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HOUSE BILL NO. 2236

House Amendments in [] - February 7, 2011

A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.2-122 of the Code of Virginia, relating to commercial use of seals of the Commonwealth.

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Marshall, R.G.

Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 2.2-122 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.2-122. Commercial use of seals of the Commonwealth.

A. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 1-505, the Governor may authorize the use of the seals of the Commonwealth for commercial purposes upon a finding that such use promotes an appropriate image of the Commonwealth, its heritage and its history, and that such use is carried out in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth. In considering whether the use of the seals in association with a product promotes an appropriate image of the Commonwealth, preference shall be given to products that (i) preserve traditional methods of production, including handcrafting techniques, (ii) enhance public appreciation of the Commonwealth's aesthetic values, and (iii) incorporate workmanship and materials of the highest quality. A prospective licensee shall be deemed qualified to protect and promote the image of the Commonwealth if it holds licenses to produce products associated with museums and sites of major historical importance in the Commonwealth, including but not limited to homes of Presidents of the United States and restored historical areas.

B. ~~The Governor may direct the State Treasurer to cause to be minted gold, platinum, and silver coins for commemorative use that bear the seals of the Commonwealth [; a picture of George Washington or other Virginia-born President of the United States, or any combination thereof. Any such coins shall be known as "Ginnies." .]~~

C. The Secretary of the Commonwealth and the Director of the Division of Purchases and Supply shall assist the Governor in determining the appropriateness of (i) any contract entered into for the commercial use of the seals of the Commonwealth, (ii) the product intended to be sold, (iii) any marketing activities undertaken to promote the sale of the product, and (iv) the pricing structure, including royalties to be paid to the Commonwealth for such use and sale. Any such royalties paid to the Commonwealth shall be deposited in the general fund.

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