

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 2.2-2339 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Fort Monroe Authority;*
3 *duties; facilities management.*

4 [H 1206]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 2.2-2339 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 2.2-2339. Duties of the Authority.**

9 The Authority shall have the power and duty:

10 1. To do all things necessary and proper to further an appreciation of the contributions of the first
11 permanent English-speaking settlers as well as the Virginia Indians to the building of our
12 Commonwealth and nation, to commemorate the establishment of the first coastal fortification in the
13 English-speaking New World, to commemorate the lives of prominent Virginians who were connected to
14 the largest moated fortification in the United States, to commemorate the important role of African
15 Americans in the history of the site, including the "Contraband" slave decision in 1861 that earned Fort
16 Monroe the designation as "Freedom's Fortress," to commemorate Old Point Comfort's role in
17 establishing international trade and British maritime law in Virginia, and to commemorate almost 250
18 years of continuous service as a coastal defense fortification of the United States of America;

19 2. To hire and develop a professional staff including an executive director and such other staff as is
20 necessary to discharge the responsibilities of the Authority;

21 3. To establish personnel policies and benefits for staff;

22 4. To oversee the preservation, conservation, protection, and maintenance of the Commonwealth's
23 natural resources and real property interests at Fort Monroe and the renewal of Fort Monroe as a vibrant
24 and thriving community;

25 5. To adopt an annual budget, which shall be submitted to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on
26 Finance and Appropriations and the House Committee on Appropriations and the Department of
27 Planning and Budget by July 1 of each year;

28 6. To provide for additional, more complete, or more timely services than are generally available in
29 the City of Hampton as a whole; ~~and~~

30 7. *To create and manage a department within the Authority for the purpose of overseeing and*
31 *managing all property and facilities provided, owned, operated, or financed by the Authority; and*

32 8. To serve as the Commonwealth's management agent for all the land in the Area of Operation and
33 for the implementation of actions and fulfillment of federal and state obligations for public and private
34 land under the Fort Monroe Master Plan, Programmatic Agreement, Design Standards, Reuse Plan, State
35 Memorandum of Understanding, and any other agreements regarding Fort Monroe to which the
36 Commonwealth is a party, ensuring adherence to the findings, declarations, and policies set forth in this
37 article, unless the Commonwealth and the Authority specifically agree in writing to the contrary.

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