

1998 RECONVENED SESSION

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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to give the consent of the Commonwealth to the extension of the lease for the operation of a*
3 *certain hotel at Fort Monroe.*

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Approved

6 Whereas, pursuant to an act of the General Assembly passed March 1, 1821, David Campbell,
7 Governor of the Commonwealth, conveyed to the United States certain lands and shoals at Old Point
8 Comfort, Virginia, upon certain terms and conditions; and

9 Whereas, the deed provided, "That the United States shall use the said . . . land for the purpose of
10 fortification and national defense, and no other, and if the United States at any time abandon the said
11 lands and shoals or appropriate to any other purposes than those herein mentioned, then this conveyance
12 to be void, and the said lands and shoal to revert and revest in the Commonwealth of Virginia"; and

13 Whereas, for many years under a grant from the Secretary of War of the United States, made
14 pursuant to a joint resolution of the Congress of the United States, and with the consent of the
15 Commonwealth in an act of the 1887 General Assembly, later reaffirmed by a 1922 act, a hotel known
16 as the Chamberlin Hotel has been maintained on the United States government reservation at Fort
17 Monroe, Virginia; and

18 Whereas, certain portions of the existing structure have been used for such business or professional
19 office space as deemed appropriate by the operator of such hotel, as well as for hotel purposes, and such
20 action has been with the consent of the Commonwealth; and

21 Whereas, in 1983, the United States would not permit the use of the site for business or professional
22 office space for purposes not necessarily related to the fortification and other objects of national defense,
23 until the consent of the Commonwealth was obtained, and such consent was given pursuant to Chapter
24 246 of the 1983 Acts of Assembly; and

25 Whereas, the United States has proposed to enter into a new lease of the Chamberlin Hotel with a
26 new private lessee, the term thereof to end December 31, 2037, but the United States will not approve
27 the lease until the consent of the Commonwealth is obtained; and

28 Whereas, the term of the proposed lease will extend beyond the original 100-year period addressed
29 by the 1887 and 1922 Acts of Assembly; now, therefore,

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

31 1. § 1. *The consent of the Commonwealth is hereby given to such individuals or company, and their
32 successors and assigns, as may be granted the privilege by the United States to maintain and operate
33 the hotel presently known as the Chamberlin Hotel at Fort Monroe, Virginia, to lease, sublease or use
34 such structure for hotel, business or professional office space as deemed appropriate by the operator of
35 the hotel holding the privilege from the United States for a term up to and including December 31,
36 2037, hereby abridging and suspending for the period of such term, the provision of the deed from the
37 Commonwealth to the United States by which such site would revert and revest in the Commonwealth.*

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