

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 An Act to examine approaches to ensure that chemical storage is conducted in a manner that protects
3 human health and the environment.

4 [S 811]
5 Approved

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

7 1. § 1. The Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, the State Health Commissioner, and
8 the State Coordinator of Emergency Management shall evaluate existing statutory and regulatory tools
9 for ensuring that chemical storage in the Commonwealth is conducted in a manner that is protective of
10 human health, public safety, drinking water resources, and the environment of the Commonwealth. This
11 evaluation may include (i) an examination of Virginia's existing programs to protect drinking water
12 resources from contamination from chemical storage; (ii) identification of any existing gaps or
13 inadequacy in drinking water protections related to chemical storage; (iii) identification of any existing
14 gaps or inadequacy in chemical storage standards; (iv) any recommendations on chemical storage in the
15 Commonwealth to address protection of human health, public safety, drinking water resources, the
16 environment, and the economy of the Commonwealth; and (v) other policies and procedures that the
17 Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, the State Health Commissioner, and the State
18 Coordinator of Emergency Management determine may enhance the protection of Virginia's drinking
19 water resources and the safe storage of chemicals in Virginia.

20 The Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, the State Health Commissioner, and the
21 State Coordinator of Emergency Management shall report the findings of the evaluation to the State
22 Water Commission, the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural
23 Resources, and the Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural
24 Resources no later than December 1, 2016.

25 For purposes of this section, "chemical storage" means those chemicals identified by the Superfund
26 Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) and the Emergency Planning and Community
27 Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA) that provides for hazardous chemical storage reporting requirements in
28 Section 312 of the SARA and are stored in excess of 10,000 gallons.

29 2. That the provisions of this act shall expire on January 1, 2017.