

1995 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1945

Offered January 20, 1995

A BILL to amend and reenact § 29.1-530.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to wearing blaze orange.

Patrons—Putney and Giesen

Referred to Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 29.1-530.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 29.1-530.1. Blaze orange clothing required at certain times.

During any firearms deer season, ~~except during the special season for hunting deer with a muzzle-loading rifle only~~, in counties and cities designated by the Board, every hunter, or any person accompanying a hunter, shall wear a blaze orange hat or blaze orange upper body clothing that is visible from 360 degrees or display at least 100 square inches of solid blaze orange material at shoulder level within body reach visible from 360 degrees.

Any person violating the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, pay a fine of twenty-five dollars.

Violations of this section shall not be admissible in any civil action for personal injury or death as evidence of negligence, contributory negligence or assumption of the risk.

This section shall not apply when (i) hunting waterfowl from stationary or floating blinds, (ii) hunting waterfowl over decoys, (iii) hunting waterfowl in wetlands as defined in § 62.1-13.2, (iv) hunting waterfowl from a boat or other floating conveyance, (v) participating in hunting dog field trials permitted by the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries, or (vi) on horseback while hunting foxes with hounds but without firearms.

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