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HOUSE BILL NO. 1054

House Amendments in [] — February 14, 2000

A BILL to amend and reenact § 9-6.25:1 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 56-484.6:1, relating to the Consumer Advisory Board for Virginia Relay.

Patron—Marshall

Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 9-6.25:1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 56-484.6:1 as follows:

§ 9-6.25:1. Advisory boards, commissions and councils.

There shall be, in addition to such others as may be designated in accordance with § 9-6.25, the following advisory boards, commissions and councils within the executive branch:

Advisory Board for the Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing

Advisory Board on Athletic Training

Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect

Advisory Board on Medicare and Medicaid

Advisory Board of Occupational Therapy

Advisory Board on Physical Therapy to the Board of Medicine

Advisory Board on Rehabilitation Providers

Advisory Board on Respiratory Care to the Board of Medicine

Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure

Advisory Commission on the Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

Advisory Council on Revenue Estimates

Advisory Council on the Virginia Business-Education Partnership Program

Appomattox State Scenic River Advisory Board

Aquaculture Advisory Board

Art and Architectural Review Board

Board for the Visually Handicapped, Virginia

Board of Directors, Virginia Truck and Ornamentals Research Station

Board of Forestry

Board of Military Affairs

Board of Rehabilitative Services

Board of Transportation Safety

Board of Trustees of the Family and Children's Trust Fund

Board of Visitors, Gunston Hall Plantation

Board on Veterans' Affairs

Catoctin Creek State Scenic River Advisory Board

Cave Board

Charity Food Assistance Advisory Board

Chickahominy State Scenic River Advisory Board

Chief Information Officer Advisory Board

Clinch Scenic River Advisory Board

Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Fund Advisory Board

Coastal Land Management Advisory Council, Virginia

Commonwealth Competition Council

Commonwealth Council on Aging

Consumer Advisory Board for Virginia Relay

Council on Indians

Council on the Status of Women

Debt Capacity Advisory Committee

Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board

Falls of the James Committee

Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Board

Governor's Mined Land Reclamation Advisory Committee

Hemophilia Advisory Board

Human Services Information and Referral Advisory Council

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60	Interagency Coordinating Council on Housing for the Disabled
61	Interdepartmental Board of the State Department of Minority Business Enterprise
62	Litter Control and Recycling Fund Advisory Board
63	Local Advisory Board to the Blue Ridge Community College
64	Local Advisory Board to the Central Virginia Community College
65	Local Advisory Board to the Dabney S. Lancaster Community College
66	Local Advisory Board to the Danville Community College
67	Local Advisory Board to the Eastern Shore Community College
68	Local Advisory Board to the Germanna Community College
69	Local Advisory Board to the J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
70	Local Advisory Board to the John Tyler Community College
71	Local Advisory Board to the Lord Fairfax Community College
72	Local Advisory Board to the Mountain Empire Community College
73	Local Advisory Board to the New River Community College
74	Local Advisory Board to the Northern Virginia Community College
75	Local Advisory Board to the Patrick Henry Community College
76	Local Advisory Board to the Paul D. Camp Community College
77	Local Advisory Board to the Piedmont Virginia Community College
78	Local Advisory Board to the Rappahannock Community College
79	Local Advisory Board to the Southside Virginia Community College
80	Local Advisory Board to the Southwest Virginia Community College
81	Local Advisory Board to the Thomas Nelson Community College
82	Local Advisory Board to the Tidewater Community College
83	Local Advisory Board to the Virginia Highlands Community College
84	Local Advisory Board to the Virginia Western Community College
85	Local Advisory Board to the Wytheville Community College
86	Maternal and Child Health Council
87	Medical Advisory Board, Department of Motor Vehicles
88	Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Board
89	North Meherrin State Scenic River Advisory Board
90	Nottoway State Scenic River Advisory Board
91	Personnel Advisory Board
92	Plant Pollination Advisory Board
93	Private College Advisory Board
94	Private Security Services Advisory Board
95	Psychiatric Advisory Board
96	Public Guardian and Conservator Advisory Board
97	Radiation Advisory Board
98	Rappahannock Scenic River Advisory Board
99	Recreational Fishing Advisory Board, Virginia
100	Reforestation Board
101	Rockfish State Scenic River Advisory Board
102	Shenandoah State Scenic River Advisory Board
103	Small Business Advisory Board
104	Small Business Environmental Compliance Advisory Board
105	St. Mary's Scenic River Advisory Committee
106	State Advisory Board on Air Pollution
107	State Building Code Technical Review Board
108	State Health Benefits Advisory Council
109	State Land Evaluation Advisory Council
110	State Networking Users Advisory Board
111	State Public Records Advisory Council
112	Statewide Independent Living Council
113	Statewide Rehabilitation Advisory Council
114	Statewide Rehabilitation Advisory Council for the Blind
115	Staunton Scenic River Advisory Committee
116	Substance Abuse Services Council
117	Telecommunications Relay Service Advisory Board
118	Virginia-Israel Advisory Board
119	Virginia Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations
120	Virginia Advisory Council for Adult Education and Literacy
121	Virginia Coal Mine Safety Board

