

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 10.1-2202.3, relating to the*
3 *stewardship of historic properties owned by the Commonwealth.*

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5 Approved

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

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 10.1-2202.3 as follows:**

8 **§ 10.1-2202.3. Stewardship of state-owned historic properties.**

9 *A. In order to consider the broad public interest and protect the financial investment in state-owned*
10 *historic assets, the Department shall develop, on a biennial basis, a report on the stewardship of*
11 *state-owned properties. The report shall include, but not be limited to, a priority list of the*
12 *Commonwealth's most significant state-owned properties that are eligible for but not designated on the*
13 *Virginia Landmarks Register pursuant to § 10.1-2206.1. The report shall also provide a priority list of*
14 *significant state-owned properties, designated on or eligible for the Virginia Landmarks Register, which*
15 *are threatened with the loss of historic integrity or functionality. In developing the report, the*
16 *Department shall, in addition to significance and threat, take into account other public interest*
17 *considerations associated with landmark designation and the provision of proper care and maintenance*
18 *of property. These considerations shall include: (i) potential financial consequences to the*
19 *Commonwealth associated with failure to care for and maintain property, (ii) significant public*
20 *educational potential, (iii) significant tourism opportunities, and (iv) community values and comments.*
21 *The report shall be forwarded to all affected state agencies, including institutions of higher learning, the*
22 *Governor, the Secretary of Administration, the Secretary of Natural Resources, the Secretary of Finance,*
23 *and the General Assembly. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall assist and support the development*
24 *of the report by providing information and access to property as may be requested.*

25 *B. Each agency that owns property included in the report required by subsection A shall initiate*
26 *consultation with the Department within 60 days of receipt of the report and make a good faith effort to*
27 *reach a consensus decision on designation of an unlisted property and on the feasibility, advisability,*
28 *and general manner of addressing property needs in the case of a threatened historic property.*

29 *C. The Department shall prepare a biennial status report summarizing actions, decisions taken, and*
30 *the condition of properties previously identified as priorities. The status report, which may be combined*
31 *with the report required pursuant to subsection A, shall be forwarded to all affected state agencies,*
32 *including institutions of higher learning, as well as to the Governor, the Secretary of Administration, the*
33 *Secretary of Natural Resources, the Secretary of Finance, and the General Assembly.*

34 *D. The reports required in subsections A and C shall be completed and distributed as required no*
35 *later than May 1 of each odd-numbered year, so that information contained therein is available to the*
36 *agencies, the Secretary of Finance, the Secretary of Administration, and the Governor, as well as the*
37 *General Assembly, during budget preparation.*

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