

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act for the relief of Walter S. Lingeback.*

3 [H 2566]

4 Approved

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6 Whereas, in 1971, the treasurer for Northumberland County sold a certain piece of real property to
7 Walter S. Lingeback according to procedures set forth in the Code of Virginia at the time (former
8 sections §§ 58-1029 through 58-1117) because of delinquent taxes owed on the property; and

9 Whereas, such real property is more particularly described as that certain piece of real property
10 located in the Heathsville District in Northumberland County, consisting of approximately 22.7 acres and
11 listed in the name of the Estate of Edgar Crabbe; and

12 Whereas, pursuant to the law at the time, Mr. Lingeback was required to continue to pay the real
13 estate taxes on the property for a period of years prior to being eligible to make application to receive
14 clear title to the property, subject to certain redemption rights of the owners; and

15 Whereas, Mr. Lingeback has faithfully paid the real estate taxes on the property every year from
16 1971 through the present; and

17 Whereas, during this time there has been no claim by any person claiming any interest in the
18 property; and

19 Whereas, unbeknownst to Mr. Lingeback, in 1973 the General Assembly repealed the laws setting
20 forth the method that Mr. Lingeback was using to secure title and instituted a new proceeding for doing
21 so; and

22 Whereas, in repealing the previous process, the General Assembly provided a savings provision in
23 former § 58-1117.11 of the Code of Virginia for persons like Mr. Lingeback to continue to use the prior
24 procedures; and

25 Whereas, in 1984, during the recodification of Title 58 of the Code of Virginia, the savings provision
26 in former § 58-1117.11 of the Code was repealed because it was considered "obsolete" according to the
27 recodification report; and

28 Whereas, Mr. Lingeback attempted to get title under the previous procedure but was advised by the
29 appropriate local officials that such procedure was no longer law; and

30 Whereas, but for the repeal of § 58-1117.11 of the Code of Virginia, Mr. Lingeback would be
31 eligible to make application to receive clear title to the property; now, therefore,

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

33 1. *§1. Any suit or proceedings which were of a continuing nature which were instituted prior to June 1,*
34 *1973, by Walter S. Lingeback regarding certain real property as described in § 2 under the provisions*
35 *of former § 58-1027 or former §§ 58-1029 through 58-1117 of the Code of Virginia, regarding the*
36 *disposition and sale of delinquent lands may be completed in accordance with such provisions for the*
37 *purpose of effecting the objective of such suit or proceedings.*

38 § 2. *The property set forth in § 1 is that certain piece of real property located in the Heathsville*
39 *District in Northumberland County, consisting of approximately 22.7 acres and listed in the name of the*
40 *Estate of Edgar Crabbe.*

41 2. **That the provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 2007.**

42 3. **That an emergency exists and this act is in effect from its passage.**

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