

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 2.2-218 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Secretary of Natural*
3 *Resources; development of Watershed Implementation Plans.*

4 [S 1284]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 2.2-218 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 2.2-218. Development of Watershed Implementation Plans to restore the water quality and**
9 **living resources of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.**

10 The Secretary shall coordinate the development of ~~tributary plans~~ *Watershed Implementation Plans*
11 *(WIPs) pursuant to the total maximum daily load (TMDL) for the Chesapeake Bay released by the U.S.*
12 *Environmental Protection Agency in December 2010 and amendment thereto. The WIPs shall be*
13 *designed to improve water quality and restore the living resources of the Chesapeake Bay and its*
14 *tributaries. Each plan shall be tributary-specific in nature and prepared for the Potomac, Rappahannock,*
15 *York, and James River Basins as well as the western coastal basins (comprising the small rivers on the*
16 *western Virginia mainland that drain to the Chesapeake Bay, not including the Potomac, Rappahannock,*
17 *York and James Rivers) and the eastern coastal basin (encompassing the creeks and rivers of the Eastern*
18 *Shore of Virginia that are west of U.S. Route 13 and drain to the Chesapeake Bay). Each plan shall (i)*
19 *address the reduction of nutrients and suspended solids, including sediments, entering the Chesapeake*
20 *Bay and its tributaries and (ii) summarize other existing programs, strategies, goals and commitments for*
21 *reducing toxics; the preservation and protection of living resources; and the enhancement of the amount*
22 *of submerged aquatic vegetation, for each tributary basin and the Bay. The plans WIPs shall be*
23 *developed in consultation with affected stakeholders, including, but not limited to, local government*
24 *officials; wastewater treatment operators; seafood industry representatives; commercial and recreational*
25 *fishing interests; developers; farmers; local, regional and statewide conservation and environmental*
26 *interests; and the Virginia delegation to the Chesapeake Bay Commission.*

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