

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1997 SESSION

## CHAPTER 269

*An Act to amend and reenact § 9-145.47 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Recycling Markets Development Council.*

[H 2881]

Approved March 11, 1997

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

**1. That § 9-145.47 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 9-145.47. The Virginia Recycling Markets Development Council established; duties and responsibilities.

A. The Virginia Recycling Markets Development Council is hereby established and shall be referred to in the chapter as the Council. The Council shall have the following functions:

1. To promote and coordinate state agencies' and authorities' efforts to enhance markets for recycled or recovered materials;

2. To promote the purchase of products made from recycled or recovered material;

3. To identify and evaluate financial and other incentives which may attract new businesses that can use recycled or recovered materials generated in Virginia;

4. To identify barriers to the development of markets for recycled materials including existing state policies, regulations and procedures, and recommend alternatives to overcome such obstacles;

5. To develop recommendations for the establishment of a regional or interstate marketing system for recycled materials;

6. To encourage the use of uniform recycling definitions and standards throughout the state;

7. To promote and encourage public/private market development initiatives; ~~and~~

8. To report annually its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly; *and*

9. *To determine the volume of materials by varying categories or commodities which is being recycled in the Commonwealth and to report its findings in its 1998 annual report. The Council shall investigate the frequency of situations in which, because of market conditions or other factors, materials collected for recycling are otherwise disposed of, and determine measures to avoid the recurrence of such situations. The Department of Environmental Quality shall provide staff to the Council for the purposes of this subdivision and shall cooperate with the Council in the preparation of the report.*

B. The Council shall develop and monitor the implementation of a plan to strengthen Virginia's recycling infrastructure and markets which will (i) improve the supply and quantity of recyclables available, (ii) expand the capacity of collectors, processors and manufacturers to handle and use secondary materials, and (iii) incorporate strategies to increase the use of specific materials.