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SENATE BILL NO. 296

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources on January 31, 2000

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Houck)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 62.1-44.15:1.2, relating to lake level contingency plans.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 62.1-44.15:1.2 as follows:

§ 62.1-44.15:1.2. Lake level contingency plans.

Any Virginia Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit issued for a surface water impoundment whose primary purpose is to provide cooling water to power generators shall include a lake level contingency plan to allow specific reductions in the flow required to be released when the water level above the dam drops below designated levels due to drought conditions. This section shall not apply to any such facility that addresses releases and flow requirements during drought conditions in a Virginia Water Protection Permit.