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A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.2-3705.7 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Freedom of Information Act; exemption for certain records of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

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Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 2.2-3705.7 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.2-3705.7. Exclusions to application of chapter; records of specific public bodies and certain other limited exemptions.

The following records are excluded from the provisions of this chapter but may be disclosed by the custodian in his discretion, except where such disclosure is prohibited by law:

1. State income, business, and estate tax returns, personal property tax returns, scholastic and confidential records held pursuant to § 58.1-3.

2. Working papers and correspondence of the Office of the Governor; Lieutenant Governor; the Attorney General; the members of the General Assembly or the Division of Legislative Services; the mayor or chief executive officer of any political subdivision of the Commonwealth; or the president or other chief executive officer of any public institution of higher education in Virginia. However, no record, which is otherwise open to inspection under this chapter, shall be deemed exempt by virtue of the fact that it has been attached to or incorporated within any working paper or correspondence.

As used in this subdivision:

"Office of the Governor" means the Governor; his chief of staff, counsel, director of policy, Cabinet Secretaries, and the Director of the Virginia Liaison Office; and those individuals to whom the Governor has delegated his authority pursuant to § 2.2-104.

"Working papers" means those records prepared by or for an above-named public official for his personal or deliberative use.

3. Library records that can be used to identify both (i) any library patron who has borrowed material from a library and (ii) the material such patron borrowed.

4. Contract cost estimates prepared for the confidential use of the Department of Transportation in awarding contracts for construction or the purchase of goods or services, and records and automated systems prepared for the Department's Bid Analysis and Monitoring Program.

5. Lists of registered owners of bonds issued by a political subdivision of the Commonwealth, whether the lists are maintained by the political subdivision itself or by a single fiduciary designated by the political subdivision.

6. Records and writings furnished by a member of the General Assembly to a meeting of a standing committee, special committee or subcommittee of his house established solely for the purpose of reviewing members' annual disclosure statements and supporting materials filed under § 30-110 or of formulating advisory opinions to members on standards of conduct, or both.

7. Customer account information of a public utility affiliated with a political subdivision of the Commonwealth, including the customer's name and service address, but excluding the amount of utility service provided and the amount of money paid for such utility service.

8. Personal information, as defined in § 2.2-3801, (i) filed with the Virginia Housing Development Authority concerning individuals who have applied for or received loans or other housing assistance or who have applied for occupancy of or have occupied housing financed, owned or otherwise assisted by the Virginia Housing Development Authority; (ii) concerning persons participating in or persons on the waiting list for federally funded rent-assistance programs; (iii) filed with any local redevelopment and housing authority created pursuant to § 36-4 concerning persons participating in or persons on the waiting list for housing assistance programs funded by local governments or by any such authority; or (iv) filed with any local redevelopment and housing authority created pursuant to § 36-4 or any other local government agency concerning persons who have applied for occupancy or who have occupied affordable dwelling units established pursuant to § 15.2-2304 or 15.2-2305. However, access to one's own information shall not be denied.

9. Records regarding the siting of hazardous waste facilities, except as provided in § 10.1-1441, if disclosure of them would have a detrimental effect upon the negotiating position of a governing body or on the establishment of the terms, conditions and provisions of the siting agreement.

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59 10. Records containing information on the site specific location of rare, threatened, endangered or  
60 otherwise imperiled plant and animal species, natural communities, caves, and significant historic and  
61 archaeological sites if, in the opinion of the public body that has the responsibility for such information,  
62 disclosure of the information would jeopardize the continued existence or the integrity of the resource.  
63 This exemption shall not apply to requests from the owner of the land upon which the resource is  
64 located.

65 11. Records, memoranda, working papers, graphics, video or audio tapes, production models, data  
66 and information of a proprietary nature produced by or for or collected by or for the State Lottery  
67 Department relating to matters of a specific lottery game design, development, production, operation,  
68 ticket price, prize structure, manner of selecting the winning ticket, manner of payment of prizes to  
69 holders of winning tickets, frequency of drawings or selections of winning tickets, odds of winning,  
70 advertising, or marketing, where such official records have not been publicly released, published,  
71 copyrighted or patented. Whether released, published or copyrighted, all game-related information shall  
72 be subject to public disclosure under this chapter upon the first day of sales for the specific lottery game  
73 to which it pertains.

74 12. Records of the Virginia Retirement System, acting pursuant to § 51.1-124.30, or of a local  
75 retirement system, acting pursuant to § 51.1-803, or of the Rector and Visitors of the University of  
76 Virginia, acting pursuant to § 23-76.1, relating to the acquisition, holding or disposition of a security or  
77 other ownership interest in an entity, where such security or ownership interest is not traded on a  
78 governmentally regulated securities exchange, to the extent that: (i) such records contain confidential  
79 analyses prepared for the Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia, prepared by the retirement  
80 system or provided to the retirement system under a promise of confidentiality, of the future value of  
81 such ownership interest or the future financial performance of the entity; and (ii) disclosure of such  
82 confidential analyses would have an adverse effect on the value of the investment to be acquired, held  
83 or disposed of by the retirement system or the Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia.  
84 Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prevent the disclosure of records relating to the identity  
85 of any investment held, the amount invested, or the present value of such investment.

