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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1329**

Offered January 25, 1994

*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 3 of Title 29.1 an article numbered 3.1, consisting of sections numbered 29.1-359 and 29.1-360, relating to the conservation stamp; penalty.*

Patrons—Bloxom, Croshaw, Jackson and Plum; Senator: Norment

Referred to Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 3 of Title 29.1 an article numbered 3.1, consisting of sections numbered 29.1-359 and 29.1-360 as follows:**

*Article 3.1.*

*Conservation Stamp.*

*§ 29.1-359. Conservation stamp required; penalty.*

*A. No person shall hunt, fish, or trap on any land owned or managed by the Departments of Game and Inland Fisheries, Conservation and Recreation, Forestry, and Corrections, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University without first obtaining , in addition to any required licenses or permits, a conservation stamp to hunt, fish, or trap on such lands. The fee for the conservation stamp shall be three dollars and the stamp shall be valid for a period of one year.*

*B. Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.*

*§ 29.1-360. Conservation stamp fund established; use of revenue.*

*A. There is hereby established in the state treasury a special fund to be known as the Conservation Stamp Fund, hereinafter referred to as the Fund. All revenues derived from the sale of conservation stamps shall be credited to the Fund. The Fund shall be administered by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries; however, no disbursements shall be made from the Fund without the consent of the Directors of the Departments of Game and Inland Fisheries, Conservation and Recreation, and Forestry.*

*B. Moneys disbursed from the Fund shall be used exclusively to purchase perpetual easements on land adjacent to state wildlife management areas, fishing lakes, state forests, state parks and state natural areas, so as to protect the land as open space and provide opportunities to hunt and fish on such lands.*

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