## **HOUSE BILL NO. 633**

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE (Proposed by the House Committee on Appropriations on February 5, 1996)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Guest)

A BILL authorizing the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries to convey certain of its land in Caroline County, and to accept certain property in exchange.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries is hereby authorized to convey, as part of an exchange of lands conditioned by the provisions of §§ 1 and 2 and upon such additional terms, and as the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries deems proper, with the approval of the Governor and the Secretary of Natural Resources, a parcel of land known as the Pettigrew Wildlife Management Area. As additional consideration, approximately seventy percent of the Pettigrew Wildlife Management Area shall be placed under a perpetual conservation easement and dedicated to open space uses. The area covered by the perpetual easement shall, at a minimum, include an undeveloped buffer area of 1,000 feet in width extending parallel to U.S. Route 17 along the existing Pettigrew boundary and all that portion of the property south of a line drawn 2,000 feet north of and parallel to Mount Creek. The perpetual conservation easement shall be generally consistent with the easement policies of the Virginia Outdoors Foundation, subject to the final design and location of State Routes 614, 615, and U.S. Route 17.

§ 2. In consideration for such conveyance, the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries is authorized to accept certain lands, with or without improvements of equal or greater fair market value with wildlife value suitable to the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries, and of acreage approximately two and one-half times that of the Pettigrew Wildlife Management Area. For the purposes of the exchange proposed by this section, the exchange properties shall be appraised at their current fair market values. The Pettigrew Wildlife Management Area shall be appraised immediately prior to any exchange without consideration for the conservation or open space easement.

**28** § 3. The deeds of conveyance and other documents shall be in the form approved by the Attorney **29** General.