

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend and reenact § 28.2-314 of the Code of Virginia and to repeal § 28.2-315 of the Code of  
3 Virginia, relating to fishing with trawl nets and drag nets; shrimp and horseshoe crab; license fee;  
4 penalty.

5 [H 1697]  
6 Approved

7 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

8 1. That § 28.2-314 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

9 § 28.2-314. Trawl nets and drag nets prohibited; exception; license fee; penalty.

10 Except as may be provided in § 28.2-315, it A. It is unlawful for any person (i) to take or catch fish,  
11 shellfish, or marine organisms with a trawl net, drag net, or similar device drawn through the waters by a  
12 vessel, boat, or other craft or (ii) to buy, sell, or offer for sale any fish taken or caught in the waters of the  
13 Commonwealth, or under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth, with a trawl net, drag net, or similar device.  
14 However, the Commission may issue licenses or permits to take or catch fish, shellfish, or marine organisms  
15 with a trawl net, drag net, or similar device within the three-mile limit of the Virginia Atlantic shoreline for  
16 the shrimp and horseshoe crab fisheries.

17 B. The license or permit fee to fish with a trawl net, drag net, or similar device pursuant to subsection A  
18 shall be \$100 or as subsequently revised by the Commission pursuant to § 28.2-201 for each boat so  
19 employed.

20 C. A violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

21 2. That § 28.2-315 of the Code of Virginia is repealed.