

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 28.2-234 of the Code of Virginia and to repeal § 28.2-235 of the Code of*  
3 *Virginia, relating to Marine Resources Commission; license tags and identification numbers; marking of*  
4 *commercial fishing boats, nets, and other devices.*

5 [H 645]  
6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

8 **1. That § 28.2-234 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

9 **§ 28.2-234. License tags and identification numbers to be fastened; penalty.**

10 A. License tags or identification numbers shall be attached and displayed in ~~the following~~ a manner  
11 ~~prescribed by the Commission:~~

12 1. ~~License tags for fixed fishery devices, including pound nets, fyke nets, crab traps, and staked gill nets,~~  
13 ~~shall be fastened to one of the offshore stakes.~~

14 2. ~~License tags for anchored gill nets and drift gill nets shall be fastened to a flagstaff or a buoy that is~~  
15 ~~visible from the surface.~~

16 3. ~~License tags for vessels using haul seines, purse nets, trawl nets, crab pots, trotlines, and crab scrapes~~  
17 ~~shall be fastened at a conspicuous place on the starboard side or the mast of the vessel.~~

18 4. ~~License tags issued for businesses purchasing seafood shall be affixed in a conspicuous place on the~~  
19 ~~business establishment, boat or motor vehicle.~~

20 5. ~~Identification numbers when issued for particular devices shall be applied by the license holder and~~  
21 ~~shall be in place at all times when the gear is deployed.~~

22 B. Any such licensee who fails to properly attach or display such a license tag or identification number is  
23 guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

24 **2. That § 28.2-235 of the Code of Virginia is repealed.**