

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 10.1-1700 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Open-Space Land Act.*

3 [H 1621]

4 Approved

5 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**6 **1. That § 10.1-1700 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

7 § 10.1-1700. Definitions.

8 As used in this ~~article~~ *chapter*, unless the context requires a different meaning:9 "Open-space easement" means a nonpossessory interest of a public body in real property, whether
10 easement appurtenant or in gross, acquired through gift, purchase, devise, or bequest imposing
11 limitations or affirmative obligations, the purposes of which include retaining or protecting natural or
12 open-space values of real property, assuring its availability for agricultural, forestal, recreational, or
13 open-space use, protecting natural resources, maintaining or enhancing air or water quality, or preserving
14 the historical, architectural or archaeological aspects of real property.15 "Open-space land" means any land which is provided or preserved for (i) park or recreational
16 purposes, (ii) conservation of land or other natural resources, (iii) historic or scenic purposes, (iv)
17 assisting in the shaping of the character, direction, and timing of community development, ~~or~~ (v)
18 wetlands as defined in § 28.2-1300, *or (vi) agricultural and forestal production.*19 "Public body" means any state agency having authority to acquire land for a public use, or any
20 county or municipality, any park authority, any public recreational facilities authority, any soil and water
21 conservation district, any community development authority formed pursuant to Article 6 (§ 15.2-5152 et
22 seq.) of Chapter 51 of Title 15.2, or the Virginia Recreational Facilities Authority.

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