

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend and reenact the tenth enactments of Chapters 68 and 758 of the Acts of Assembly of
3 2016 and to direct the Commonwealth Center for Recurrent Flooding Resiliency to convene a work
4 group relating to stormwater and erosion control; local rural development growth areas; volume
5 credit program; regional stormwater best management practices banks.

6 [H 1774]

7 Approved

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

9 1. § 1. That the Commonwealth Center for Recurrent Flooding Resiliency shall convene a work group to
10 examine opportunities to improve stormwater management in rural localities that are located in
11 Tidewater Virginia, as defined in § 62.1-44.15:68 of the Code of Virginia. The work group shall review
12 and consider alternative methods that could be used in such localities to meet or exceed the level of
13 water quality protection and water quantity control provided by the Virginia Stormwater Management
14 Program (VSMP) Regulation, 9VAC25-870, including (i) the creation of rural development growth areas
15 within such localities, in which stormwater management could be administered by the localities using
16 different approaches than those set forth in the VSMP Regulation; (ii) the development of a volume
17 credit program to fulfill water quantity requirements; (iii) the payment of fees to support regional
18 stormwater best management practices; and (iv) the allowance of the use of the stormwater in the
19 networks of ditches that line the highways within such localities to generate volume credits.

20 § 2. That the work group created by this act shall be facilitated by the Virginia Coastal Policy
21 Center at William and Mary Law School and shall include representatives of the Virginia Institute of
22 Marine Science, Old Dominion University, the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Virginia
23 Department of Environmental Quality, the Chesapeake Bay Commission, local governments,
24 environmental interests, private mitigation providers, the agriculture industry, the engineering and
25 development communities, and other stakeholders as determined necessary.

26 § 3. That in order to support the efforts of the work group created by this act, the Commonwealth
27 Center for Recurrent Flooding Resiliency shall provide comprehensive analysis of the appropriate
28 regulatory sections, and alternatives developed by the work group, with the goal of determining the
29 difference in water quality benefits provided.

30 § 4. That the Commonwealth Center for Recurrent Flooding Resiliency shall report the results of the
31 examination conducted by the work group created by this act, including recommendations for any
32 legislative or regulatory measures needed to improve the administration of stormwater management by
33 rural localities, to the Governor, the Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and
34 Natural Resources, and the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and
35 Natural Resources no later than January 1, 2018.

36 2. That the tenth enactments of Chapters 68 and 758 of the Acts of Assembly of 2016 are amended
37 and reenacted as follows:

38 10. That the provisions of this act shall become effective July 1, 2017 2018, or 30 days after the
39 adoption by the State Water Control Board of the regulations required by the ninth enactment of
40 this act, whichever occurs later.

41 3. That the provisions of the first enactment of this act shall expire on January 1, 2018.

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