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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1997** 

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.2-1150 of the Code of Virginia, relating to conveyance of property by the Commonwealth.

Patrons—Suit and Rapp

Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 2.2-1150 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.2-1150. Conveyance and transfers of real property by state agencies; approval of Governor and Attorney General; approval by General Assembly.

A. When it is deemed to be in the public interest,

1. Property owned by the Commonwealth may be sold, leased, or other interests therein conveyed to political subdivisions, public authorities, or the federal government, for such consideration as is deemed proper; and

2. Property owned by the Commonwealth and held in the possession of a department, agency or institution of the Commonwealth may be transferred to the possession of another department, agency or institution of the Commonwealth by the execution of an agreement between the heads of such departments, agencies or institutions.

B. No transaction authorized by this section shall be made without the prior written recommendation of the Department to the Governor, the written approval of the Governor of the transaction itself, and the approval of the Attorney General as to the form of the instruments prior to execution. However, in addition, any such transaction authorized by this section involving military property owned by the Commonwealth or where ownership has reverted or will revert to the Commonwealth shall require prior approval by the General Assembly.

C. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection B, a public institution of higher education may convey an easement pertaining to any property such institution owns or controls provided that the institution meets the conditions prescribed in subsection B of § 23-38.88 and § 23-38.112 (regardless of whether or not the institution has been granted any authority under Subchapter 3 (§ 23-38.91 et seq.) of Chapter 4.10 of Title 23).