

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 2.2-2715 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Veterans Services*  
3 *Foundation; Board of Trustees.*

4 [H 2199]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 2.2-2715 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 2.2-2715. Veterans Services Foundation; purpose; membership; terms; compensation; staff.

9 A. The Veterans Services Foundation (the Foundation) is established as a body politic and corporate  
10 supporting the Department of Veterans Services in the executive branch of state government. The  
11 Foundation shall be governed and administered by a board of trustees. The Foundation shall (i)  
12 administer the Veterans Services Fund (the Fund), (ii) provide funding for veterans services and  
13 programs in the Commonwealth through the Fund, and (iii) raise revenue from all sources including  
14 private source fundraising to support the Fund. The Foundation shall submit a quarterly report to the  
15 Commissioner of Veterans Services on the Foundation's funding levels and services.

16 B. The board of trustees of the Foundation shall consist of the Commissioner of Veterans Services  
17 and the Chairmen of the Board of Veterans Services and the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans  
18 Services Organizations, who shall serve as ex officio voting members, and 16 members to be appointed  
19 as follows: (i) eight nonlegislative citizens appointed by the Governor; five nonlegislative citizens  
20 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; and three nonlegislative citizens appointed by the  
21 Senate Committee on Rules. A majority of the trustees shall be active or retired chairmen, chief  
22 executive officers, or chief financial officers for large private corporations or nonprofit organizations or  
23 individuals who have extensive fundraising experience in the private sector. Trustees appointed shall,  
24 insofar as possible, be veterans. Each appointing authority shall endeavor to ensure a balanced  
25 geographical representation on the Board to facilitate fundraising efforts across the state.

26 ~~Initial appointments by the Governor shall be staggered as follows: two members for a term of one~~  
27 ~~year, three members for a term of two years, and three members for a term of four years.~~ After initial  
28 appointments, members shall be appointed for a term of four years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other  
29 than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. All members may be reappointed.  
30 However, no member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The remainder of any term  
31 to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the  
32 member's eligibility for reappointment. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
33 appointments. Any member of the Board of Trustees may be removed ~~by the Governor at his pleasure~~  
34 *at the pleasure of the appointing authority.*

35 C. Trustees shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses incurred while attending meetings of the  
36 trustees or performing other duties. However, such reimbursement shall not exceed the per diem rate  
37 established for members of the General Assembly pursuant to § 30-19.12.

38 D. The Secretary of Public Safety shall designate a state agency to provide the Foundation with  
39 administrative and other services.

40 E. The trustees shall adopt bylaws governing their organization and procedures and may amend the  
41 same. The trustees shall elect from their number a chairman and such other officers as their bylaws may  
42 provide.

43 F. Any person designated by the board of trustees to handle the funds of the Foundation or the Fund  
44 shall give bond, with corporate surety, in a penalty fixed by the Governor, conditioned upon the faithful  
45 discharge of his duties. Any premium on the bond shall be paid from funds available to the Foundation.

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