

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 53.1-56 of the Code of Virginia, relating to construction and*
3 *maintenance of highways; grass cutting.*

4 [H 543]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 53.1-56 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 53.1-56. Construction and maintenance of highways; grass cutting; acquisition of quarries, etc.; use
9 of materials for county roads.

10 Persons sentenced to the Department shall, so far as practicable, be employed in the construction and
11 maintenance of the State Highway System and secondary system of state highways, and to this end may
12 be used in rock quarries, gravel pits and other plants in the preparation of materials for construction and
13 maintenance of roads *and in the maintenance of any or all medians and other nontraveled portions of*
14 *such highways.*

15 The Commonwealth Transportation Board may acquire out of the proceeds of the money, now or
16 hereafter available for construction and maintenance of the State Highway System and secondary system,
17 such quarries, gravel pits or plants as may in its opinion be necessary for such work. The Board shall on
18 the request of any county road authorities allow such county road authorities to take from such quarries
19 or gravel pits or shall sell to such county road authorities at cost of production such materials as may be
20 required to be used for the construction and maintenance of county roads. This arrangement shall in no
21 way interfere with the furnishing of materials by the Board for the maintenance or construction of the
22 State Highway System and secondary system.

23 The Commonwealth Transportation Board shall make requisition from time to time upon the Director
24 for the number of prisoners it deems necessary for the work on the State Highway System or secondary
25 system or for the preparation of road material for road construction and maintenance *and in the*
26 *maintenance of any or all medians and other nontraveled portions of such highways.* The number of
27 prisoners so requisitioned shall be furnished subject to availability as determined by the Director of the
28 Department of Corrections.

29 Fifteen days prior to a prisoner's participation in the program, the Director shall give the chief of
30 police, sheriff or local chief law-enforcement official of the locality in which the prisoner will work,
31 notice of the prisoner's participation. Such notice shall include the name, address and criminal history of
32 the prisoner, in addition to other information the chief of police or such officer may request. The
33 transmission of information shall be confidential and not subject to the Virginia Freedom of Information
34 Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.).