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HOUSE BILL NO. 1648

Offered January 13, 1999

A BILL to amend and reenact § 9-99.4 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Frontier Culture

Patrons—Landes, Clement, Deeds, Dickinson and Jackson; Senators; Couric, Hanger and Whipple

Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 9-99.4 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 9-99.4. Powers and duties.

The Board of Trustees shall have the following powers:

- 1. To establish, operate, and maintain the Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia to commemorate the contributions which the pioneers and colonial frontiersmen and frontierswomen made to the creation of this nation;
- 2. To employ an executive director and such assistants as may be required and confer such duties and responsibilities as determined necessary:
 - 3. To adopt a flag, seal, and other emblems for use in connection with the Museum;
- 4. To establish a nonprofit corporation to develop and maintain public awareness of the Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia;
 - 5. To receive and expend gifts, grants, and donations of any kind from whatever sources determined;
- 6. To adopt such regulations and fees concerning the use and visitation of properties under its control:
- 7. With the consent of the Governor, to acquire lands, property and structures deemed necessary to the purpose of the Museum by purchase, lease, gift, devise or condemnation proceedings. The title to land and property acquired shall be in the name of the Commonwealth. In the exercise of the power of eminent domain granted under this section, the Museum may proceed in the manner provided by law for the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner in §§ 33.1-89 through 33.1-132.
- 8. With the consent of the Governor, to convey by lease land to any person, association, firm or corporation for such terms and on such conditions as the Museum may determine; and
- 9. To enter into contracts to further the purpose of the Museum, which have been approved by the Attorney General and
- 10. To elect any past member of the Board of Trustees to the honorary position of trustee emeritus. Trustees emeritii shall serve as honorary members for life, shall not have voting privileges and shall be elected in addition to those positions set forth in § 9-99.3.