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SENATE BILL NO. 419

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 3.1-18.6 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the responsibilities of the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry.

Patrons—Hanger and Deeds; Delegates: Landes and Lohr

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 3.1-18.6 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 3.1-18.6. Certain agencies to prepare plans for implementation of policy; Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry responsibilities.

Each of the following agencies shall prepare a plan for the implementation of the policies set forth in this chapter:

1. Department of Transportation;
2. Department of Health;
3. Department of Conservation and Recreation;
4. State Corporation Commission;
5. Department of Environmental Quality.

The plan shall contain an analysis of the impact which the agency's regulations and projects have on the conversion of farm and forest lands. The plan shall be updated and submitted to the Secretary of ~~Commerce and Trade~~ *Agriculture and Forestry* and the Secretary of Natural Resources annually. The Secretary of ~~Commerce and Trade~~ *Agriculture and Forestry* shall review the plan in consultation with the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the State Forester, and may recommend improvements to the plan. The Secretary of ~~Commerce and Trade~~ *Agriculture and Forestry* shall submit a written report by December 1 of each year to the chairmen of the House Committee on Agriculture and the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources on the impacts of state agency actions on the conversion of farm and forest lands.

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