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## VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered 2.1-41.3, 2.1-127.1, 3.1-14.1 and 3 8.01-220.1:4, relating to nonprofit boards of tobacco entities; membership and liability.

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### Approved

#### Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 6

#### 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding sections numbered 2.1-41.3, 2.1-127.1, 3.1-14.1 7 8 and 8.01-220.1:4 as follows: 9

§ 2.1-41.3. Service on board of national tobacco trust entity.

10 The Governor is authorized to serve in his official capacity on the board of directors of any entity 11 established to ensure the implementation in the Commonwealth of a national tobacco trust established to 12 provide payments to tobacco growers and tobacco quota owners to ameliorate adverse economic 13 consequences resulting from a national settlement of states' claims against tobacco manufacturers.

14 § 2.1-127.1. Service on board of national tobacco trust entity.

15 The Attorney General is authorized to serve in his official capacity on the board of directors of any entity established to ensure the implementation in the Commonwealth of a national tobacco trust 16 17 established to provide payments to tobacco growers and tobacco quota owners to ameliorate adverse 18 economic consequences resulting from a national settlement of states' claims against tobacco 19 manufacturers.

20 § 3.1-14.1. Service on board of national tobacco trust entity.

21 The Commissioner is authorized to serve in his official capacity on the board of directors of any 22 entity established to ensure the implementation in the Commonwealth of a national tobacco trust 23 established to provide payments to tobacco growers and tobacco quota owners to ameliorate adverse 24 economic consequences resulting from a national settlement of states' claims against tobacco 25 manufacturers. 26

§ 8.01-220.1:4. Civil immunity for officers and directors of certain nonprofit organizations.

27 A. Directors and officers of any entity created to ensure the implementation in the Commonwealth of 28 a national tobacco trust established to provide payments to tobacco growers and tobacco quota owners 29 to ameliorate adverse economic consequences resulting from a national settlement of states' claims 30 against tobacco manufacturers shall be immune from civil liability for acts taken in their capacities as 31 officers or directors of such entities.

32 B. The liability of an officer or director shall not be limited as provided in this section if the officer 33 or director was grossly negligent or engaged in willful misconduct or a knowing violation of the 34 criminal law.

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