Virginia Coal Research and Development Advisory Board
 Virginia Commission for the Arts
 Virginia Correctional Enterprises Advisory Board
 Virginia Council on Coordinating Prevention
 Virginia Equal Employment Opportunity Council
 Virginia Geographic Information Network Advisory Board
 Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council
 Virginia Military Advisory Council
 Virginia Public Buildings Board
 Virginia Recycling Markets Development Council
 Virginia Transplant Council
 Virginia Veterans Cemetery Board
 Virginia Water Resources Research Center, Statewide Advisory Board
 Virginia Winegrowers Advisory Board.

§ 56-484.6:1. *Consumer Advisory Board for Virginia Relay established; duties; composition of board and terms of office; cause for removal; funding; staffing.*

A. *There is hereby established within the Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing the Consumer Advisory Board for Virginia Relay. Its duties and responsibilities shall include:*

1. *Ensuring through research and practical experience that the Virginia Relay is meeting the needs of its users;*

2. *Collecting feedback from consumers to be shared with the Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, the Department of Information Technology, and the contractor;*

3. *Providing advice on meeting the requirements for functional equivalence required by law;*

4. *Assisting in transmitting information from the administering agencies and contractor to consumers;*

5. *Providing access to consumers and other interested parties through meetings held in various regions of the Commonwealth as determined by the Advisory Board; and*

6. *Providing other assistance to the Board of the Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing as requested.*

B. *The Advisory Board shall be composed of eleven members to be appointed by the Governor representing the various regions of the Commonwealth and the following specific interests: one from a statewide consumer organization of deaf individuals; one from a statewide consumer organization of hard-of-hearing individuals; one from a statewide organization of late-deafened individuals; one with a physical or sensory disability from a statewide organization of Centers for Independent Living; one from a consumer organization of speech-impaired individuals; one from a consumer organization of deaf-blind individuals; two hearing individuals who use Virginia Relay; and one representative each from the Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, the Department of Information Technology, and the State Corporation Commission. The Board shall also include a representative of the contractor who shall be a nonvoting member.*

C. *The term of office for appointed members of the Advisory Board shall be three years except for the initial appointments, which shall be staggered in the following manner as decided by the Board: three members shall serve one year, four shall serve two years, and four shall serve three years. At the completion of his term, a member of the Board shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed. Advisory Board members may serve no more than two full consecutive terms. Any vacancies created by resignation or other means shall be filled to meet the same qualifications as the original position and the person appointed to fill the position shall serve for the unexpired term.*

D. *The Governor may remove a member of the Board for incompetence, neglect or malfeasance.*

E. *Funding for expenses for the Board and its duties shall be funded by a portion of the proceeds from the telecommunications relay service fund, collected by the State Corporation Commission.*

F. *The Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing shall supply personnel to support the operation of the Board and provide other assistance as the Board requests. Funding for these purposes shall also come from a portion of the telecommunications relay service fund.*

[2. That the provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 2002.]