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A BILL to amend and reenact § 57-5 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Virginia's Veterans conveying their land to the Commonwealth as a perpetual memorial park and war memorial to remember fallen Veterans, who were conscripted or volunteered and were ordered into battle by the Virginia General Assembly.

Patrons—Nutter and Hargrove

Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 57-5 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 57-5. R. E. Lee Camp Confederate Memorial Park; Pelham Chapel.

The act entitled "An act to incorporate R. E. Lee Camp, No. 1, Confederate Veterans," approved March 13, 1884; and the act entitled "An act making an annual appropriation for the support of the home of R. E. Lee Camp, No. 1, Confederate Veterans," approved February 12, 1886, shall continue in force.

The Governor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement to lease the Pelham Chapel at R. E. Lee Camp Confederate Memorial Park to the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Lee-Jackson Camp No. 1. The lease, or any renewal thereof, shall be in increments of five years and shall be under such terms and conditions, consistent with commemoration of a Confederate war memorial, as the Governor finds reasonably necessary and approved as to form by the Attorney General. Any such lease or renewal thereof shall only be revoked or terminated during such lease term increment if the lessee willfully fails to abide by the terms of the lease.

The provisions of § 2.2-1155 shall not apply to the Pelham Chapel at R. E. Lee Camp Confederate Memorial Park, as configured as of July 1, 2002.