

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 32.1-248.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to use of rainwater and*
3 *gray water; regulations.*

4 [H 192]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 32.1-248.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 32.1-248.2. Use of rainwater and reuse of gray water; regulations.**

9 A. The Department shall develop by January 1, 1999, guidelines adopt regulations regarding the use
10 of gray water and rainwater. The guidelines regulations shall (i) describe the conditions under which
11 gray water and rainwater may appropriately be used and for what purposes. The guidelines shall; (ii)
12 include categories of used gray water, such as types of used household water and used water from
13 businesses, which that are appropriate for reuse. The guidelines shall; and (iii) include a definition of
14 gray water that does not include excludes used toilet water. The regulations shall also provide standards
15 for the use of rainwater harvesting systems, including systems that collect rainwater for use by
16 commercial enterprises but do not provide water for human consumption.

17 Such regulations shall not apply to nonpotable water, including gray water and rainwater, that is
18 produced and utilized by any facility that is permitted through a Virginia Pollutant Discharge
19 Elimination System permit or General Virginia Pollution Abatement permit.

20 B. The Department, in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Quality, shall promote the
21 use of rainwater and reuse of gray water as means to reduce fresh water consumption, ease demands on
22 public treatment works and water supply systems, and promote conservation.

23 C. The Department, in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Quality, shall consider
24 recognizing rainwater as an independent source of fresh water available for use by the residents of the
25 Commonwealth.

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