

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2002 SESSION

CHAPTER 562

An Act to amend and reenact § 2.2-2629 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the powers and duties of the Council on Indians.

[H 1291]

Approved April 5, 2002

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 2.2-2629 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.2-2629. Powers and duties of Council; acceptance of gifts and grants; reporting requirement.

A. The Council shall gather information on and make studies and conduct research into the Indian tribes in the Commonwealth and suggest ways in which Indians may reach their potential and make their full contribution, as wage earners and citizens, to society and the Commonwealth.

B. The Council may apply for, accept and expend gifts, grants or donations from public or private sources to enable it to better carry out its objectives.

C. *The Council shall establish criteria for tribal recognition and shall recommend to the General Assembly and the Governor in its biennial report those tribes meeting the criteria that should be given official state recognition.*

€ D. The Council shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly not less than sixty days prior to the convening of the session of the General Assembly held in each even-numbered year.