

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 29.1-539 of the Code of Virginia, relating to claiming deer, bear, turkey,*
3 *or elk struck by motor vehicle.*

4 [H 1025]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 29.1-539 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 29.1-539. Claiming deer, bear, turkey, or elk struck by motor vehicle.**

9 A. Any person driving a motor vehicle who collides with a deer ~~or~~, bear, turkey, or elk or who
10 discovers a deer, bear, turkey, or elk that has been killed in a collision with a motor vehicle may, upon
11 compliance with the provisions of this section and at any time of year, ~~keep the deer or bear~~ claim such
12 animal for his own use as if the animal had been killed by that person during hunting season for the
13 animal.

14 B. Any person so killing any deer ~~or~~, bear, turkey, or elk or who discovers a deer, bear, turkey, or
15 elk that has been killed in a collision with a motor vehicle shall immediately report the accident to ~~the~~ a
16 conservation police officer or other law-enforcement officer of the county or city where the accident
17 occurred. The conservation police officer or other law-enforcement officer shall view ~~the deer or bear~~
18 such animal and if he believes that ~~the deer or bear~~ such animal was killed by ~~the~~ a collision with ~~the~~ a
19 motor vehicle or injured to such an extent as to require its death, he shall award the animal to the
20 person claiming ~~the deer or bear~~, it and shall give the person a certificate to that effect on forms
21 furnished by the Department call for service number or a report number.

22 C. If any person driving a motor vehicle who collides with a deer, bear, turkey, or elk, or person
23 who discovers a deer, bear, turkey, or elk that has been killed in a collision with a motor vehicle, does
24 not claim such animal, a conservation police officer or other law-enforcement officer may award such
25 animal to any other person who wishes to claim it pursuant to this section.

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