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HOUSE BILL NO. 1523**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**

(Proposed by the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources
on February 5, 2020)

(Patrons Prior to Substitute—Delegates McQuinn, Fariss [HB 1593], Hayes [HB 905], Sullivan [HB 379],
and Wilt [HB 1234])

*A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 10.1-2202 and 10.1-2211.2 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the
Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 10.1-2211.3, relating to historical African American
cemeteries and graves; fund.*

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

**1. That §§ 10.1-2202 and 10.1-2211.2 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted and that
the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 10.1-2211.3 as follows:**

§ 10.1-2202. Powers and duties of the Director.

In addition to the powers and duties conferred upon the Director elsewhere and in order to
encourage, stimulate, and support the identification, evaluation, protection, preservation, and
rehabilitation of the Commonwealth's significant historic, architectural, archaeological, and cultural
resources; in order to establish and maintain a permanent record of those resources; and in order to
foster a greater appreciation of these resources among the citizens of the Commonwealth, the Director
shall have the following powers and duties which may be delegated by the Director:

1. To employ such personnel as may be required to carry out those duties conferred by law;
2. To make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of
his duties and the execution of his powers, including but not limited to contracts with private nonprofit
organizations, the United States, other state agencies and political subdivisions of the Commonwealth;
3. To apply for and accept bequests, grants and gifts of real and personal property as well as
endowments, funds, and grants from the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities,
and any other source. The Director shall have the authority to comply with such conditions and execute
such agreements as may be necessary, convenient or desirable;
4. To perform acts necessary or convenient to carry out the duties conferred by law;
5. To promulgate regulations, in accordance with the Virginia Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000
et seq.) and not inconsistent with the National Historic Preservation Act (P.L. 89-665) and its attendant
regulations, as are necessary to carry out all responsibilities incumbent upon the State Historic
Preservation Officer, including at a minimum criteria and procedures for submitting nominations of
properties to the National Park Service for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places or for
designation as National Historic Landmarks;
6. To conduct a broad survey and to maintain an inventory of buildings, structures, districts, objects,
and sites of historic, architectural, archaeological, or cultural interest which constitute the tangible
remains of the Commonwealth's cultural, political, economic, military, or social history;
7. To publish lists of properties, including buildings, structures, districts, objects, and sites,
designated as landmarks by the Board, to inspect designated properties from time to time, and
periodically publish a complete register of designated properties setting forth appropriate information
concerning those properties;
8. With the consent of the landowners, to provide appropriately designed markers for designated
buildings, structures, districts, objects and sites;
9. To acquire and to administer battlefield properties and designated landmarks, or easements or
interests therein;
10. To aid and to encourage counties, cities and towns to establish historic zoning districts for
designated landmarks and to adopt regulations for the preservation of historical, architectural,
archaeological, or cultural values;
11. To provide technical advice and assistance to individuals, groups and governments conducting
historic preservation programs and regularly to seek advice from the same on the effectiveness of
Department programs;
12. To prepare and place, in cooperation with the Department of Transportation, highway historical
markers approved by the Board of Historic Resources on or along the highway or street closest to the
location which is intended to be identified by the marker;
13. To develop a procedure for the certification of historic districts and structures within the historic
districts for federal income tax purposes;
14. To aid and to encourage counties, cities, and towns in the establishment of educational programs
and materials for school use on the importance of Virginia's historic, architectural, archaeological, and
cultural resources;

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60 15. To conduct a program of archaeological research with the assistance of the State Archaeologist
 61 which includes excavation of significant sites, acquisition and maintenance of artifact collections for the
 62 purposes of study and display, and dissemination of data and information derived from the study of sites
 63 and collections;

64 16. To manage and administer the Historic Resources Fund as provided in § 10.1-2202.1; and

65 17. ~~Expired.~~ *To manage and administer the Historical African American Cemeteries and Graves*
 66 *Fund as provided in § 10.1-2211.3.*

67 **§ 10.1-2211.2. Disbursement of funds appropriated for caring for historical African American**
 68 **cemeteries and graves.**

69 A. For purposes of this section:

70 "Fund" means the *Historical African American Cemeteries and Graves Fund* created pursuant to
 71 § 10.1-2211.3.

72 "Historical African American cemetery" means a cemetery that was established prior to January 1,
 73 1900, for interments of African Americans.

74 "Qualified organization" means a charitable corporation, charitable association, or charitable trust that
 75 has been granted tax-exempt status under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and whose primary
 76 purpose is the preservation of historical cemeteries and graves or any person or locality that owns a
 77 historical African American cemetery.

