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HOUSE BILL NO. 2596

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns
on February 6, 1999)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate D.C. Jones)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 6 of Chapter 431 of the Acts of Assembly of 1991, relating to the Richmond Ambulance Authority.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 6 of Chapter 431 of the Acts of Assembly of 1991 is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 6. General grant of powers.

The Authority created hereunder shall be deemed to be a public instrumentality exercising public and essential governmental functions to provide for the public health, safety and welfare, and such Authority is hereby authorized and empowered to:

1. Provide emergency ambulance service originating in the city, nonemergency service within the Commonwealth, and mutual aid to other jurisdictions upon request of such jurisdictions and conduct such other activities as may be reasonably related to doing so, subject to such restrictions as may be imposed by *Article 2.1 (§ 32.1-111.1 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 32.1 or other state law or regulation*;

2. Adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business;

3. Adopt an official seal and alter the same at pleasure;

4. Maintain an office at such place or places as it may designate;

5. Sue and be sued in its own name, plead and be impleaded;

6. Purchase, lease, equip, maintain, repair and operate motor vehicles, equipment and facilities within the corporate limits of the organizing municipality deemed necessary to perform its functions;

7. Fix and revise from time to time and charge and collect rates, rentals, fees and other charges for the services and facilities furnished by such Authority;

8. Acquire in the name of the Authority by gift, or lease-purchase, any motor vehicles and equipment, and to acquire such other personal property, as it may deem necessary in connection with the performance of its functions;

9. Lease all or any part of such motor vehicles, equipment and facilities upon such terms and conditions and for such term of years as it may deem advisable to carry out the provisions of this Act;

10. Make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and the execution of its powers under this Act; and employ such financial experts, accountants and attorneys and such employees and agents as may, in the judgment of the Authority, be deemed necessary, and fix their compensation; however, all such expenses shall be payable solely from funds made available under the provisions of this Act;

11. Do all acts and things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers granted by this Act;

12. Make and enter into all contracts with private entities with respect to any service to be performed by the Authority; and

13. Sell, exchange, donate, and convey any or all of its properties, real, personal or mixed, whenever its members shall find any such action to be in furtherance of the purposes for which the Authority was organized.