

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to review and update certain guidelines to*
3 *provide for the generation of vegetated and unvegetated wetland credits from wetland creation,*
4 *restoration, conversion, and enhancement activities, invasive species control, and the establishment of*
5 *open water channels.*

6 [H 1950]

7 Approved

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

9 1. § 1. *The Virginia Marine Resources Commission (the Commission) shall review and update the*
10 *Commission's "Guidelines for Establishment, Use and Operation of Tidal Wetland Mitigation Banks in*
11 *Virginia" (January 1, 1998) and its regulations, Wetlands Mitigation-Compensation Policy and*
12 *Supplemental Guidelines (4VAC20-390) (the Guidelines). Such review and update shall consider*
13 *provisions relating to the generation of vegetated and unvegetated wetland credits from wetland*
14 *creation, restoration, conversion, and enhancement activities, invasive species control, and the*
15 *establishment of open water channels. Such update shall also include making the Guidelines consistent*
16 *with the Commission's "Tidal Wetlands Guidelines" (May 2021 Update), including updating the wetlands*
17 *types and properties. The Commission shall form a stakeholder group including representatives from the*
18 *mitigation banking industry, conservation organizations, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the*
19 *Department of Environmental Quality, and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science for the purpose of*
20 *reviewing and updating the Guidelines. The Commission shall complete the review and update by July*
21 *1, 2024.*

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