

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 9 a chapter numbered 43, consisting of*
3 *sections numbered 9-334 and 9-335, relating to establishment of the Virginia Chesapeake Bay*
4 *Partnership Council.*

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Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**
8 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Title 9 a chapter numbered 43, consisting of**
9 **sections numbered 9-334 and 9-335, as follows:**

10 CHAPTER 43.

11 VIRGINIA CHESAPEAKE BAY PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL.

12 § 9-334. *Virginia Chesapeake Bay Partnership Council established.*

13 *The Virginia Chesapeake Bay Partnership Council, referred to in this chapter as the Council, is*
14 *hereby established as a permanent legislative agency of the Commonwealth. The Council's purpose is to*
15 *advise the Governor, the Secretary of Natural Resources, and the General Assembly regarding the*
16 *coordination of Virginia's efforts in the regional Bay program, strategic planning for Bay restoration*
17 *and implementation of Virginia's commitments.*

18 *In carrying out its duties, the Council shall assist in the coordination of timely and efficient*
19 *implementation of Bay programs and commitments; review and help disseminate to the public*
20 *information regarding the restoration progress; consult with Virginia's representatives to the interstate*
21 *Chesapeake Bay Program; and help facilitate strategic partnerships with businesses, local governments,*
22 *resource users, environmental and conservation organizations and citizens. The Council shall also*
23 *nominate persons and organizations to receive the "Friend of the Bay Award" (§ 2.1-51.8:3). The*
24 *Council shall have no regulatory authority to carry out its duties.*

25 § 9-335. *Membership; terms; compensation.*

26 *The Council shall consist of nineteen members as follows: four citizen members appointed by the*
27 *Speaker of the House of Delegates; four citizen members appointed by the Senate Committee on*
28 *Privileges and Elections; four citizen members appointed by the Governor; and the Chairmen of the*
29 *House Chesapeake and its Tributaries Committee, the House Conservation and Natural Resources*
30 *Committee, the Senate Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources Committee and the Chairman of*
31 *the Chesapeake Bay Commission Virginia delegation. The chairmen of the three standing committees of*
32 *the legislature may select a member of their respective committees to serve in their place. Citizen*
33 *members shall include representatives of the scientific and technical community, local government*
34 *officials, representatives of environmental organizations specifically working on Chesapeake Bay*
35 *matters, representatives of educational institutions and other interest groups. Nonvoting ex officio*
36 *members shall include a Virginia representative of the three standing advisory committees of the*
37 *interstate Chesapeake Bay Program. The Council shall elect a chairman from among its legislative*
38 *members.*

39 *Citizen members shall serve for terms of four years. Legislative members' terms of service shall*
40 *coincide with their term as chairman of their respective committees. Any vacancies shall be filled by the*
41 *Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, as*
42 *appropriate. Citizen members shall receive no compensation for their service but shall receive*
43 *reimbursement for actual expenses. The Council shall meet at the call of the chairman or at least three*
44 *times per year.*

45 *Staffing for the Council shall be provided by the Division of Legislative Services. All agencies of the*
46 *Commonwealth with responsibility for Chesapeake Bay-related programs shall cooperate with the*
47 *Council in its work and deliberations.*

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