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HOUSE BILL NO. 1414 Offered February 3, 1994

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 3.1-320 and 3.1-321 of the Code of Virginia, relating to bright flue-cured tobacco.

Patrons—Bennett, Abbitt, Armstrong, Clement, Crouch, Reynolds and Ruff; Senators: Goode and Hawkins

Unanimous consent to introduce

Referred to Committee on Agriculture

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 3.1-320 and 3.1-321 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 3.1-320. Virginia Bright Flue-Cured Tobacco Commission continued as Virginia Bright Flue-Cured Tobacco Board.

The Virginia Bright Flue-Cured Tobacco Commission within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is continued and shall hereafter be known as the Virginia Bright Flue-Cured Tobacco Board. The Board shall consist of seven members representing as nearly as possible each important tobacco-producing section of Virginia, with one member coming from each production area of flue-cured tobacco as follows: Area I - Pittsylvania County; Area II - Counties of Pittsylvania, Henry, Patrick and Carroll; Area III - Halifax County; Area IV - Counties of Franklin, Bedford, Campbell, Appomattox and Charlotte; Area V - Mecklenburg County; Area VI - Counties of Lunenburg, Prince Edward, Nottoway, Cumberland, Amelia, Powhatan and Chesterfield; and Area VII - Counties of Brunswick, Dinwiddie, Greensville, Prince George, Sussex, Southampton and Suffolk. Appointments shall be made to fill area vacancies as follows: Areas I and VII, July 1, 1994; Areas IV and V, July 1, 1995; Areas II and III, July 1, 1996; and Area VI, July 1, 1997.

§ 3.1-321. Appointment and qualifications of members.

Such Board shall be appointed within thirty days after July 1, 1948, by the The Governor, who shall be guided in his appointments by the recommendations of shall appoint members from nominations made by the Flue-Cured Tobacco Committee of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation and/or such other tobacco grower organizations existing in tobacco producing counties. Each member must shall be a citizen of Virginia and engaged in producing tobacco in Virginia.