

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 10.1 a section*
3 *numbered 10.1-1119.1 and in Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 58.1 a section numbered 58.1-346.9,*
4 *relating to State Forests System Fund.*

5 [H 2047]

6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

8 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 10.1 a**
9 **section numbered 10.1-1119.1 and in Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 58.1 a section numbered**
10 **58.1-346.9 as follows:**

11 *§ 10.1-1119.1. State Forests System Fund established.*

12 *There is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund to be known as the State*
13 *Forests System Fund, hereafter referred to as "the Fund." The Fund shall be established on the books of*
14 *the Comptroller. All contributions from income tax refunds and any other source shall be paid into the*
15 *state treasury and credited to the Fund. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the*
16 *Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys remaining in the Fund, including interest thereon, at the end of*
17 *each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Moneys in the Fund*
18 *shall be used solely for the purposes of developing and implementing conservation and education*
19 *initiatives in the state forests system. Expenditures and disbursements from the Fund shall be made by*
20 *the State Treasurer on warrants issued by the Comptroller upon written request signed by the State*
21 *Forester.*

22 *§ 58.1-346.9. State forests voluntary contribution.*

23 *A. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 1999, any individual eligible to receive a*
24 *tax refund pursuant to § 58.1-309 may designate at the time of filing his return a specified dollar*
25 *amount of such refund, such amount to be not less than one dollar, to be used for the development and*
26 *implementation of conservation and education initiatives in the state forests system.*

27 *B. All moneys collected pursuant to this section or through voluntary payments by taxpayers*
28 *designated for state forests system fund purposes over refundable amounts shall be deposited into the*
29 *state treasury.*

30 *C. The Tax Commissioner shall determine annually the total amount designated on all state income*
31 *tax returns and shall report the same to the State Treasurer, who shall credit that amount to a special*
32 *fund known as the State Forests System Fund, established in § 10.1-1119.1. All moneys so deposited in*
33 *such fund shall be used by the State Forester for the purposes set forth herein.*

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