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SENATE BILL NO. 666

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Governor
on April 19, 2000)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Hanger)

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 2.1-1.6 as it is currently effective and as it may become effective and 9-6.25:3 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 11 of Title 23, an article numbered 2.01:1, consisting of sections number 23-135.7:7.1 through 23.135.7:7.8, relating to the Virginia Propane Education and Research Act.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 2.1-1.6 as it is currently effective and as it may become effective and 9-6.25:3 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 11 of Title 23, an article numbered 2.01:1, consisting of sections number 23-135.7:7.1 through 23.135.7:7.8, as follows:

§ 2.1-1.6. State boards.

A. There shall be, in addition to such others as may be established by law, the following permanent collegial bodies affiliated with a state agency within the executive branch:

Accountancy, Board of

Agriculture and Consumer Services, Board of

Air Pollution, State Advisory Board on

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, Virginia

Apple Board, Virginia State

Appomattox State Scenic River Advisory Board

Aquaculture Advisory Board

Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects, Board for

Art and Architectural Review Board

Athletic Training, Advisory Board on

Auctioneers Board

Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, Board of

Aviation Board, Virginia

Barbers, Board for

Branch Pilots, Board for

Bright Flue-Cured Tobacco Board, Virginia

Building Code Technical Review Board, State

Catoctin Creek State Scenic River Advisory Board

Cattle Industry Board, Virginia

Cave Board

Cemetery Board

Certified Seed Board, State

Charity Food Assistance Advisory Board

Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board

Chickahominy State Scenic River Advisory Board

Child Abuse and Neglect, Advisory Board on

Chippokes Plantation Farm Foundation, Board of Trustees

Clinch Scenic River Advisory Board

Coal Mining Examiners, Board of

Coal Research and Development Advisory Board, Virginia

Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Fund Advisory Board

Conservation and Development of Public Beaches, Board on

Conservation and Recreation, Board of

Contractors, Board for

Corn Board, Virginia

Correctional Education, Board of

Corrections, State Board of

Cosmetology, Board for

Criminal Justice Services Board

Dark-Fired Tobacco Board, Virginia

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

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60 Dentistry, Board of
61 Design-Build/Construction Management Review Board
62 Education, State Board of
63 Egg Board, Virginia
64 Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board, State
65 Farmers Market Board, Virginia
66 Fire Services Board, Virginia
67 Forestry, Board of
68 Funeral Directors and Embalmers, Board of
69 Game and Inland Fisheries, Board of
70 Geology, Board for
71 Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Board
72 Health Planning Board, Virginia
73 Health Professions, Board of
74 Health, State Board of
75 Hearing Aid Specialists, Board for
76 Hemophilia Advisory Board
77 Historic Resources, Board of
78 Housing and Community Development, Board of
79 Irish Potato Board, Virginia
80 Juvenile Justice, State Board of
81 Licensed Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Substance Abuse Treatment
82 Professionals, Board of
83 Litter Control and Recycling Fund Advisory Board
84 Marine Products Board, Virginia
85 Medical Advisory Board, Department of Motor Vehicles
86 Medicare and Medicaid, Advisory Board on
87 Medicine, Board of
88 Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Board, State
89 Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Board
90 Military Affairs, Board of
91 Mineral Mining Examiners, Board of
92 Minority Business Enterprise, Interdepartmental Board of the Department of
93 Networking Users Advisory Board, State
94 Neurotrauma Initiative Advisory Board, Commonwealth
95 North Meherrin State Scenic River Advisory Board
96 Nottoway State Scenic River Advisory Board
97 Nursing, Board of
98 Nursing Home Administrators, Board of
99 Occupational Therapy, Advisory Board of
100 Oil and Gas Conservation Board, Virginia
101 Opticians, Board for
102 Optometry, Board of
103 Peanut Board, Virginia
104 Personnel Advisory Board
105 Pesticide Control Board
106 Pharmacy, Board of
107 Physical Therapy to the Board of Medicine, Advisory Board on
108 Plant Pollination Advisory Board
109 Polygraph Examiners Advisory Board
110 Pork Industry Board, Virginia
111 Poultry Products Board, Virginia
112 Private College Advisory Board
113 Private Security Services Advisory Board
114 Professional and Occupational Regulation, Board for
115 Professional Soil Scientists, Board for
116 Psychiatric Advisory Board
117 Psychology, Board of
118 Public Broadcasting Board, Virginia
119 Public Buildings Board, Virginia
120 Public Guardian and Conservator Advisory Board
121 Radiation Advisory Board

