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HOUSE BILL NO. 2714

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 62.1-44.15:1.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to lake level contingency plans.*

Patron—Hargrove

Referred to Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 62.1-44.15:1.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted 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, and such plans shall take into account and minimize any adverse effects of any release reduction requirements on downstream users. *However, no plans shall be designed or implemented so as to conflict with an existing order issued by the State Corporation Commission establishing a minimum release rate for an impoundment structure.* This section shall not apply to any such facility that addresses releases and flow requirements during drought conditions in a Virginia Water Protection Permit.

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