

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 3.2-3108 of the Code of Virginia, relating to uses of the Tobacco*  
3 *Indemnification and Community Revitalization Fund.*

4 [H 1182]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 3.2-3108 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 3.2-3108. Distribution of Fund.

9 The Fund shall be distributed by the Commission for the following purposes:

10 1. The compensation of Virginia tobacco farmers for the decline or elimination of the tobacco quota  
11 based on averaging the basic burley and flue-cured quota as allocated by the USDA for the crop years  
12 1995 through 1998.

13 To the extent quota holders in Virginia are not otherwise compensated by a national tobacco  
14 community trust fund or a federal tobacco loss assistance program that is based on substantially the  
15 same distribution criteria established by the Commission for indemnification payments and to the extent  
16 moneys are available in the Fund, the Fund shall be used to compensate quota holders in an amount  
17 equal to the total lost asset value in quota incurred annually by such quota holders.

18 To the extent active tobacco producers in Virginia are not otherwise compensated by a national  
19 tobacco community trust fund or a federal tobacco loss assistance program that is based on substantially  
20 the same distribution criteria established by the Commission for indemnification payments and to the  
21 extent moneys are available in the Fund, the Fund shall be used to compensate active tobacco producers  
22 for the economic loss resulting from any annual quota reduction.

23 For the purposes of this section, the total asset loss value in quota and economic losses for tobacco  
24 farmers in Virginia shall be estimated to be \$1.2 billion.

25 The Commission may establish criteria for determining economic loss resulting from any annual  
26 quota reduction, including any similar criteria established pursuant to the creation of a national tobacco  
27 community trust fund; ~~and~~

28 2. The stimulation of economic growth and development in tobacco-dependent communities in an  
29 equitable manner throughout the southside and southwest regions of the Commonwealth, to assist such  
30 communities in reducing their dependency on, or finding alternative uses for, tobacco and  
31 tobacco-related business; *and*

32 3. *Scientific research performed at one of the Commonwealth's National Cancer Institute-designated*  
33 *research institutes designed to advance the treatment and prevention of cancers that directly impact the*  
34 *citizens of tobacco-dependent communities throughout the southside and southwest regions of the*  
35 *Commonwealth.*

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