

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-146.2, relating to interference*
3 *with commercial fishing vessels or activity; penalty.*

4 [H 928]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-146.2 as follows:**8 ***§ 18.2-146.2. Interference with commercial fishing vessels or activity; penalty.***9 *A. As used in this section, "commercial fishing activity" means the business of extracting fish,*
10 *bivalves, or crustaceans from waters for sale or resale.*11 *B. Any person who knowingly and intentionally interferes with or impedes the operation or*
12 *commercial fishing activity of a commercial fishing vessel within the territorial waters of the*
13 *Commonwealth is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.*14 *C. A prosecution under this section is a bar to prosecution under § 29.1-554.1.*15 *D. Any person convicted of a first offense under this section shall be ineligible for any license issued*
16 *under Chapter 3 (§ 28.2-300 et seq.) of Title 28.2 or Chapter 3 (§ 29.1-300 et seq.) of Title 29.1 for a*
17 *period of one year. Any person convicted of a second or subsequent offense under this section shall be*
18 *ineligible for any such license for a period of three years.*19 *E. In addition to any other penalties provided by law, any person convicted of a violation of this*
20 *section shall be ordered to complete boating safety education as described in § 29.1-735.2.*

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