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HOUSE BILL NO. 531

Offered January 18, 1996

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 28.2-700 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the definition of peeler crabs.*

Patrons—Bloxom, Baker, Behm, Morgan and Murphy; Senator: Gartlan

Referred to Committee on Chesapeake and Its Tributaries

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 28.2-700 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 28.2-700. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Crab dredge" means a device, which may have teeth on the bar, that is designed and used to catch crabs buried in the bottom.

"Crab pot" means a device made of wire or thread net used to catch crabs.

"Peeler crab", *until the Commission promulgates a different definition*, means a crab that has a soft shell fully developed under the hard shell, or a crab on which there is a pink or white line or rim on the edge of that part of the back fin next to the outer section of this fin.

"Peeler pot" means a wire mesh pot baited with only live adult male (jimmy) blue crabs.

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