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HOUSE BILL NO. 2201

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 10.1-1105.2, relating to State Forester; records; confidentiality.*

Patron—Tyler

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 10.1-1105.2 as follows:
§ 10.1-1105.2. Records to be held in confidence.

The following records of the Department are excluded from the mandatory disclosure provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.) and shall be held in confidence by the State Forester unless otherwise directed by the Governor:

1. Trade secrets and commercial or financial information supplied by individuals or business entities to the Department;
2. Reports of criminal violations made to the Department by persons outside the Department; and
3. Records of an active administrative investigation until such investigation is closed.

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