality may, by ordinance, prohibit the feeding of deer within its jurisdiction. The Department 11 12 shall make available to localities a model ordinance suggested for use by localities. The penalty for violating such an ordinance shall be a civil fine not to exceed \$50. It shall be the duty of the governing 13 14 body enacting an ordinance under this section to notify the Director by registered mail of the adoption 15 of such an ordinance.

16 Any such ordinance shall not apply to agricultural, commercial, noncommercial, or residential

17 plantings; distribution of food to livestock; or wildlife management activities conducted or authorized by the Department. The ordinance shall not limit the authority of the Board to regulate feeding of wildlife 18 19 consistent with this chapter.