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HOUSE BILL NO. 1096

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 62.1 a chapter numbered 19.2, consisting of a section numbered 62.1-193.4, relating to disposal of dredged material; fast-track permit.

Patron—Hodges

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Title 62.1 a chapter numbered 19.2, consisting of a section numbered 62.1-193.4 as follows:

CHAPTER 19.2.

DISPOSAL OF DREDGED MATERIAL.

§ 62.1-193.4. Sites for disposal of dredged material.

The Department of Environmental Quality, in cooperation with the Marine Resources Commission and with technical assistance from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, shall establish and implement a fast-track permitting program that authorizes the selection and use of appropriate sites for the disposal of dredged material.

2. That the State Water Control Board (the Board) shall adopt regulations to implement the provisions of this act to be effective no later than July 1, 2019. The Board's initial adoption of regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act shall be exempt from the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq. of the Code of Virginia), except that the Board shall provide an opportunity for public comment on the regulations prior to adoption.

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