

# 2001 SESSION

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### HOUSE BILL NO. 1992

#### AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Agriculture  
on February 1, 2001)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Cox)

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 3.1-73.7 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the powers and duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services with respect to the aquaculture industry.*

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 3.1-73.7 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 3.1-73.7. Powers and duties.

The Commissioner shall have the following powers and duties to:

1. Provide information and assistance in obtaining permits relating to aquacultural activities;
2. Promote aquaculture, including, but not limited to, encouraging investment in aquaculture facilities in order to expand production, processing capacity, and marketing; ~~and~~
3. Work with appropriate state and federal agencies to review, develop, and implement policies and procedures to facilitate aquacultural development;
4. *Consult with and assist aquaculture industry groups, aquaculture associations and academic institutions to develop, maintain and expand the aquaculture industry; and*
5. *Develop, support, and implement policies beneficial to Virginia aquaculture.*

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