- 122 Real Estate Appraiser Board
- 123 Real Estate Board
- 124 Reciprocity Board, Department of Motor Vehicles
- 125 Recreational Fishing Advisory Board, Virginia
- 126 Reforestation Board
- 127 Rehabilitation Providers, Advisory Board on
- 128 Rehabilitative Services, Board of
- 129 Respiratory Care, Advisory Board on
- 130 Rockfish State Scenic River Advisory Board
- 131 Safety and Health Codes Board
- 132 Seed Potato Board, State
- 133 Sewage Handling and Disposal Appeal Review Board, State Health Department
- 134 Shenandoah State Scenic River Advisory Board
- 135 Small Business Advisory Board
- 136 Small Business Environmental Compliance Advisory Board
- 137 Small Grains Board, Virginia
- 138 Social Services, Board of
- 139 Social Work, Board of
- 140 Soil and Water Conservation Board, Virginia
- 141 Soybean Board, Virginia
- 142 State Air Pollution Control Board
- 143 Substance Abuse Certification Board
- 144 Surface Mining Review, Board of
- 145 Sweet Potato Board, Virginia
- 146 T & M Vehicle Dealers' Advisory Board
- 147 Teacher Education and Licensure, Advisory Board on
- 148 Transportation Board, Commonwealth
- 149 Transportation Safety, Board of
- 150 Treasury Board, The, Department of the Treasury
- 151 Veterans' Affairs, Board on
- 152 Veterinary Medicine, Board of
- 153 Virginia Board for Asbestos and Lead
- 154 Virginia Coal Mine Safety Board
- 155 Virginia Correctional Enterprises Advisory Board
- 156 Virginia Cotton Board
- 157 Virginia Employment Commission, State Advisory Board for the
- 158 Virginia Geographic Information Network Advisory Board
- 159 Virginia Horse Industry Board
- 160 Virginia Manufactured Housing Board
- 161 *Virginia Propane Education and Research Board*
- 162 Virginia Retirement System, Board of Trustees
- 163 Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, Advisory Commission on the
- 164 Virginia Sheep Industry Board
- 165 Virginia Veterans Cemetery Board
- 166 Virginia Waste Management Board
- 167 Visually Handicapped, Virginia Board for the
- 168 Voluntary Formulary Board, Virginia
- 169 War Memorial Foundation, Virginia, Board of Trustees
- 170 Waste Management Facility Operators, Board for
- 171 Water Resources Research Center Statewide Advisory Board, Virginia
- 172 Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators, Board for
- 173 Well Review Board, Virginia.
- 174 B. Notwithstanding the definition for "board" as provided in § 2.1-1.2, the following entities shall be
- 175 referred to as boards:
- 176 Compensation Board
- 177 State Board of Elections
- 178 State Water Control Board
- 179 Virginia Parole Board
- 180 Virginia Veterans Care Center Board of Trustees.
- 181 § 2.1-1.6. (Delayed effective date) State boards.
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- 193 Art and Architectural Review Board
- 194 Athletic Training, Advisory Board on
- 195 Auctioneers Board
- 196 Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, Board of
- 197 Aviation Board, Virginia
- 198 Barbers, Board for
- 199 Branch Pilots, Board for
- 200 Bright Flue-Cured Tobacco Board, Virginia
- 201 Building Code Technical Review Board, State
- 202 Catoctin Creek State Scenic River Advisory Board
- 203 Cattle Industry Board, Virginia
- 204 Cave Board
- 205 Cemetery Board
- 206 Certified Seed Board, State
- 207 Charity Food Assistance Advisory Board
- 208 Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board
- 209 Chickahominy State Scenic River Advisory Board
- 210 Child Abuse and Neglect, Advisory Board on
- 211 Chippokes Plantation Farm Foundation, Board of Trustees
- 212 Clinch Scenic River Advisory Board
- 213 Coal Mining Examiners, Board of
- 214 Coal Research and Development Advisory Board, Virginia
- 215 Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Fund Advisory Board
- 216 Conservation and Development of Public Beaches, Board on
- 217 Conservation and Recreation, Board of
- 218 Contractors, Board for
- 219 Corn Board, Virginia
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 246 Juvenile Justice, State Board of
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348 § 9-6.25:3. Supervisory boards, commissions, and councils.
349 There shall be, in addition to such others as may be designated in accordance with § 9-6.25, the
350 following supervisory boards, commissions, and councils:
351 Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
352 Board for Branch Pilots
353 Board of Commissioners, Virginia Port Authority
354 Board of Game and Inland Fisheries
355 Board of Regents, Gunston Hall Plantation
356 Board of Regents, James Monroe Memorial Law Office and Library
357 Board of Trustees, Chippokes Plantation Farm Foundation
358 Board of Trustees, Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia
359 Board of Trustees, Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation
360 Board of Trustees, The Science Museum of Virginia
361 Board of Trustees, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
362 Board of Trustees, Virginia Retirement System
363 Board of Trustees, Virginia Veterans Care Center
364 Board of Trustees, Virginia War Memorial Foundation
365 Board of Visitors, Christopher Newport University
366 Board of Visitors, George Mason University
367 Board of Visitors, James Madison University

