

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 2.2-2238 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Economic*  
3 *Development Partnership; economic development services; import from international markets.*

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5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 2.2-2238 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 2.2-2238. Economic development services.**9 A. It shall be the duty of the Authority to encourage, stimulate, and support the development and  
10 expansion of the economy of the Commonwealth. The Authority is charged with the following duties  
11 and responsibilities to:12 1. See that there are prepared and carried out effective economic development marketing and  
13 promotional programs;14 2. Make available, in conjunction and cooperation with localities, chambers of commerce, industrial  
15 authorities, and other public and private groups, to prospective new businesses basic information and  
16 pertinent factors of interest and concern to such businesses;17 3. Formulate, promulgate, and advance programs throughout the Commonwealth for encouraging the  
18 location of new businesses in the Commonwealth and the retention and growth of existing businesses;19 4. Encourage and solicit private sector involvement, support, and funding for economic development  
20 in the Commonwealth;21 5. Encourage the coordination of the economic development efforts of public institutions, regions,  
22 communities, and private industry and collect and maintain data on the development and utilization of  
23 economic development capabilities;24 6. Establish such offices within and without the Commonwealth that are necessary to the expansion  
25 and development of industries and trade;

26 7. Encourage the export of products and services from the Commonwealth to international markets;

27 8. Advise, upon request, the State Board for Community Colleges in designating technical training  
28 programs in Virginia's comprehensive community colleges for the Community College Incentive  
29 Scholarship Program pursuant to § 23-220.4; and30 9. Offer a program for the issuance of export documentation for companies located in Virginia  
31 exporting goods and services if no federal agency or other regulatory body or issuing entity will provide  
32 export documentation in a form deemed necessary for international commerce.33 B. The Authority shall prepare a specific plan annually that shall serve as the basis for marketing  
34 high unemployment areas of Virginia. This plan shall be submitted to the Governor and General  
35 Assembly annually on or before November 1 of each year. The report shall contain the plan and  
36 activities conducted by the Authority to market these high unemployment areas. The annual report shall  
37 be part of the report required by § 2.2-2242.38 C. The Authority may develop a site and building assessment program to identify and assess the  
39 Commonwealth's industrial sites of at least 250 acres. In developing such a program, the Authority shall  
40 establish assessment guidelines and procedures for identification of industrial sites, resource requirements,  
41 and development oversight. The Authority shall invite participation by regional and industry stakeholders  
42 to assess potential sites, identify product shortfalls, and make recommendations to the Governor and  
43 General Assembly for marketing such sites, in alignment with the goals outlined in the Governor's  
44 economic development plan.45 *D. The Authority may encourage the import of products and services from international markets to*  
46 *the Commonwealth.*

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