

Report of the Subcommittee on Economic Development and Natural Resources

(Amendments to SB 29 And SB 30 as Introduced)

Senate Finance Committee Virginia General Assembly

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# 2006 Report of the Economic Development and Natural Resources Subcommittee Walter A. Stosch, Chairman

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

I am pleased to report the recommendations of the Economic Development and Natural Resources Subcommittee. I believe that the amendments before you will significantly improve our environment and will offer a new array of economic opportunities for Virginia's cities and rural communities.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

If there is one theme in the amendments before you it can be characterized as *honoring commitments*. The Governor in his introduced budget included over \$65.0 million for the Governor's Opportunity Fund, the Virginia Investment Partnership Act, and other incentives for businesses who have proven their faith in Virginia through capital investments and job creation. And, we support these initiatives.

The Subcommittee also worked hard to honor commitments made by the Commonwealth to companies who invest in communities facing economic challenges -- \$2.0 million for the Enterprise Zone Program.

And, for Rural Virginia, \$9.0 million begins to honor our commitment to ensure that all Virginians have a brighter economic future. Our budget amendments and the gubernatorial initiatives spur economic development, expand the opportunities of broadband

technology across the state, and encourage landowners to reforest their lands.

#### NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. Chairman, the protection and preservation of Virginia's natural resources is a constitutional obligation. It is an obligation that the Committee takes seriously.

To that end, the Subcommittee supports the Governor's actions to provide \$275.1 million for water quality programs. In addition to these resources, the Subcommittee recommends another \$3.0 million to support the Soil and Water Conservation Districts in their work with farmers to address non-point source pollution in the Chesapeake Bay and Southern Rivers watersheds.

Mr. Chairman, the Subcommittee has long supported Virginia's state parks. We applaud the Governor for his \$1.6 million amendment. The Subcommittee recommends an additional \$2.0 million to support this incredible resource.

In closing, I would like to say that we believe in Virginia's future, and we believe our recommendations will help make that future better.

Respectfully Submitted,
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The Honorable Walter A. Stosch, Chairman
The Honorable Charles R. Hawkins
The Honorable Richard L. Saslaw
The Honorable Frederick M. Quayle
The Honorable Emmett W. Hanger, Jr.
The Honorable John C. Watkins

Senate Bill 29							
			GF	NGF			
SA	Agency	Title	FY 06	FY 06			
С&Т	DHCD	Norfolk economic dev. Project	1,060,000				
NR	DCR	Friend of the Bay license fees		352,021			
Part 3	Transfer	Norfolk economic dev. Project	1,060,000				

	Agriculture	& Forestry			
	Senate Bill 30	)			
	General Fur	nd Recommend	ations	NGF	Positions
AGENCIES	FY 2007	FY 2008	Biennium	Biennium	FY 2008
Secretary of Agriculture & Forestry					
SB 30, as introduced	404,497	404,696	809,193	0	3.00
No amendments					
Total	404,497	404,696	809,193	0	3.00
Agriculture					
SB 30, as introduced	27,015,510	26,848,339	53,863,849	49,794,262	506.00
Dangerous Dog Registry-SB 200	200,147	78,302	278,449	83,250	1.00
Marketing/Statistics Survey	75,000	0	75,000		
Purchase of Dev. Rights	1,225,000	1,080,000	2,305,000		1.00
Hydrilla- Lake Gaston & Potomac	100,000	0	100,000		
Coyote control services	Language				
Total	28,615,657	28,006,641	56,622,298	49,877,512	508.00
Forestry					
SB 30, as introduced	18,284,883	17,795,606	35,980,489	20,569,640	323.38
Personal Data Assistants	(100,000)	0	(100,000)		
Reforestation of Timberlands	233,622	233,622	467,244		
Total	18,418,505	18,029,228	36,347,733	72,795,466	323.38
VA Agricultural Council					
SB 30, as introduced			0	980,668	0.00
No amendments					
Total	0	0	0	980,668	0.00

