

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 10.1-104.3 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Clean Water Farm*
3 *Award Program.*

4 [H 1925]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 10.1-104.3 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 10.1-104.3. Clean Water Farm Award Program.

9 The Director shall establish the Clean Water Farm Award Program to recognize farms in the
10 Commonwealth which utilize practices designed to protect water quality and soil resources. A farm shall
11 be eligible for recognition upon application from the farmer or the local soil and water conservation
12 district, if the district concurs that the farmer is ~~fully~~ implementing *conservation practices that*
13 *effectively address agricultural nonpoint source pollutants. Such practices may include vegetative*
14 *riparian buffers, cover crops, conservation tillage, livestock exclusion from waterways, and a nutrient*
15 *management plan plans.* The Director may establish guidelines for limiting the quantity of annual
16 recipients, receiving and ranking applications, ensuring geographical representation of awards from the
17 major watersheds of the Commonwealth including the Chesapeake Bay watershed, providing local farm
18 recognition through the local soil and water conservation districts, and providing special statewide
19 recognition to select farms; ~~to be known as the Bay-Friendly Farm Awards, within the Chesapeake Bay~~
20 ~~watershed, and as the Clean Water Farm Awards in all other areas of the Commonwealth.~~ The
21 Department shall report to the General Assembly annually by December 1, the names, addresses and
22 location of signs posted at recipient farms. Recognition under this program shall not be a requirement
23 under any other state program.

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