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## Exempt Action: Proposed Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency name</b>	DWR
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)</b>	4VAC15-290
<b>VAC Chapter title(s)</b>	Game: Permits
<b>Action title</b>	Ch. 290 - Aug. 2025 off-cycle
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This information is required for executive branch review pursuant to Executive Order 19 (2022) (EO 19), any instructions or procedures issued by the Office of Regulatory Management (ORM) or the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) pursuant to EO 19. In addition, this information is required by the Virginia Registrar of Regulations pursuant to the Virginia Register Act (§ 2.2-4100 et seq. of the Code of Virginia). Regulations must conform to the Regulations for Filing and Publishing Agency Regulations (1 VAC 7-10), and the *Form and Style Requirements for the Virginia Register of Regulations and Virginia Administrative Code*.

### Brief Summary

*Provide a brief summary (preferably no more than 2 or 3 paragraphs) of this regulatory change (i.e., new regulation, amendments to an existing regulation, or repeal of an existing regulation). Alert the reader to all substantive matters. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.*

#### Section 80:

Regulatory amendments applied in order to reduce regulatory burden of unnecessary language without changing the intended regulatory outcomes. Stricken language is unnecessary and otherwise gathered via the permitting process as it is general contact and purpose information required for administrative purposes. Reduces regulatory catalog by 4 mandates.

#### Section 140:

Amendments applied to reduce regulatory burden of unnecessary language without changing the ultimate regulatory outcomes. Hunters now have their mandatory Harvest Information Program (HIP) numbers, as required by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to hunt migratory birds, and proof of purchase in their online Go Outdoors Virginia account or within their digitally generated license that is emailed to them upon purchase, and Conservation Police can look these up within the agency's licensing system. Reduces regulatory catalog by 2 mandates.

## Mandate and Impetus

*Identify the mandate for this regulatory change, and any other impetus that specifically prompted its initiation (e.g., new or modified mandate, internal staff review, petition for rulemaking, periodic review, or board decision). For purposes of executive branch review, "mandate" has the same meaning as defined in the ORM procedures, "a directive from the General Assembly, the federal government, or a court that requires that a regulation be promulgated, amended, or repealed in whole or part."*

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### Section 80:

Opportunities were identified for effective regulatory mandate reduction without compromising the outcome of the regulatory intent.

### Section 140:

Opportunities were identified for effective regulatory mandate reduction without compromising the outcome of the regulatory intent. Additionally, proposed amendments reflects modernization in online licensing and issuance systems.