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HOUSE BILL NO. 1350

Offered January 22, 2010

A BILL to amend and reenact § 59.1-526 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Post-Disaster Anti-Price Gouging Act; time of disaster.

Patron—Peace

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 59.1-526 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 59.1-526. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

"Disaster" means any "disaster," "emergency," or "major disaster," as those terms are used and defined in § 44-146.16, that results in the declaration of a state of emergency by the Governor or the President of the United States.

"Goods," "services," and "supplier" have the same meanings as are set forth for those terms in § 59.1-198.

"Necessary goods and services" means any necessary good or service for which consumer demand does, or is likely to, increase as a consequence of the disaster, and includes, but is not limited to, water, ice, consumer food items or supplies, property or services for emergency cleanup, emergency supplies, communication supplies and services, medical supplies and services, home heating fuel, building materials and services, tree removal supplies and services, freight, storage services, housing, lodging, transportation, and motor fuels.

"Time of disaster" means the shorter of (i) the period of time when a state of emergency declared by the Governor or the President of the United States as the result of a disaster, emergency, or major disaster, as those terms are used and defined in § 44-146.16, is in effect or (ii) ~~30~~ 10 days after the occurrence of the disaster, emergency, or major disaster that resulted in the declaration of the state of emergency; however, if the state of emergency is extended or renewed within ~~30~~ 10 days after such an occurrence, then such period shall be extended to include the ~~30~~ 10 days following the date the state of emergency was extended or renewed *unless the order or declaration extending or renewing the emergency specifically provides for a greater duration.*

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