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HOUSE BILL NO. 1110

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4 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 28.2 a section numbered
5 28.2-208.4, relating to Marine Resources Commission; blue catfish; Chesapeake Wild Harvest
6 certification.*

7 Patron—Hodges

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9 Committee Referral Pending

10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

11 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 28.2 a section
12 numbered 28.2-208.4 as follows:

13 § 28.2-208.4. *Chesapeake Wild Harvest certification for blue catfish.*

14 A. For the purposes of this section:

15 "Chesapeake Wild Harvest" means any blue catfish that is (i) taken or caught in the Chesapeake Bay or
16 its tributaries and (ii) processed in the Commonwealth.

17 "Processed" means a substantial transformation at a U.S. Department of Agriculture-inspected facility in
18 the Commonwealth whereby a blue catfish is slaughtered, cut, deboned, filleted, or otherwise changed into
19 different marketable forms.

20 B. The Commission shall establish and maintain a voluntary Chesapeake Wild Harvest certification and
21 labeling program for blue catfish products that meet the definition of Chesapeake Wild Harvest pursuant to
22 subsection A.

23 C. A person shall not label any product as Chesapeake Wild Harvest unless such product meets the
24 definition of Chesapeake Wild Harvest pursuant to subsection A.

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