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HOUSE BILL NO. 767

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 29.1-506 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Board of Wildlife Resources; prescribing seasons and bag limits for taking wild birds, animals, and fish.

Patron—Zehr

Committee Referral Pending

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 29.1-506 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 29.1-506. Prescribing seasons and bag limits for taking fish and game.

After careful study of each species of wild bird, animal, and fish within the jurisdiction of the Board in cities and counties of the Commonwealth, the Board shall have the power to prescribe the seasons and bag limits for hunting, fishing, trapping, or otherwise taking such wild birds, animals, and fish by regulation adopted as provided in this article. *When an investigation of the Board shows, for any species of wild bird, animal, or fish within the jurisdiction of the Board, that there is an unusual scarcity of such wild bird, animal, or fish or a risk that the population of such wild bird, animal, or fish in any city or county could be eliminated, the Board shall prescribe the seasons and bag limits for such wild bird, animal, or fish in such city or county accordingly to promote the recovery and stabilization of such wild bird, animal, or fish population.*