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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

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

[S 933]

Approved

- Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**
- 1. That § 28.2-314 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**
 - § 28.2-314. Trawl nets and drag nets prohibited; exception; license fee; penalty.**
 - ~~Except as may be provided in § 28.2-315, it~~ *A. It is unlawful for any person (i) to take or catch fish, shellfish, or marine organisms with a trawl net, drag net, or similar device drawn through the waters by a vessel, boat, or other craft or (ii) to buy, sell, or offer for sale any fish taken or caught in the waters of the Commonwealth, or under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth, with a trawl net, drag net, or similar device. However, the Commission may issue licenses or permits to take or catch fish, shellfish, or marine organisms with a trawl net, drag net, or similar device within the three-mile limit of the Virginia Atlantic shoreline for the shrimp and horseshoe crab fisheries.*
 - B. The license or permit fee to fish with a trawl net, drag net, or similar device pursuant to subsection A shall be \$100 or as subsequently revised by the Commission pursuant to § 28.2-201 for each boat so employed.*
 - C. A violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor.*
- 2. That § 28.2-315 of the Code of Virginia is repealed.**