

## 2017 SESSION

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### HOUSE BILL NO. 1964

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 2 of Title 2.2 an article numbered 2.2, consisting of a section numbered 2.2-203.4, relating to the creation of the Secretary for Coastal Protection and Flooding Adaptation.*

Patrons—Stolle, Carr, Hayes, Helsel, Heretick, Hester, Keam, Knight, Leftwich, Lindsey, Price and Villanueva

Referred to Committee on General Laws

#### Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 2 of Title 2.2 an article numbered 2.2, consisting of a section numbered 2.2-203.4, as follows:

#### Article 2.2.

*Secretary for Coastal Protection and Flooding Adaptation.*

#### § 2.2-203.4. *Position established; additional powers.*

*The position of Secretary for Coastal Protection and Flooding Adaptation (the Secretary) is created. The Secretary shall be responsible for consolidating into a single office the resources for coastal flooding threats and adaptation. The Secretary shall be the lead in providing direction, ensuring accountability, and developing a statewide coastal floodingadaptation strategy. The Secretary, in cooperation with the Secretary of Natural Resources, shall identify sources of funding for needed implementation of strategies for coastal protection and flooding adaptation. The Governor may, by executive order, assign any other state executive agency to the Secretary or reassign any agency listed above to another Secretary.*

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