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HOUSE BILL NO. 2107

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 3.1 of Title 62.1 a section numbered 62.1-44.15:5.1, relating to water quality improvement general permits.

Patrons—Deeds and Landes

Referred to Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 3.1 of Title 62.1 a section numbered 62.1-44.15:5.1 as follows:

§ 62.1-44.15:5.1. General permit for certain water quality improvement activities.

A. The Board shall coordinate the development of a general permit for activities such as bioengineered stream-bank stabilization projects and livestock stream crossings that: (i) are coverable by the Nationwide Permit Program (33 C.F.R. Part 330) of the United States Army Corps of Engineers; (ii) are conservation practices designed and supervised by a Soil and Water Conservation District; (iii) meet the design standards of the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service; and (iv) are intended to improve water quality.

B. The development of the general permit shall be a coordinated effort between the Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Marine Resources Commission and such other agencies as may be needed to develop a single, unified, general permit that will expedite the implementation of the projects described in subsection A and unify and streamline the permitting process for such projects.

C. A general permit pursuant to this section shall be promulgated as final by July 1, 1998.

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