

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

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3 *An Act to amend and reenact § 28.2-1207 of the Code of Virginia, relating to beach restoration;*  
4 *expedited permit.*

5 [H 327]

6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**8 **1. That § 28.2-1207 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**9 **§ 28.2-1207. Authority to approve permits for encroachment on subaqueous beds; notice.**

10 A. Any application for a permit to trespass upon or over or encroach upon subaqueous beds which  
11 are the Commonwealth's property may be approved by the Commissioner or his authorized  
12 representative if the application meets the requirements of §§ 28.2-1205 and 28.2-1206 and the following  
13 criteria are satisfied:

14 1. The total value of the project does not exceed \$500,000;

15 2. The application is not protested by any citizen or objected to by any state agency; and

16 3. The project for which the permit is sought will not require any other permit from the Commission.

17 B. If the permit application is for a shore erosion control project recommended by the soil and water  
18 conservation district in which the project is to be located and the criteria listed in subsection A of this  
19 section are satisfied, the Commission may, after giving notice of the application to the Virginia Institute  
20 of Marine Science, approve the application without giving notice to or awaiting the approval of any  
21 other state agency.

22 C. The Commission shall, in conjunction with affected state and federal agencies, develop an  
23 expedited process for issuing general permits for activities that are intended to improve water quality  
24 such as bioengineered streambank projects and livestock stream crossings, and for activities required  
25 during emergencies in which a determination has been made that there is a threat to public or private  
26 property, or to the health and safety of the public. The development of the general permit shall be  
27 exempt from Article 2 (§ ~~2.2-4007~~ 2.2-4006 et seq.) of the Administrative Process Act.

28 D. *The Commission shall, in conjunction with affected state and federal agencies, develop an*  
29 *expedited process for issuing a permit for emergency activities intended to restore sand to any publicly*  
30 *owned beach damaged by sand erosion. Such erosion shall have been caused by a discrete, identifiable*  
31 *weather event or sequence of events that threatened public or private property or public health and*  
32 *safety and was the subject of a declaration of emergency by the Governor or the governing body of the*  
33 *locality in which the project is located. The development of the permit shall be exempt from Article 2*  
34 *(§ 2.2-4006 et seq.) of the Administrative Process Act.*

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