

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act directing the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to convene a working*
3 *group to assess the opportunities for development and manufacturing in the industrial hemp industry.*

4 [H 491]

5 Approved

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

7 **1. § 1.** *That the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall convene a working*
8 *group to assess the opportunities for development and manufacturing in the industrial hemp industry.*
9 *The working group shall consider (i) federal and state requirements, (ii) key drivers and challenges, (iii)*
10 *anticipated job growth and wage expectations, (iv) talent and skill requirements, (v) site and building*
11 *needs, and (vi) manufacturing companies and supply chain requirements. The working group shall*
12 *consist of the chief executive of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership or his designee; the*
13 *members of the Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission appointed pursuant to Chapter 31*
14 *(§ 3.2-3100 et seq.) of Title 3.2 of the Code of Virginia; representatives of the Virginia Agribusiness*
15 *Council and the Virginia Farm Bureau, who shall be involved in the growing or production of industrial*
16 *hemp; and the Chief Workforce Development Advisor appointed pursuant to § 2.2-435.6 of the Code of*
17 *Virginia.*

18 **§ 2.** *The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall report by November 30, 2020,*
19 *to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources and the*
20 *Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources on the analysis required*
21 *pursuant to § 1 of this act.*

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