

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1996 RECONVENED SESSION

CHAPTER 982

An Act authorizing the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries to convey certain of its land in Caroline County, and to accept certain property in exchange; conveyance of certain property to the Virginia Department of Transportation.

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Approved April 17, 1996

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries is hereby authorized to convey, as part of an exchange of lands conditioned by the provisions of §§ 1 and 2 and upon such additional terms, and as the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries deems proper, with the approval of the Governor and the Secretary of Natural Resources, and after consultation with the Caroline County Board of Supervisors, a parcel of land known as the Pettigrew Wildlife Management Area. As additional consideration, approximately seventy percent of the Pettigrew Wildlife Management Area shall be placed under a perpetual conservation easement and, notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 10.1 (§ 10.1-1009 et seq.) of Title 10.1, granted to the County of Caroline or such state or local agency as the county may designate, dedicated to open space uses. The area covered by the perpetual easement shall, at a minimum, include an undeveloped buffer area of 1,000 feet in width extending parallel to U.S. Route 17 along the existing Pettigrew boundary and all that portion of the property south of a line drawn 2,000 feet north of and parallel to Mount Creek. The perpetual conservation easement shall be generally consistent with the easement policies of the Virginia Outdoors Foundation, subject to the final design and location of State Routes 614 and 615, and U.S. Route 17.*

§ 2. *In consideration for such conveyance, the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries is authorized to accept certain lands, with or without improvements, of equal or greater fair market value with wildlife value suitable to the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries, and of acreage approximately two and one-half times that of the Pettigrew Wildlife Management Area. For the purposes of the exchange proposed by this section, the exchange properties shall be appraised at their current fair market values. The Pettigrew Wildlife Management Area shall be appraised immediately prior to any exchange without consideration for the conservation or open space easement.*

§ 3. *The deeds of conveyance and other documents shall be in the form approved by the Attorney General.*

2. *That, notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 774 of the Acts of Assembly of 1995, approval is hereby given by the General Assembly for the transfer of five acres, more or less, to the Virginia Department of Transportation for highway purposes and other incidental purposes associated with the construction of Route 199, Project 0199-047-FO3-RW206. The proceeds from such transfer are appropriated to the institution to be held, used, and administered in the same manner as all other gifts and bequests are held, used, and administered.*