VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2000 SESSION

CHAPTER 748

An Act to amend and reenact § 2.1-504.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Department of General Services; review of proposed acquisitions of real property; exceptions.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 2.1-504.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.1-504.2. Department to review proposed acquisitions of real property; approval by the Governor;

exceptions.

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no state department, agency or institution shall acquire real property by gift, lease, purchase or any other means whatsoever without following guidelines promulgated by the Department of General Services and obtaining the prior approval of the Governor. The Department of General Services shall review every proposed acquisition of real property by gift, lease, purchase or any other means whatsoever by any department, agency or institution of the Commonwealth and recommend either approval or disapproval of such transactions to the Governor based on cost, demonstrated need, and compliance with the aforesaid guidelines.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to the (i) acquisition of real property for open space preservations pursuant to the purposes of § 10.1-1800 and subdivision A 4 of § 10.1-2204, if it does not require as a condition of acceptance, an appropriation of any state funds for the continued maintenance of such property; for the; (ii) acquisition of easements pursuant to the purposes of §§ 10.1-1020 and 10.1-1021 or §§ 10.1-1700, 10.1-1701 and 10.1-1702; (iii) acquisition through the temporary lease or donation of real property for a period of six months or less duration; or (iv) acquisition of real property for the construction, improvement or maintenance of highways and transportation facilities and purposes incidental thereto by the Department of Transportation; however, acquisitions of real property by the Department of Transportation for office space, district offices, residencies, area headquarters, and correctional facilities shall be subject to such review and approval.