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SENATE BILL NO. 551

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Governor
on April 7, 2014)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Puckett)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 10.1-411.4, relating to designation of a segment of the Cranesnest River as a State Scenic River.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 10.1-411.4 as follows:

§ 10.1-411.4. Cranesnest State Scenic River.

A. The Cranesnest River from Route 637 to the Flanagan Reservoir Cranesnest Launch Ramp in Dickenson County, a distance of approximately 10.7 miles, is hereby designated a component of the Virginia Scenic Rivers System.

B. Nothing in this section shall preclude the Commonwealth or a local governing body from constructing, reconstructing, or performing necessary maintenance on any road or bridge.

C. This designation as a scenic river shall not be used:

1. To designate the lands along the river and its tributaries as unsuitable for mining pursuant to § 45.1-252 or regulations promulgated with respect to such section, or as unsuitable for use as a location for a surface mineral mine as defined in § 45.1-161.292:2; however, the Department shall still be permitted to exercise the powers granted under § 10.1-402; or

2. To be a criterion for purposes of imposing water quality standards under the federal Clean Water Act.

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