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HOUSE BILL NO. 844

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 10.1-1185.1, relating to general permits for certain conservation practices.

Patron—Deeds

Referred to Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 10.1-1185.1 as follows:

10.1-1185.1 Additional duties of the Director.

A. The Director or his designee shall coordinate the development of a general permit or permits for activities such a bioengineered stream-bank stabilization projects and livestock stream crossings that: (i) are coverable by the Nationwide Permit Program (33 C.F.R. Part 330) of the United States Army Corps of Engineers; (ii) are conservation practices designed and supervised by a Soil and Water Conservation District; (iii) meet the design standards of the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the United State Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service; and (iv) are intended to improve water quality.

B. The development of the general permit or permits shall be a coordinated effort between the Department, the Virginia Marine Resources Commission and such other agencies as may be needed to develop general permits that shall expedite the implementation of the projects described in subsection A and, as much as practicable, unify and streamline the permitting process.

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