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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1074

Offered January 8, 2014

A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 2.2-203.3 and 2.2-204 of the Code of Virginia, relating to responsibility for the Virginia Racing Commission.*

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Referred to Committee on General Laws

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That §§ 2.2-203.3 and 2.2-204 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 2.2-203.3. Position established; agencies for which responsible; additional duties.**

The position of Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry (the Secretary) is created. The Secretary shall be responsible to the Governor for the following agencies: Department of Forestry, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, ~~and~~ Virginia Agricultural Council, *and Virginia Racing Commission*. The Governor, by executive order, may assign any state executive agency to the Secretary, or reassign any agency listed in this section to another Secretary.

**§ 2.2-204. Position established; agencies for which responsible; additional duties.**

The position of Secretary of Commerce and Trade (the Secretary) is created. The Secretary shall be responsible to the Governor for the following agencies: Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority, Virginia Tourism Authority, Department of Labor and Industry, Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, Virginia Employment Commission, Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity, Virginia Housing Development Authority, Virginia Resources Authority, ~~Virginia Racing Commission~~, Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission, and Board of Accountancy. The Governor, by executive order, may assign any state executive agency to the Secretary, or reassign any agency listed in this section to another Secretary.

The Secretary shall implement the provisions of the Virginia Biotechnology Research Act (§ 2.2-5500 et seq.).

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