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SENATE BILL NO. 536

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A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 18.2-132 and 18.2-132.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to trespass by hunters; penalty.*

Patron—Marsden

Referred to Committee on the Judiciary

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 18.2-132 and 18.2-132.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-132. Trespass by hunters and fishers.

Any person who goes on the lands, waters, ponds, boats or blinds of another to hunt, fish or trap without the consent of the landowner or his agent shall be deemed guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

§ 18.2-132.1. Trespass by hunters using dogs; penalty.

Any person who intentionally releases hunting dogs on the lands of another which have been posted in accordance with the provisions of § 18.2-134.1 to hunt without the consent of the landowner or his agent is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor. ~~A Upon conviction of a second or subsequent violation of this section within three years is a Class 4 misdemeanor and, upon conviction,~~ the court shall revoke such person's hunting or trapping license for a period of one year. The fact that hunting dogs are present on the lands of another alone is not sufficient evidence to prove that the person acted intentionally.

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