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HOUSE BILL NO. 1288

Offered January 24, 2000

A BILL to amend and reenact § 3.1-22.19 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Farmer Major Drought, Flood and Hurricane Disaster Act.

Patrons—Black, Albo, Blevins, Broman, Byron, Callahan, Devolites, Drake, Dudley, Ingram, Katzen, Kilgore, Landes, Louderback, O'Brien, Ruff and Wardrup; Senators: Mims and Rerras

Referred to Committee on Agriculture

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 3.1-22.19 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 3.1-22.19. Emergency services.

A. The Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services is hereby authorized to develop and initiate programs of general relief to farmers affected by major disasters and to expend moneys from the Farmers Major Disaster Fund in order to implement such programs. Programs created pursuant hereto shall include but not be limited to the following:

1. Programs to assist farmers in their feed needs including the supplying of feed at cost.

2. Programs to provide supplemental manpower to those state and federal agencies involved in relief efforts to aid farmers.

B. Any locality may develop and initiate a grant program to supply emergency financial assistance to farmers in the locality to offset a portion of any operating losses resulting from a major disaster as declared by the Governor pursuant to § 44-146.17.

2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.

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