

Testimony submitted by Cynthia Schreiber-Beck, District 25 Representative

I was not familiar with *Section 20.1-01-07. Hunting big game or small game other than waterfowl or cranes with motor-driven vehicles prohibitive – Exception – Motor-driven vehicle use in transporting big game restricted*, until I was asked if I could bring forward a bill to clarify the language. The first draft to change the language is HB1598 – it too is not easily understood. Thus, after communication with the agency, the amendment that follows is offered to replace HB1598.

AMENDMENT to HB1598

1. Except as provided in subsection 10 of 20.1-02-05 and as otherwise provided in this section, an individual, other than the landowner, without the written permission of the landowner or a lessee of private land who actively farms or ranches that land, while hunting big game or small game, other than waterfowl or cranes, may not use a motor-driven vehicle on any land other than an established road or trail, unless that person has reduced a big game animal to possession and cannot easily retrieve the big game animal, but after retrieval, the motor driven vehicle must be returned to the established road or trail along the same route it originally departed.
2. For purposes of safety and allowing normal travel, a motor-driven vehicle may be parked on the roadside or directly adjacent to said road or trail.
3. No individual, while hunting big game or small game, statewide, may drive or attempt to drive, run or attempt to run, molest or attempt to molest, flush or attempt to flush, or harass or attempt to harass any such game with the use or aid of any motor-driven vehicle.

Please support the amendment to HB1598.