

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to examine approaches to ensure that chemical storage is conducted in a manner that protects*
3 *human health and the environment.*

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5 Approved

[S 811]

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

7 **1.** § 1. *The Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, the State Health Commissioner, and*
8 *the State Coordinator of Emergency Management shall evaluate existing statutory and regulatory tools*
9 *for ensuring that chemical storage in the Commonwealth is conducted in a manner that is protective of*
10 *human health, public safety, drinking water resources, and the environment of the Commonwealth. This*
11 *evaluation may include (i) an examination of Virginia's existing programs to protect drinking water*
12 *resources from contamination from chemical storage; (ii) identification of any existing gaps or*
13 *inadequacy in drinking water protections related to chemical storage; (iii) identification of any existing*
14 *gaps or inadequacy in chemical storage standards; (iv) any recommendations on chemical storage in the*
15 *Commonwealth to address protection of human health, public safety, drinking water resources, the*
16 *environment, and the economy of the Commonwealth; and (v) other policies and procedures that the*
17 *Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, the State Health Commissioner, and the State*
18 *Coordinator of Emergency Management determine may enhance the protection of Virginia's drinking*
19 *water resources and the safe storage of chemicals in Virginia.*

20 *The Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, the State Health Commissioner, and the*
21 *State Coordinator of Emergency Management shall report the findings of the evaluation to the State*
22 *Water Commission, the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural*
23 *Resources, and the Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural*
24 *Resources no later than December 1, 2016.*

25 *For purposes of this section, "chemical storage" means those chemicals identified by the Superfund*
26 *Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) and the Emergency Planning and Community*
27 *Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA) that provides for hazardous chemical storage reporting requirements in*
28 *Section 312 of the SARA and are stored in excess of 10,000 gallons.*

29 **2.** *That the provisions of this act shall expire on January 1, 2017.*

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