

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 3.2 a chapter numbered 33.1, consisting of*
3 *sections numbered 3.2-3304 through 3.2-3307, relating to Dairy Producer Margin Coverage*
4 *Premium Assistance Program; report.*

5 [H 1750]

6 Approved

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

8 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Title 3.2 a chapter numbered 33.1,**
9 **consisting of sections numbered 3.2-3304 through 3.2-3307, as follows:**

10 **CHAPTER 33.1.**11 **DAIRY PRODUCER MARGIN COVERAGE PREMIUM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**12 **§ 3.2-3304. Definitions.**13 *For the purposes of this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:*14 *"DCR" means the Department of Conservation and Recreation.*15 *"Farm Act" means the federal Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, P.L. 115-334.*16 *"Federal coverage program" means the federal margin coverage program for dairy producers as*
17 *contained in the Farm Act.*18 *"Program" means the Dairy Producer Margin Coverage Premium Assistance Program created*
19 *pursuant to this chapter.*20 **§ 3.2-3305. Dairy Producer Margin Coverage Premium Assistance Program.**21 *A. The Commissioner shall establish and administer the Dairy Producer Margin Coverage Premium*
22 *Assistance Program to assist dairy producers that participate in the federal coverage program.*23 *B. Any dairy producer in the Commonwealth that participates in the federal coverage program at the*
24 *first tier coverage level and (i) has a resource management plan and has been certified as having*
25 *implemented such plan by, or is in the process of having such plan reviewed by, DCR or a local soil*
26 *and water conservation district or (ii) has a nutrient management plan that has been approved by, or is*
27 *currently being reviewed by, DCR shall be eligible to apply to participate in the Program. An eligible*
28 *dairy producer shall apply to the Department by February 1 of each year to participate.*29 *C. Any participating dairy producer that has paid an annual federal premium payment at the tier I*
30 *level in accordance with the Farm Act and provides proof of such payment to the Department shall have*
31 *the amount of such premium reimbursed by the Department. Such reimbursement shall be provided on a*
32 *first-come, first-served basis and shall be subject to availability of funds expressly appropriated for the*
33 *purposes set forth in this chapter.*34 **§ 3.2-3306. Report.**35 *The Commissioner shall submit an annual report no later than December 1 of each year to the*
36 *House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on*
37 *Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources assessing the effectiveness of the Program in*
38 *preserving and assisting with the continued operation of dairy producers in the Commonwealth.*39 **§ 3.2-3307. Expiration of chapter.**40 *The provisions of this chapter shall expire on July 1, 2023.*