

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 2.2-205 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the economic development*
3 *policy for the Commonwealth; Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry.*

4 [H 1588]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 2.2-205 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 2.2-205. Economic development policy for the Commonwealth.**

9 A. During the first year of each new gubernatorial administration, the Secretary, with the assistance
10 of a cabinet-level committee appointed in accordance with subsection B, shall develop and implement a
11 written comprehensive economic development policy for the Commonwealth. In developing this policy,
12 the Secretary and the committee shall review the economic development policy in effect at the
13 commencement of the Governor's term of office. The Secretary shall make such revisions to the existing
14 policy as the Secretary deems necessary to ensure that it is appropriate for the Commonwealth. Once the
15 policy has been adopted by the Secretary and the committee and approved by the Governor, it shall be
16 submitted to the General Assembly for its consideration.

17 B. During the first year of each new gubernatorial administration, the Governor shall issue an
18 executive order creating a cabinet-level committee to assist the Secretary in the development of the
19 comprehensive economic development policy for the Commonwealth. The Secretary shall be the
20 chairman of the committee, and the Secretaries of Administration, *Agriculture and Forestry*, Education,
21 Health and Human Resources, Natural Resources, Technology, and Transportation shall serve as
22 committee members. The Governor may also appoint members of regional and local economic
23 development groups and members of the business community to serve on the committee.

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