

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 23-7.4:6, relating to tuition grants*
3 *at public two-year institutions of higher education for certain commercial fishermen.*

4 [H 1924]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 23-7.4:6 as follows:**8 *§ 23-7.4:6. Grants for tuition and fees for certain commercial fishermen.*9 *A. The payment of tuition or fees, except fees established for the purpose of paying for course*
10 *materials, such as laboratory fees, shall be provided for a person who is a bona fide domiciliary of*
11 *Virginia, as defined in 23-7.4, and who:*12 *1. Is a Virginia waterman holding a valid Virginia commercial crabbing license that has incurred*
13 *adverse economic impacts as determined by the U.S. Dept of Commerce Blue Crab Commercial Fishery*
14 *Failure Declaration;*15 *2. Is enrolled or has been accepted for enrollment in a degree or certificate program of at least one*
16 *academic year in length in a public two-year institution of higher education in the Commonwealth;*17 *3. Has not been enrolled in postsecondary education as a full-time student for more than three*
18 *years;*19 *4. Has submitted applications for federal student financial aid programs for which he may be*
20 *eligible; and*21 *5. Is not in default of a federal educational loan or student loan made or guaranteed by Virginia.*22 *The State Board for Community Colleges, in consultation with the State Council of Higher Education*
23 *and the Department of Social Services, shall establish regulations governing such grants.*24 **2. That the provisions of this act shall be contingent upon funds from the federal relief package**
25 **associated with the U.S. Dept of Commerce Blue Crab Commercial Fishery Failure Declaration**
26 **being made available to cover the full cost of these tuition grants.**27 **3. That the provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 2012.**

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