368 Board of Visitors, Longwood College
 369 Board of Visitors, Mary Washington College
 370 Board of Visitors, Norfolk State University
 371 Board of Visitors, Old Dominion University
 372 Board of Visitors, Radford University
 373 Board of Visitors, The College of William and Mary in Virginia
 374 Board of Visitors, University of Virginia
 375 Board of Visitors, Virginia Commonwealth University
 376 Board of Visitors, Virginia Military Institute
 377 Board of Visitors, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
 378 Board of Visitors, Virginia State University
 379 Charitable Gaming Commission
 380 Commonwealth's Attorneys' Services Council
 381 Compensation Board
 382 Governing Board, Virginia College Building Authority
 383 Governing Board, Virginia Public School Authority
 384 Motor Vehicle Dealer Board
 385 State Board for Community Colleges, Virginia Community College System
 386 State Board of Education
 387 State Certified Seed Board
 388 State Council of Higher Education for Virginia
 389 Virginia Agricultural Council
 390 Virginia Bright Flue-Cured Tobacco Board
 391 Virginia Board for People with Disabilities
 392 Virginia Cattle Industry Board
 393 Virginia Corn Board
 394 Virginia Cotton Board
 395 Virginia Dark-Fired Tobacco Board
 396 Virginia Egg Board
 397 Virginia Horse Industry Board
 398 Virginia Marine Products Board
 399 Virginia Peanut Board
 400 Virginia Pork Industry Board
 401 *Virginia Propane Education and Research Board*
 402 Virginia Soybean Board
 403 Virginia State Apple Board
 404 Virginia Sweet Potato Board.

ARTICLE 2.01:1.

VIRGINIA PROPANE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH ACT.

§ 23-135.7:7.1. *Short title; declaration of public policy.*

A. *This article shall be known as the "Virginia Propane Education and Research Act."*

B. *The General Assembly finds and declares that (i) propane is a vital source of energy for many citizens of the Commonwealth, providing them with heat, hot water, cooking fuel and motor fuel, among its many uses, and (ii) educating members of the propane industry and consumers about the mechanical, technical and safety practices related to propane and providing for research about safe uses of propane will further the public interest and welfare by reducing accidents and improving safety.*

§ 23-135.7:7.2. *Definitions.*

As used in this article, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Board" means the Virginia Propane Education and Research Board created in this article.

"Center" means the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research created pursuant to § 23-135.7:1.

"Director" means the Executive Director of the Center for Coal and Energy Research.

"Education" means any action to provide information to consumers and members of the propane industry concerning the mechanical and technical practices relating to the safe use of propane. Education shall not include any activity related to marketing or image development of propane or promotion of the use of propane.

"Fund" means the Virginia Propane Education and Research Fund created in accordance with this article.

"Industry" means the production, transportation, and sale of propane, and the manufacture and distribution of propane utilization equipment.

"Producer" means the owner of propane at the time it is recovered at a gas processing plant or refinery, regardless of the state where production occurs.

429 "Propane" means a hydrocarbon whose chemical composition is predominately C₃H₈, whether
430 recovered from natural gas or crude oil, and includes liquefied petroleum gases and mixtures thereof.

431 "Public member" means a member of the Board who represents significant users of propane, public
432 safety officials, state regulatory officials, or other groups knowledgeable about propane.

433 "Qualified industry trade association" means the Virginia Propane Gas Association, the National
434 Propane Gas Association, and any successor organization of those associations.

435 "Research" means any type of study, investigation or other activity designed to advance the efficiency
436 or safety of propane or propane utilization equipment.

437 "Retail marketer" means a person who sells and delivers, or causes another to deliver, odorized
438 propane to the ultimate consumer or to retail propane dispensers.

439 "Retail propane dispenser" means a person who sells odorized propane to the ultimate consumer but
440 does not deliver it or cause it to be delivered.

441 "Supplier" means a person, other than a producer, who is engaged primarily in the sale of propane
442 or odorized propane to retail marketers.

443 § 23-135.7:7.3. Virginia Propane Education and Research Board established; purposes; duties and
444 responsibilities.

