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HOUSE BILL NO. 2637

Offered January 10, 2019

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 62.1-229.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to loans and grants for agricultural best management practices; riparian buffers.*

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Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 62.1-229.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 62.1-229.1. Loans and grants for agricultural best management practices.**

Loans *or grants* may be made from the Fund, in the Board's discretion, to ~~an individual~~ (i) any person for the construction, *renovation, improvement, or equipping* of facilities or structures to implement agricultural best management practices to prevent pollution of state waters; ~~to~~; (ii) a local government ~~which~~ *that* has developed a low-interest loan program to provide loans or other incentives to facilitate the construction, *renovation, improvement, or equipping* of such facilities or structures; or ~~to~~ (iii) a financial institution working with a local government to establish ~~such~~ a program *pursuant to clause (ii)*. The Board shall develop guidelines for the administration of such loans *and grants* and shall determine the terms and conditions of any loan *or grant* from the Fund. *For purposes of this section, facilities or structures to implement agricultural best management practices may include riparian buffers planted in trees and maintained in accordance with the terms and conditions of the loan or grant.*

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