CHAPTER 301

An Act to authorize the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to convey certain real estate.

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Whereas, the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (the Board), Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control of the Commonwealth of Virginia, owns a parcel of land in the City of Richmond bounded by Sherwood Avenue and Robin Hood Road on which is located a warehouse, a paved parking area, and an abandoned railroad sidetrack; and

Whereas, the abandoned railroad sidetrack is of no use to the Board for its present or anticipated future purposes; and

Whereas, the land adjacent to the area occupied by the abandoned railroad sidetrack is owned by Richfood, Inc., which owns and operates the Richfood Dairy milk processing plant located thereon; and

Whereas, Richfood Dairy requires additional land to continue and expand its dairy operations at that site; and

Whereas, the conveyance of a strip of land approximately 320 feet by 130 feet between Sherwood Avenue and Robin Hood Road upon which is located the abandoned railroad sidetrack would provide the space needed for Richfood Dairy's operations; and

Whereas, such conveyance would provide additional real estate tax revenue to the City of Richmond, as well as enable Richfood Dairy to maintain its 150-person workforce at the site and to expand that workforce in the future; and

Whereas, Richfood, Inc., is the only owner of property adjacent to that strip of land which is 320 feet by 130 feet, except the Board which has no anticipated use for it; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. *§ 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control of the Commonwealth of Virginia, is hereby authorized to convey to Richfood, Inc., a strip of land approximately 320 feet by 130 feet between Sherwood Avenue and Robin Hood Road in the City of Richmond lying between the property of Richfood, Inc., and the portion of the property owned by the Board that is paved for vehicle parking and upon which is located a railroad sidetrack; the conveyance shall be on terms determined by the Board without competitive bidding. The purchase price for any conveyance shall be no less than the fair market value of the property conveyed as determined by an independent appraisal. The appropriate officials of the Commonwealth are hereby authorized to prepare, execute and deliver such deed and other documents as may be necessary to accomplish such conveyance.*