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HOUSE BILL NO. 2283

Offered January 16, 2013

A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 2.2-215 and 10.1-1601 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Recreational Facilities Authority.*

Patron—Head

Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 2.2-215 and 10.1-1601 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.2-215. Position established; agencies for which responsible.

The position of Secretary of Natural Resources (the Secretary) is created. The Secretary shall be responsible to the Governor for the following agencies: Department of Conservation and Recreation, Department of Historic Resources, Marine Resources Commission, Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Virginia Museum of Natural History, *Virginia Recreational Facilities Authority*, and the Department of Environmental Quality. The Governor may, by executive order, assign any state executive agency to the Secretary of Natural Resources, or reassign any agency listed in this section to another Secretary.

§ 10.1-1601. Authority created.

In order to (i) provide a high quality recreational attraction in the western part of the Commonwealth; (ii) expand the historical knowledge of adults and children; (iii) promote tourism and economic development in the Commonwealth; (iv) set aside and conserve scenic and natural areas along the Roanoke River and preserve open-space lands; and (v) enhance and expand research and educational programs, there is created a political subdivision of the Commonwealth to be known as "The Virginia Recreational Facilities Authority." The Authority's exercise of the powers conferred by this chapter shall be deemed to be the performance of an essential governmental function in the executive branch of state government the *Virginia Recreational Facilities Authority (the Authority)*.

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