445 A. The Board shall be responsible for education and research related to the safe uses of propane in
446 Virginia. To accomplish this function, the Board may:

447 1. Develop programs and projects for implementing the provisions of this article, including, but not
448 limited to, programs to enhance consumer and employee safety and training, and to provide for
449 research into the safe uses of propane;

450 2. Elect a chairperson and whatever other officers may be necessary to direct the affairs of the
451 Board, establish committees and subcommittees of the Board, as appropriate, and adopt rules for the
452 conduct of business and the implementation of the provisions of this article;

453 3. Establish, administer, manage and make expenditures from the Virginia Propane Education and
454 Research Fund;

455 4. Enter into contracts or agreements for goods or services necessary to carry out the purposes set
456 forth in this article and to incur expenses necessary to carry out those purposes;

457 5. Cooperate with any private, local, state or national commission, committee, organization, agency
458 or other entity and to make contracts and agreements for joint programs beneficial to the industry; and

459 6. Take any action necessary or convenient for the exercise of the powers granted in this article or
460 reasonably implied from them.

461 B. The Board shall establish procedures for the solicitation of industry and consumer comment and
462 recommendations on any significant programs or projects to be conducted by the Board. The Board may
463 establish advisory committees of persons other than Board members.

464 C. The Board shall coordinate its activities with industry trade associations and others as
465 appropriate to provide efficient delivery of services and to avoid unnecessary duplication of activities.

466 § 23-135.7:7.4. Board membership; terms; quorum.

467 A. The Board shall consist of nine members. Five members shall represent retail marketers, with no
468 more than two of these five members representing multi-state retail marketers that have more than five
469 offices outside the Commonwealth. Three members shall represent producers, suppliers and persons who
470 manufacture or sell propane utilization equipment. One member shall be a public member.

471 B. Board members representing retail marketers, producers, and suppliers shall be appointed by the
472 Governor who may make such appointments from nominations submitted by qualified industry trade
473 associations. Within sixty days after July 1, 2000, qualified industry trade organizations shall submit
474 nominations to the Governor. Members in these categories shall be full-time employees or owners of
475 businesses in the industry. No more than one representative from any company or its affiliate shall serve
476 on the Board at any time. The public member of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor.

477 C. In appointing members to the Board, the Governor shall consider broad-based representation
478 including:

479 1. Gas processors and oil refiners among producers;

480 2. Interstate and intrastate operators among retail marketers;

481 3. Large and small companies among producers, suppliers and retail marketers; and

482 4. Diverse geographic regions of the Commonwealth.

483 D. No employee of an industry trade association shall serve as a member of the Board and no
484 member of the Board may serve concurrently as an officer or member of the board of directors of an
485 industry trade association. A member of the board of directors of a qualified industry trade association
486 may serve as an ex officio, non-voting member of the Board. The Director shall serve as an ex officio,
487 non-voting member of the Board.

488 E. Board members shall serve two-year terms except that for initial appointments, three members
489 shall be appointed to three-year terms, three members shall be appointed to two-year terms, and three
490 members shall be appointed to one-year terms. No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms.

Members filling unexpired terms may serve not more than a total of five consecutive years.

F. Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

G. Board members shall receive no compensation for their services but shall receive reimbursement for reasonable and necessary expenses in accordance with § 2.1-20.8.

§ 23-135.7:7.5. Virginia Propane Education and Research Fund created; purpose.

A. The Board shall establish, administer, manage and make expenditures from a special, nonreverting fund in the state treasury to be known as the Virginia Propane Education and Research Fund. The Board shall establish and administer the Fund solely for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this article. No provision of this article shall be construed to give the Board the authority to expend funds for legislative or political activity, except that the Board may recommend to the Director or to other state agencies changes in this article or other statutes or regulations that would further the purposes of this article. No provision of this article shall be construed to give the Board the authority to expend funds for marketing or image development of propane or promotion of the use of propane. The Fund shall consist of appropriations to the Fund, donations from any person, and grants from local, state or federal agencies. The unexpended balance of the Fund at the end of the biennium shall not be transferred to the general fund of the state treasury.

B. The Auditor for Public Accounts shall audit all the accounts of the Board as provided in § 2.1-155.

C. All money collected pursuant to with this article shall be expended by the Board by warrants of the State Comptroller on vouchers signed by a duly authorized officer of the Board. The Board may delegate such signature authority to the Director.

§ 23-135.7:7.6. Propane pricing.

In all cases, the price of propane shall be determined by market forces. The Board may take no action, and no provision of this article may be interpreted as establishing an agreement to pass along to consumers the cost of the Board.

§ 23-135.7:7.7. Association meeting or activity not considered illegal or in restraint of trade.

No industry trade association meeting or activity undertaken to carry out the provisions of this article and intended to benefit all persons involved in the propane industry shall be deemed or considered illegal or in restraint of trade.

§ 23-135.7:7.8. Relationship to other programs.

Nothing in this article shall be construed to preempt or supercede any other program relating to propane education and research organized and operated under the laws of the Commonwealth or the United States.