Economic Development
Senate Bill 30

		Fund Recomme		NGF	Positions
AGENCIES	FY 2007	FY 2008	Biennium	Biennium	FY 2008
Secretary of Commerce & Trade					
SB 30, as introduced	836,869	837,069	1,673,938	0	8.00
Business Incentives Study	language				
Total	836,869	837,069	1,673,938	0	8.00
Board of Accountancy					
SB 30, as introduced			0	1,560,882	7.00
No amendments					
Total			0	1,560,882	7.00
Business Assistance					
SB 30, as introduced	11,573,366	11,503,798	23,077,164	2,382,724	47.00
No amendments					
Total	11,573,366	11,503,798	23,077,164	2,382,724	47.00
Housing & Community Development					
SB 30, as introduced	43,823,636	41,438,872	85,262,508	129,115,074	136.00
Regional research & development cntrs	0	(660,000)	(660,000)		
Alleghany Highlands fund	(100,000)	(100,000)	(200,000)		
The Crooked Road	(75,000)	(75,000)	(150,000)		
Commonwealth Regional Council	100,000	100,000	200,000		
Broadband Infrastructure - Rte29	200,000	0	200,000		
VA Water Project	100,000	100,000	200,000		
Safe Drinking Water & Wastewater Treatment	2,400,000	2,400,000	4,800,000		
PDC per capita support	500,000	500,000	1,000,000		
South Hill Advanced Knowledge Cntr	250,000	0	250,000		
Enterprise Zone Program	1,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000		
Total	48,198,636	44,703,872	92,902,508	129,115,074	136.00
Labor and Industry					
SB 30, as introduced	7,422,611	7,415,633	14,838,244	11,925,424	183.00
No amendments					
Total	7,422,611	7,415,633	14,838,244	11,925,424	183.00
Mines, Minerals & Energy					
SB 30, as introduced	11,687,049	11,707,097	23,394,146	37,203,936	239.00

Alternative fuels incentive	language				
State Energy Plan	230,000	80,000	310,000		1.00
Total	11,917,049	11,787,097	23,704,146	37,203,936	240.00
Minority Business Enterprise					
SB 30, as introduced	694,695	694,486	1,389,181	2,760,708	29.00
Special Fund for special studies	language				
Total					
Professional & Occupational Reg.					
SB 30, as introduced	0	0	0	31,385,025	147.00
No amendments					
Total	0	0	0	31,385,025	147.00
VA Economic Development Partnership					
SB 30, as introduced	17,877,701	16,677,701	34,555,402		
International markets development	(100,000)	0	(100,000)		
Advertising & Marketing	(500,000)	0	(500,000)		
Motor sports	(125,000)	(125,000)	(250,000)		
SW VA Economic Development Comm	150,000	0	150,000		
VA National Defense Industry Auth	510,000	510,000	1,020,000		
SW VA Gateway to the Region	75,000	0	75,000		
Advanced Shipbuilding Center	Ianguage		•		
Total	17,887,701	17,062,701	34,950,402		
VA Employment Commission					
SB 30, as introduced	82,167	82,167	164,334	1,237,313,068	1,037.50
Increase DOL-FUTA distributions	language				
Total	82,167	82,167.00	164,334.00	1,237,313,068.00	1,037.50
VA Racing Commission					
SB 30, as introduced	0	0	0	9,463,104	10.00
Increase allocations to horse-related orgs.				232,000	
Horse breeding	language			700,000	
Total	0	0	0	10,395,104	10.00
VA Tourism Authority					
SB 30, as introduced	16,600,049	14,749,942	31,349,991		
Advertising and marketing	(250,000)	(250,000)	(500,000)		
Welcome Centers report	language	•			
Potomac Gateway Center	80,000	0	80,000		
Total	16,430,049	14,499,942	30,929,991		

