

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 11 of Title 2.2 an article numbered 8,*
3 *consisting of sections numbered 2.2-1182 and 2.2-1183, relating to the Department of General*
4 *Services; High Performance Buildings Act; exemption.*

5 [S 160]

6 Approved

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

8 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 11 of Title 2.2 an article**
9 **numbered 8, consisting of sections numbered 2.2-1182 and 2.2-1183, as follows:**

10 *Article 8.*11 *High Performance Buildings Act.*12 *§ 2.2-1182. Short title; definitions.*13 *A. This article shall be known and may be cited as the High Performance Buildings Act.*14 *B. As used in this article, unless the context requires a different meaning:*

15 *"High performance building certification program" means a public building design, construction, and*
16 *renovation program that meets the requirements of VEES.*

17 *"VEES" means the Virginia Energy Conservation and Environmental Standards developed by the*
18 *Department considering the U.S. Green Building Council (LEED) green building rating standard, the*
19 *Green Building Initiative "Green Globes" building standard, and other appropriate requirements as*
20 *determined by the Department.*

21 *§ 2.2-1183. Building standards; exemption.*

22 *A. Any executive branch agency or institution entering the design phase for the construction of a new*
23 *building greater than 5,000 gross square feet in size or the renovation of a building where the cost of*
24 *the renovation exceeds 50 percent of the value of the building, shall conform to VEES and the building*
25 *shall be designed, constructed, verified, and operated to comply with the high performance building*
26 *certification program.*

27 *B. The Director of the Department may grant an exemption from the design and construction*
28 *standards required by subsection A upon a finding that special circumstances make the construction or*
29 *renovation to the standards impracticable.*

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