

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 10.1-1105 of the Code of Virginia, relating to scientific forestry*
3 *principles.*

4 [H 2668]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 10.1-1105 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 10.1-1105. Additional powers and duties of State Forester.

9 The State Forester shall supervise and direct all forest interests and all matters pertaining to forestry
10 within the Commonwealth. He shall have charge of all forest wardens and shall appoint, direct and
11 supervise persons he employs to perform labor in the forest reservations or the nurseries provided for
12 herein. He shall take such action as is authorized by law to prevent and extinguish forest fires; develop
13 a program to promote the use of prescribed burning for community protection and ecological,
14 silvicultural, and wildlife management; enforce all laws pertaining to forest and woodlands; prosecute
15 any violation of such laws; develop silvicultural best management practices, including reforestation,
16 prevention of erosion and sedimentation, and maintenance of buffers for water quality, pursuant to
17 Article 12 (§ 10.1-1181.1 et seq.) of this chapter; collect information relative to forest destruction and
18 conditions; direct the protection and improvement of all forest reservations; and, as far as his duties as
19 State Forester will permit, conduct an educational course on forestry at the University of Virginia for
20 credit toward a degree, at farmers' institutes and at similar meetings within the Commonwealth. He shall
21 provide for the protection of state waters from pollution by sediment deposition resulting from
22 silvicultural activities as provided in Article 12 (§ 10.1-1181.1 et seq.) of this chapter. In addition, the
23 State Forester shall cooperate with counties, municipalities, corporations and individuals in preparing
24 plans and providing technical assistance, *based on generally accepted scientific forestry principles*, for
25 the protection, management and replacement of trees, wood lots and timber tracts and the establishment
26 and preservation of urban forests, under an agreement that the parties obtaining such assistance shall pay
27 the field and traveling expenses of the person employed in preparing such plans.

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