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HOUSE BILL NO. 1850

House Amendments in [] — January 31, 1995

A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 28.2-302.1 and 28.2-302.3 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the saltwater recreational fishing license.*

Patrons—Bloxom, Behm, Morgan and Murphy

Referred to Committee on Chesapeake and Its Tributaries

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 28.2-302.1 and 28.2-302.3 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 28.2-302.1. Recreational license required.

On and after January 1, 1993, except in areas under the jurisdiction of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, ~~in the waters of the ocean or eastern side of Virginia,~~ and as provided in § 28.2-302.5, a person shall not take or catch fish with rod and reel or hand line or by spearing or gigging in the tidal waters of the Commonwealth without first obtaining a saltwater recreational fishing license. The license required by this section and issued pursuant to §§ 28.2-302.2, 28.2-302.6, 28.2-302.7, 28.2-302.8, 28.2-302.9 or § 28.2-302.10 shall not be transferable.

§ 28.2-302.3. Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund established.

There is hereby established a special, nonreverting fund in the state treasury to be known as the Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund, hereafter referred to as the Fund. The interest earned on the principal of the Fund also shall not revert to the general fund. The Fund shall be administered by the Commission, to be used solely for the purposes of conserving and enhancing finfish species taken by recreational anglers; enforcing the provisions of §§ 28.2-302, 28.2-302.1, and 28.2-302.6 through 28.2-302.9 and regulations promulgated thereunder; improving recreational fishing opportunities; obtaining necessary data and conducting research for fisheries management; ~~and~~ creating or restoring habitat for species taken by recreational fishermen; *and administering the Virginia Saltwater Sport Fishing Tournament. [Not more than] fifteen percent of the Fund shall be allocated annually to pay the costs of administration of the Virginia Saltwater Sport Fishing Tournament.* The Fund shall consist of moneys collected pursuant to §§ 28.2-302, 28.2-302.2, and 28.2-302.6 through 28.2-302.9.

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