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HOUSE BILL NO. 1091

Offered January 26, 1998

A BILL to amend and reenact § 29.1-306 of the Code of Virginia, relating to special archery license for disabled hunters.

Patrons—Katzen, Callahan, Davis, Dillard, Dudley, Howell, Kilgore, Landes, Marshall, Morgan, Sherwood and Weatherholtz

Referred to Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 29.1-306 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 29.1-306. Special archery license; disabled hunters.

A. There shall be a license for hunting with a bow and arrow during the special archery seasons, which will be in addition to the license required to hunt small game. The fee for the special license shall be twelve dollars for a resident and twenty-five dollars for a nonresident. Any disabled person possessing a valid license to hunt with a crossbow shall be permitted to hunt under the same rules, regulations, laws, and conditions that apply to a non-disabled hunter using standard archery equipment. With the exception of the type of equipment used, both able-bodied and disabled hunters shall have the same archery privileges.

The special archery license may be obtained from the clerk or agent of any county or city whose duty it is to sell licenses.

B. The Board shall promulgate regulations which allow persons, whose physical disabilities prevent them from hunting with conventional archery equipment, to hunt with crossbows on their own property or on the private property of another with the written permission of the landowner. Disabled hunters seeking such permission shall advise the landowner of their intent to hunt with a crossbow during special archery seasons.