86 13. Names and addresses of subscribers to Virginia Wildlife magazine, published by the Department  
87 of Game and Inland Fisheries, provided the individual subscriber has requested in writing that the  
88 Department not release such information; *and personal information concerning individual applicants for*  
89 *or holders of any hunting, fishing, boating, or trapping license issued by an agent of the Department of*  
90 *Game and Inland Fisheries, including social security or other identification numbers appearing on a*  
91 *driver's license or other form of identification, credit card or bank account data, home address, phone*  
92 *number, and date of birth, provided the individual has requested in writing that the Department not*  
93 *release such information.*

94 14. Financial, medical, rehabilitative and other personal information concerning applicants for or  
95 recipients of loan funds submitted to or maintained by the Assistive Technology Loan Fund Authority  
96 under Chapter 11 (§ 51.5-53 et seq.) of Title 51.5.

97 15. Records of the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority pertaining to any of  
98 the following: an individual's qualifications for or continued membership on its medical or teaching  
99 staffs; proprietary information gathered by or in the possession of the Authority from third parties  
100 pursuant to a promise of confidentiality; contract cost estimates prepared for confidential use in  
101 awarding contracts for construction or the purchase of goods or services; data, records or information of  
102 a proprietary nature produced or collected by or for the Authority or members of its medical or teaching  
103 staffs; financial statements not publicly available that may be filed with the Authority from third parties;  
104 the identity, accounts or account status of any customer of the Authority; consulting or other reports  
105 paid for by the Authority to assist the Authority in connection with its strategic planning and goals; the  
106 determination of marketing and operational strategies where disclosure of such strategies would be  
107 harmful to the competitive position of the Authority; and data, records or information of a proprietary  
108 nature produced or collected by or for employees of the Authority, other than the Authority's financial  
109 or administrative records, in the conduct of or as a result of study or research on medical, scientific,  
110 technical or scholarly issues, whether sponsored by the Authority alone or in conjunction with a  
111 governmental body or a private concern, when such data, records or information have not been publicly  
112 released, published, copyrighted or patented.

113 16. Records of the Department of Environmental Quality, the State Water Control Board, State Air  
114 Pollution Control Board or the Virginia Waste Management Board relating to (i) active federal  
115 environmental enforcement actions that are considered confidential under federal law and (ii)  
116 enforcement strategies, including proposed sanctions for enforcement actions. Upon request, such records  
117 shall be disclosed after a proposed sanction resulting from the investigation has been proposed to the  
118 director of the agency. This subdivision shall not be construed to prohibit the disclosure of records  
119 related to inspection reports, notices of violation, and documents detailing the nature of any  
120 environmental contamination that may have occurred or similar documents.

121 17. As it pertains to any person, records related to the operation of toll facilities that identify an  
122 individual, vehicle, or travel itinerary including, but not limited to, vehicle identification data, vehicle  
123 enforcement system information; video or photographic images; Social Security or other identification  
124 numbers appearing on driver's licenses; credit card or bank account data; home addresses; phone  
125 numbers; or records of the date or time of toll facility use.

126 18. Records of the State Lottery Department pertaining to (i) the social security number, tax  
127 identification number, state sales tax number, home address and telephone number, personal and lottery  
128 banking account and transit numbers of a retailer, and financial information regarding the nonlottery  
129 operations of specific retail locations; and (ii) individual lottery winners, except that a winner's name,  
130 hometown, and amount won shall be disclosed.

131 19. Records of the Board for Branch Pilots relating to the chemical or drug testing of a person  
132 regulated by the Board, where such person has tested negative or has not been the subject of a  
133 disciplinary action by the Board for a positive test result.

134 20. Records, investigative notes, correspondence, and information pertaining to the planning,  
135 scheduling and performance of examinations of holder records pursuant to the Uniform Disposition of  
136 Unclaimed Property Act (§ 55-210.1 et seq.) prepared by or for the State Treasurer, his agents,  
137 employees or persons employed to perform an audit or examination of holder records.

138 21. Records of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management or a local governing body  
139 relating to citizen emergency response teams established pursuant to an ordinance of a local governing  
140 body, to the extent that such records reveal the name, address, including e-mail address, telephone or  
141 pager numbers, or operating schedule of an individual participant in the program.

142 22. Records of state or local park and recreation departments to the extent such records contain  
143 information identifying a person under the age of 18 years, where the parent or legal guardian of such  
144 person has requested in writing that such information not be disclosed. However, nothing in this  
145 subdivision shall operate to prohibit the disclosure of information defined as directory information under  
146 regulations implementing the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, unless the  
147 public body has undertaken the parental notification and opt-out requirements provided by such  
148 regulations. Access shall not be denied to the parent, including a noncustodial parent, or guardian of  
149 such person, unless the parent's parental rights have been terminated or a court of competent jurisdiction  
150 has restricted or denied such access. For records of such persons who are emancipated, the right of  
151 access may be asserted by the subject thereof.

152 23. Records submitted for inclusion in the Statewide Alert Network administered by the Department  
153 of Emergency Management, to the extent that they reveal names, physical addresses, email addresses,  
154 computer or internet protocol information, telephone numbers, pager numbers, other wireless or portable  
155 communications device information, or operating schedules of individuals or agencies, where the release  
156 of such information would compromise the security of the Statewide Alert Network or individuals  
157 participating in the Statewide Alert Network.

158 24. Records of the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission made confidential by § 17.1-913.