

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 10.1-1428 of the Code of Virginia, relating to financial assurances for*
3 *hazardous waste facilities.*

4 [H 2440]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 10.1-1428 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 10.1-1428. Financial responsibility for abandoned facilities; penalties.

9 A. The Board shall promulgate regulations which ensure that, if a facility in which hazardous waste
10 is stored, treated, or disposed is closed or abandoned, the costs associated with protecting the public
11 health and safety from the consequences of such abandonment may be recovered from the person
12 abandoning the facility.

13 B. Such regulations may include bonding requirements, the creation of a trust fund to be maintained
14 within the Department, self-insurance, other forms of commercial insurance, or other mechanisms that
15 the Department deems appropriate. Regulations governing the amount thereof shall take into
16 consideration the potential for contamination and injury by the hazardous waste, the cost of disposal of
17 the hazardous waste and the cost of restoring the facility to a safe condition.

18 C. No state agency shall be required to comply with such regulations.

19 D. Forfeiture of any financial obligation imposed pursuant to this section shall not relieve any holder
20 of a permit issued pursuant to this article of any other legal obligations for the consequences of
21 abandonment of any facility.

22 E. Any funds forfeited pursuant to this section and the regulations of the Board shall be paid to the
23 county, city or town in which the abandoned facility is located. The county, city or town in which the
24 facility is located over to the Director, who shall then expend the forfeited funds as necessary to restore
25 and maintain the facility in a safe condition. *Nothing in this section shall require the Director to expend*
26 *funds from any other source to carry out the activities contemplated under this section.*

27 F. Any person who knowingly and willfully abandons a hazardous waste management facility
28 without proper closure or without providing adequate financial assurance instruments for such closure
29 shall, if such failure to close results in a significant harm or an imminent and substantial threat of
30 significant harm to human health or the environment, be liable to the Commonwealth and any political
31 subdivision for the costs incurred in abating, controlling, preventing, removing, or containing such harm
32 or threat.

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34 proper closure or without providing adequate financial assurance instruments for such closure shall, if
35 such failure to close results in a significant harm or an imminent and substantial threat of significant
36 harm to human health or the environment, be guilty of a Class 4 felony.
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