

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1996 SESSION

CHAPTER 677

An Act to amend and reenact § 10.1-202 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Conservation Resources Fund.

[S 623]

Approved April 6, 1996

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 10.1-202 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 10.1-202. Gifts and funds for state parks to constitute Conservation Resources Fund; concession fees.

Gifts of money, entrance ~~and concession~~ fees, *fees from contractor-operated concessions*, and all funds accruing from, on account of, or to the use of state parks acquired or held by the ~~Commonwealth~~ Department shall constitute the Conservation Resources Fund. The Fund shall be under the direction and control of the Director and may be expended for the conservation, development, maintenance, and operations of state parks acquired or held by the ~~Commonwealth~~ Department. However, expenditures from the Fund for operation of state parks shall not exceed, in any fiscal year, an amount equal to ~~twenty-five~~ *forty-five* percent of the revenues deposited into the Fund from fees and charges paid by visitors to state parks. *The remainder of the revenues deposited into the Fund from fees and charges paid by visitors to state parks shall be expended for the conservation and development of state parks. Revenues generated from state park concessions operated by the Department shall be deposited into a separate special fund for use in operating such concessions.* Unexpended portions of the Fund shall not revert to the state treasury at the close of any fiscal year unless specified by an act of the General Assembly. The Fund shall not include any gifts of money to the Virginia Conservation and Recreation Foundation or other funds deposited in the Virginia Conservation and Recreation Fund.

The proceeds from the sales of surplus property shall be used exclusively for the acquisition and development of state parks.

2. That the provision of this act which requires that expenditures from the Conservation Resources Fund for operation of state parks not exceed, in any fiscal year, an amount equal to forty-five percent of the revenues deposited into the Conservation Resources Fund from fees and charges paid by visitors to state parks shall expire on July 1, 1997, and thereafter, expenditures for this purpose from the Conservation Resources Fund shall not exceed, in any fiscal year, an amount equal to twenty-five percent.