78 B. At the direction of the Director, the Comptroller of the Commonwealth shall draw an annual
 79 warrant upon the State Treasurer from any sum that may be provided *to the Department* in the general
 80 appropriation act ~~in favor of the treasurer of a qualified organization caring for any cemetery set forth in~~
 81 ~~this subsection for the purpose of maintaining qualifying cemeteries and graves pursuant to this section.~~
 82 *Any representative of a qualified organization desiring to receive funding from such appropriation for*
 83 *the maintenance of qualifying cemeteries and graves pursuant to this section shall submit an application*
 84 *to the Department on or before May 30 each year.* Such appropriations shall be allocated on the basis of
 85 the number of graves, monuments, and markers in a cemetery of African Americans who lived at any
 86 time between January 1, 1800, and January 1, 1900, the dates to be determined by reference to grave
 87 markers or, at the discretion of the Director, other historical records. Such number of graves,
 88 monuments, and markers, ~~as set forth opposite the cemetery name or~~ as documented by the qualified
 89 organization, shall be multiplied by the rate of \$5 or the average actual cost of routine maintenance of a
 90 grave, monument, or marker, whichever is greater, to determine the amount of the allocation. The
 91 Department shall determine the average actual cost of routine maintenance of a grave, monument, or
 92 marker in a biennial survey of at least four properly maintained cemeteries, each located in a different
 93 geographical region of the Commonwealth. *The Director shall deposit any appropriated funds that are*
 94 *not disbursed during the same fiscal year into the Fund.*

95 IN THE COUNTY OF:

NUMBER:

96 Arlington

97 Calloway Cemetery

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98 Lomax Cemetery

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99 Mount Salvation Cemetery

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100 Buckingham

101 Stanton Family Cemetery

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102 Henrico

103 East End Cemetery

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104 Loudoun

105 African-American Burial Ground for the Enslaved at Belmont

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106 Pulaski

107 New River Cemetery

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108 West Dublin Cemetery

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109 IN THE CITY OF:

110 Alexandria

111 Baptist Cemetery of the African American Heritage Park

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112 Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery

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113 Douglass Cemetery

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114 Lebanon Union Cemetery

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115 Methodist Protestant Cemetery

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116 Penny Hill Cemetery

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117 Charlottesville

118 Daughters of Zion Cemetery

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119 Chesapeake

120 Cuffeytown Cemetery

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121 Hampton

122 Bassette's Cemetery

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123 Elmhurst Cemetery

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124	Good Samaritan Cemetery	37
125	Pleasant Shade Cemetery	29
126	Queen Street Cemetery	14
127	Tucker Family Cemetery	15
128	Union Street Cemetery	125
129	Harrisonburg	
130	Newtown Cemetery	400
131	Martinsville	
132	Matthews Cemetery	8
133	The People's Cemetery	178
134	Smith Street Cemetery	9
135	Portsmouth	
136	Mt. Calvary Cemetery	266
137	Richmond	
138	Evergreen Cemetery	2,100
139	Suffolk	
140	Oak Lawn Cemetery	468

141 C. In addition to any sum provided to a qualified organization as set forth in subsection B, the
 142 Director may disburse funds to any qualified organization to fund maintenance and care of additional
 143 historical African American graves in the Commonwealth that have been certified by the Department
 144 and documented in the Department's cultural resources database. Funds disbursed under this subsection
 145 shall be disbursed at the rate set forth in subsection B.

146 D. An organization receiving funds shall expend the funds for the routine maintenance of its
 147 historical African American cemetery and its graves and the erection of and caring for markers,
 148 memorials, and monuments to the memory of such African Americans.

149 ~~D.~~ E. Each qualified organization, through its proper officer, shall after July 1 of each year submit to
 150 the Director a certified statement that the funds appropriated to the organization during the preceding
 151 fiscal year were or will be expended for the purposes set forth in subsection ~~E~~ D. No organization that
 152 fails to comply with any of the requirements of this section shall receive moneys allocated under this
 153 section for any subsequent fiscal year until the organization fully complies with the requirements.

154 ~~E.~~ F. In addition to funds that may be provided pursuant to subsection B or C, any organization set
 155 forth in that receives funds pursuant to subsection B or C may apply to the Director for a grant to
 156 perform extraordinary maintenance, renovation, repair, or reconstruction of any of its historical African
 157 American cemeteries and graves. Such a grant shall be made from any appropriation made available by
 158 the General Assembly for such purpose or from the Fund.

159 ~~F.~~ G. Any locality may receive and hold funds drawn pursuant to subsection B or C on behalf of
 160 any qualified organization until such time as the organization is able to receive or utilize such funds. No
 161 local matching funds shall be required for any grants made pursuant to this section.

162 ~~G.~~ H. The owner of a historical African American cemetery shall reasonably cooperate with a
 163 qualified organization that receives funds pursuant to subsection B or C.

164 **§ 10.1-2211.3. Historical African American Cemeteries and Graves Fund.**

165 There is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund to be known as the
 166 Historical African American Cemeteries and Graves Fund, referred to in this section as "the Fund." The
 167 Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller. All funds appropriated for such purpose, all
 168 funds deposited in the Fund pursuant to subsection B or C of § 10.1-2211.2, and any gifts, donations,
 169 grants, bequests, and other funds received on its behalf shall be paid into the state treasury and
 170 credited to the Fund. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited
 171 to it. Any moneys remaining in the Fund, including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall
 172 not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Moneys in the Fund shall be used solely for
 173 the purposes set out in subsections B and C of § 10.1-2211.2. Expenditures and disbursements from the
 174 Fund shall be made by the State Treasurer on warrants issued by the Comptroller upon written request
 175 signed by the Director.