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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources on January 20, 2021)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Webert)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 10.1 of Title 10.1 a section numbered 10.1-1016.1 and by adding in Chapter 17 of Title 10.1 a section numbered 10.1-1705.1, relating to conservation easements; construction.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 10.1 of Title 10.1 a section numbered 10.1-1016.1 and by adding in Chapter 17 of Title 10.1 a section numbered 10.1-1705.1 as follows:

§ 10.1-1016.1. Construction.

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, an easement held pursuant to this chapter shall be construed in favor of achieving the conservation purposes for which it was created.

§ 10.1-1705.1. Construction.

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, an easement held pursuant to this chapter shall be construed in favor of achieving the conservation purposes for which it was created.