

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 10.1-1105 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the employment of*
3 *temporary forest wardens.*

4 [H 615]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 10.1-1105 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 10.1-1105. Additional powers and duties of State Forester.

9 The State Forester shall supervise and direct all forest interests and all matters pertaining to forestry
10 within the Commonwealth. He shall have charge of all forest wardens and shall appoint, direct and
11 supervise persons he employs to perform labor in the forest reservations or the nurseries provided for
12 herein, *and he is authorized to employ temporary forest wardens to extinguish forest fires in the*
13 *Commonwealth.* He shall take such action as is authorized by law to prevent and extinguish forest fires;
14 develop a program to promote the use of prescribed burning for community protection and ecological,
15 silvicultural, and wildlife management; enforce all laws pertaining to forest and woodlands; prosecute
16 any violation of such laws; develop silvicultural best management practices, including reforestation,
17 prevention of erosion and sedimentation, and maintenance of buffers for water quality, pursuant to
18 Article 12 (§ 10.1-1181.1 et seq.) of this chapter; collect information relative to forest destruction and
19 conditions; direct the protection and improvement of all forest reservations; and, as far as his duties as
20 State Forester will permit, conduct an educational course on forestry at the University of Virginia for
21 credit toward a degree, at farmers' institutes and at similar meetings within the Commonwealth. He shall
22 provide for the protection of state waters from pollution by sediment deposition resulting from
23 silvicultural activities as provided in Article 12 (§ 10.1-1181.1 et seq.) of this chapter. In addition, the
24 State Forester shall cooperate with counties, municipalities, corporations and individuals in preparing
25 plans and providing technical assistance, based on generally accepted scientific forestry principles, for
26 the protection, management and replacement of trees, wood lots and timber tracts and the establishment
27 and preservation of urban forests, under an agreement that the parties obtaining such assistance shall pay
28 the field and traveling expenses of the person employed in preparing such plans.

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