

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to grant the Secretary of Public Safety the authority to implement the Statewide Agencies Radio*
3 *System.*

4 [S 608]

5 Approved

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

7 **1.** *§ 1. The Secretary of Public Safety is hereby granted the authority to finalize and implement the*
8 *Statewide Agencies Radio System (STARS) contract, consistent with provisions of Item 457 B, of the*
9 *general appropriation act for the Commonwealth's fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, as passed by the*
10 *2004 Session of the General Assembly, and to manage the STARS Program following implementation,*
11 *including but not limited to the following:*

12 *1. Approve any change orders as may be necessary or appropriate, within the limits of appropriated*
13 *and authorized funding, subject to any requirements contained in the contract to obtain additional*
14 *gubernatorial or General Assembly approvals.*

15 *2. Establish and maintain STARS as a program and staff within the Department of State Police.*

16 *3. Acquire any and all necessary sites for the implementation of STARS by negotiated acquisition or,*
17 *if deemed necessary by the Secretary of Public Safety for the efficient and cost-effective implementation*
18 *of the STARS contract, the exercise of eminent domain authority, including the authority granted in*
19 *Chapter 3 (§ 25.1-300 et seq.) of Title 25.1 of the Code of Virginia to use certificates of take or*
20 *certificates of deposit to acquire such property.*

21 *4. Maintain coordination with all user agencies by utilizing and maintaining the Management Group*
22 *and User Agencies Requirements Committee created by Executive Order 28 (01), or such other*
23 *mechanisms as may be approved in writing by the Governor, provided, however, that final decisions*
24 *regarding the management of the STARS Program shall be the responsibility of the Secretary of Public*
25 *Safety or his designee, as may be authorized herein.*

26 *§ 2. The Secretary of Public Safety or his designee shall consult with the Virginia Information*
27 *Technologies Agency (VITA) prior to implementing any significant data transport related network*
28 *upgrade or modification.*

29 *§ 3. The Secretary of Public Safety, as he deems necessary or appropriate, may delegate such*
30 *authority as is granted herein to any member of his staff or to the Superintendent of State Police. Any*
31 *delegations are subject to the continuing authority, accountability and responsibility of the Secretary of*
32 *Public Safety.*

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