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## **HOUSE BILL NO. 2416**

Offered January 23, 1995

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 2.1-548.9 and 2.1-548.12 of the Code of Virginia, relating to economic development services.

Patrons—Way, Callahan, Crouch, Dudley, Fisher, McClure, Morgan, Nixon, O'Brien, Purkey, Ruff, Sherwood and Wardrup; Senator: Robb

Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

## 1. That §§ 2.1-548.9 and 2.1-548.12 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.1-548.9. Industrial Development Services.

It shall be the policy of the Commonwealth to encourage, stimulate and support the industrial development and the expansion of the economy of the Commonwealth. The Division of Industrial Development of the Department is charged with the following duties and responsibilities:

1. To see that there is prepared and carried out an effective industrial promotional program;

- 2. To make available, in conjunction and cooperation with localities, chambers of commerce, industrial authorities, and other public and private groups to prospective new industries basic information and pertinent factors of interest and concern to such industries;
- 3. To formulate, promulgate and advance programs throughout the Commonwealth for encouraging the location of new industries in the Commonwealth and expansion of existing industries;
- 4. To establish such offices within and without the Commonwealth that are necessary to the expansion and development of industries and trade; and
- 5. To assist, solicit and encourage organizations involved in television broadcasts and motion pictures to utilize the attractions and features of the Commonwealth.
  - § 2.1-548.12. Tourism and travel services.

It shall be the policy of the Commonwealth to encourage, stimulate and support tourism and travel in the Commonwealth. The Division of Tourism of the Department is charged with the following duties and responsibilities:

- 1. To see that there is prepared and carried out an effective tourism and travel promotional program;
- 2. To make available, in conjunction and cooperation with localities, other public and private groups engaged in similar or related work, basic information and pertinent factors of interest and concern to tourists and the travel industry; and
- 3. To operate information centers and to establish such other offices within and without the Commonwealth that are necessary to inform the public of places of interest within the Commonwealth and provide such other information and services deemed necessary-; and
  - 4. [Repealed.]
- 4. To assist, solicit and encourage organizations involved in television broadcasts and motion pictures to utilize the attractions and features of the Commonwealth.