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**SENATE BILL NO. 1199**

Senate Amendments in [ ] - January 26, 2021

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 10.1 of Title 10.1 a section numbered 10.1-1016.1 and by adding in Chapter 17 of Title 10.1 a section numbered 10.1-1705.1, relating to conservation easements; construction.*

Patrons Prior to Engrossment—Senator Petersen and Mason

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 10.1 of Title 10.1 a section numbered 10.1-1016.1 and by adding in Chapter 17 of Title 10.1 a section numbered 10.1-1705.1 as follows:**

**§ 10.1-1016.1. Construction.**

*Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, an easement held pursuant to this chapter shall be [ ~~liberally~~ ] construed in favor of achieving the conservation purposes for which it was created.*

**§ 10.1-1705.1. Construction.**

*Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, an easement held pursuant to this chapter shall be [ ~~liberally~~ ] construed in favor of achieving the conservation purposes for which it was created.*

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