

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-2223.3, relating to*
3 *comprehensive plan; sea-level rise.*

4 [S 1443]
5 Approved

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

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-2223.3 as follows:**

8 *§ 15.2-2223.3. Comprehensive plan shall incorporate strategies to combat projected sea-level rise*
9 *and recurrent flooding.*

10 *Beginning July 1, 2015, any locality included in the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission*
11 *shall incorporate into the next scheduled and all subsequent reviews of its comprehensive plan strategies*
12 *to combat projected relative sea-level rise and recurrent flooding. Such review shall be coordinated with*
13 *the other localities in the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission. The Department of*
14 *Conservation and Recreation, the Department of Emergency Management, the Marine Resources*
15 *Commission, Old Dominion University, and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science shall provide*
16 *technical assistance to any such locality upon request. Where federal regulations as effective July 1,*
17 *2015 require a local hazard mitigation plan for participation in the Federal Emergency Management*
18 *Agency (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program, such a plan may also be incorporated into the*
19 *comprehensive plan. For a locality not participating in the FEMA Community Rating System, the*
20 *comprehensive plan may include an action plan and time frame for such participation.*

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