

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 1 of Title 10.1 a section*
3 *numbered 10.1-114.1, relating to the establishment of a directory of cultural heritage facilities and*
4 *sites.*

5 [H 627]

6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

8 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 1 of Title 10.1 a**
9 **section numbered 10.1-114.1 as follows:**

10 § 10.1-114.1. *Directory of cultural heritage sites.*

11 *A. The Director is authorized to develop a state directory of cultural heritage facilities and sites. The*
12 *directory shall recognize commemorative and historic facilities and sites that interpret significant*
13 *aspects of national, state, or regional culture or history. Sites included in the directory shall not be*
14 *owned or operated by state agencies.*

15 *B. Owners or managers of a potential commemorative or historic facility desiring to be included in*
16 *the directory of cultural heritage sites shall submit an application to the Department. To be eligible for*
17 *inclusion in the directory, the application shall include a discussion of the cultural and historic*
18 *significance of the facility or site; a description of how the facility or site is staffed and managed;*
19 *information on any oversight or advisory boards, including their mission statements and goals;*
20 *information regarding the accessibility of the site to persons with special needs; information confirming*
21 *the availability of the facility or site to the public for tours and educational or recreational programs on*
22 *a regular basis; letters of support from local governments, chambers of commerce, tourism bureaus, or*
23 *other supporting entities; and other information as the Department determines to be necessary. The*
24 *Department may develop additional qualification criteria and application materials that may be*
25 *necessary to implement the registry program. Such criteria may be adopted by the Director after*
26 *considering the recommendations of the Board of Conservation and Recreation.*

27 *C. The Director shall evaluate whether the facility or site qualifies for inclusion in the directory. In*
28 *evaluating the facility or site, the Director shall consult with the Department of Historic Resources, the*
29 *Virginia Tourism Corporation, and other state and federal agencies when such consultation would*
30 *benefit the evaluation.*

31 *D. The Director shall present any findings to the Board for its recommendation. Upon the favorable*
32 *recommendation of the Board, the Director may designate a facility or site for inclusion in the directory*
33 *with the Governor's written approval.*

34 *E. The Department shall maintain the directory of cultural heritage facilities and sites on its website*
35 *and actively promote those facilities or sites.*

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