

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 33.1 a section*
3 *numbered 33.1-223.2:5, relating to power of the Governor to waive certain state statutory mandates*
4 *and regulations to expedite highway construction required to meet an emergency.*

5 [H 1006]

6 Approved

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

8 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 33.1 a**
9 **section numbered 33.1-223.2:5 as follows:**

10 *§ 33.1-223.2:5. Governor to waive certain state statutory mandates and regulations to expedite*
11 *certain highway construction projects.*

12 *Notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Code of Virginia, whenever the Governor finds in his*
13 *emergency preparedness planning that certain transportation improvements are necessary to avert or*
14 *respond to a natural disaster, prevent or respond to an act of terrorism, or contribute to military*
15 *operations during a time of war or state of emergency as defined in § 44-146.16, the Governor may, to*
16 *the maximum extent not inconsistent with federal law, waive statutory mandates and regulations of any*
17 *state agency, institution, instrumentality, or political subdivision concerning the issuance of permits or*
18 *related approvals in order to expedite the construction, reconstruction, alteration, or relocation of such*
19 *highways, bridges, tunnels, and associated facilities or structures as he deems necessary.*

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