

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 59.1-526 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Post-Disaster*  
3 *Anti-Price Gouging Act; time of disaster.*

4 [S 77]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 59.1-526 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 59.1-526. Definitions.

9 As used in this chapter:

10 "Disaster" means any "natural disaster," "man-made disaster," "emergency," or "major disaster," as  
11 those terms are used and defined in § 44-146.16, that results in the declaration of a state of emergency  
12 by the Governor or the President of the United States.

13 "Goods," "services," and "supplier" have the same meanings as are set forth for those terms in  
14 § 59.1-198.

15 "Necessary goods and services" means any necessary good or service for which consumer demand  
16 does, or is likely to, increase as a consequence of the disaster, and includes, but is not limited to, water,  
17 ice, consumer food items or supplies, property or services for emergency cleanup, emergency supplies,  
18 communication supplies and services, medical supplies and services, home heating fuel, building  
19 materials and services, tree removal supplies and services, freight, storage services, housing, lodging,  
20 transportation, and motor fuels.

21 "Time of disaster" means the *shorter of (i) the period of time when a ~~declaration~~ of a state of*  
22 *emergency declared* by the Governor or the President of the United States *as the result of a natural*  
23 *disaster, manmade disaster, emergency, or major disaster, as those terms are used and defined in*  
24 *§ 44-146.16, is in effect; or (ii) 30 days after the occurrence of the ~~event~~ natural disaster, manmade*  
25 *disaster, emergency, or major disaster that ~~constitutes~~ resulted in the declaration of the disaster,*  
26 *whichever is shorter* state of emergency; however, if the state of emergency is extended or renewed  
27 within 30 days after such an occurrence, then such period shall be extended to include the 30 days  
28 following the date the state of emergency was extended or renewed.

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