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HOUSE BILL NO. 293

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 10.1-611 of the Code of Virginia, relating to dam safety and consultation with the Department of Emergency Management.*

Patrons—Scott, E.T., Bell, Richard P., Cole and O'Bannon

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 10.1-611 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 10.1-611. Dam safety coordination.

The Board shall coordinate all impoundment safety activities in the Commonwealth, which shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the maintenance of an inventory of all impoundment structures; and of all other similar structures ~~which~~ *that* are not regulated under this article to the extent the Board deems necessary; (ii) the maintenance of a repository for record drawings of all such structures to the extent the Board deems necessary; (iii) the maintenance of an inventory of safety inspection reports for each such structure to the extent the Board deems necessary; and (iv) the maintenance of a secondary repository for all dam safety emergency action plans, which are primarily filed with the Department of Emergency Management. The Board shall *consult with the Department of Emergency Management in its planning for impoundment safety and shall* provide technical assistance in the preparation, updating, and execution of ~~such~~ *dam safety emergency action* plans. It shall establish uniform maintenance-of-records requirements and uniform inspection standards to be applied to all impounding structures in the Commonwealth and to be recommended for all other similar structures. It may inspect or cause to be inspected state-owned or state-licensed dams on a ~~cost reimbursable~~ *cost-reimbursable* basis at the request of the state agency owning the state-owned dam or of the licensor of the state-licensed dam.

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