

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2007 SESSION

CHAPTER 728

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 44-11.1, relating to the Department of Military Affairs; duties.

[S 1184]

Approved March 21, 2007

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 44-11.1 as follows:

§ 44-11.1. Duties of the Department of Military Affairs.

A. The Department of Military Affairs shall support the objectives of the Governor and federal authorities by:

- 1. Administering and employing the Virginia Militia, as set forth in § 44-1;*
- 2. Integrating into state operations all supporting Department of Defense capabilities and those forces provided by supporting states in a Title 32 or State Active Duty status;*
- 3. Providing for the safety of citizens of the Commonwealth by maintaining order and public safety and assisting in counter-drug efforts, in cooperation with Virginia State Police and local law-enforcement agencies;*
- 4. Preparing and executing contingency plans to provide for a timely and capable response to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or explosive incidents;*
- 5. Preparing and executing contingency plans necessary for the provision of homeland defense;*
- 6. Ensuring the support to families of service members of the Virginia National Guard;*
- 7. Administering a state at-risk program for youth; and*
- 8. Recruiting a force sufficiently manned and trained to accomplish the above duties.*

B. The Department of Military Affairs shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the Governor.