

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the State Board of Social Services to allow applications for the Home Energy*  
3 *Assistance Program over an application period that provides adequate time for individuals to apply*  
4 *and is extended beyond the current application period.*

5 [H 855]

6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

8 **1. § 1.** *The State Board of Social Services (the Board) is authorized to promulgate regulations to allow*  
9 *applications for the Home Energy Assistance Program to be submitted over an application period that*  
10 *provides adequate time for individuals to apply and is extended beyond the current application period in*  
11 *effect as of July 1, 2024, provided adequate funding is available to extend such application period. The*  
12 *Board's initial adoption of regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act shall be exempt*  
13 *from the provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq. of the Code of Virginia),*  
14 *except that the Board shall provide an opportunity for public comment on the regulations prior to*  
15 *adoption.*

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