Total Operating Amendments	4,445,000	3,480,000	7,925,000	932,000	0.00
CIT					
SB 30, as introduced	7,122,989	6,159,337	13,282,326		
Consulting services	(1,000,000)		(1,000,000)		
Total	6,122,989	6,159,337	12,282,326		
Central Appropriations					
Henrico County tourism	language				
Motion Picture Opportunity Fund	(300,000)	0	(300,000)		
BRAC-Clarifying use of money	language				
BRAC-VA National Defense Auth.	language				
VA Biotechnology Research Park	500,000	0	500,000		

	Natural R	esources				
	Senate	Bill 30				
	General I	General Fund Recommendations NGF				
AGENCIES	FY 2007	FY 2008	Biennium	Biennium	FY 08	
Secretary of Natural Resources	<b>S</b>					
SB 30, as introduced	974,502	849,702	1,824,204	0	6.00	
VA Indian Heritage Program	(262,500)	(162,500)	(425,000)			
Total	712,002	687,202	1,399,204	0	6.00	
Chippokes Plantation						
SB 30, as introduced	162,167	162,167	324,334	134,206	2.00	
No amendments						
Total	162,167	162,167	324,334	134,206	2.00	
Conservation and Recreation						
SB 30, as introduced	45,029,516	43,659,179	88,688,695	50,599,958	519.00	
Southside rails-to-trails	(475,000)	0	(475,000)			
John Smith Water Trail	(140,000)	0	(140,000)			
Rappahannock River Comm.	5,000	5,000	10,000			
Nutrient plan writers				400,000		
SWCD Support for NPS pgm	1,500,000	1,500,000	3,000,000	1,000,000		
TMDLs				2,000,000	15.00	
Grand Caverns Park	language					
State parks support	1,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000	0		
Total	46,919,516	46,164,179	93,083,695	53,999,958	534.00	
Environmental Quality						
SB 30, as introduced	269,711,523	40,118,957	309,830,480	243,023,806	930.00	
Chesapeake Bay Foundation	(150,000)	(150,000)	(300,000)			
Mercury switch program-SB88	75,000	75,000	150,000		1.00	
Friends of the Shenandoah	0		0	60,000		
Elizabeth River remediation	0	0	0	2,000,000		
Roanoke River Basin Cmte	2,000	2,000	4,000			
Smith Mtn. Lake monitoring	0	0	0	90,000		
Brownfields Restoration Fund	0	0	0	1,300,000		
Skelton 4-H Educ. Conf. Cntr.	375,000	375,000	750,000			
Chesapeake Bay Monitoring	1,098,814	1,819,307	2,918,121		5.00	

James River CSOs  WQIF budget language	0 language		0	2,500,000	
Nutrient Trading <i>Total</i>	language 271,112,337	42,240,264	313,352,601	248,973,806	936.00
Game and Inland Fisheries					
SB 30, as introduced	0	0	0	98,118,614	493.00
Smith Mtn. Lake navigation				50,000	
Additional Game Wardens	language				
HB 38 sales tax money				220,390	
Part 3 transfer re: HB 38	language				
Motorboat Registration Fee	language				
Additional general funds	language				
Total				98,389,004	493
Historic Resources					
SB 30, as introduced	3,571,003	3,422,561	6,993,564	3,173,996	50.00
Weston Manor	(150,000)		(150,000)		
EIS Review of military bases	72,056	72,056	144,112		1.00
Total	3,493,059	3,494,617	6,987,676	3,173,996	51.00
Marine Resources Commission					
SB 30, as introduced	10,709,915	10,714,436	21,424,351	14,158,958	158.50
Oyster Replenishment	200,000		200,000		
Asian Oyster Planting	language				
Potomac River Fisheries Comm	20,000	20,000	40,000		
Total	10,929,915	10,734,436	21,664,351	14,158,958	158.50
Natural History Museum					
SB 30, as introduced	2,797,418	2,841,550	5,638,968	922,108	43.50
No amendments					
Total	2,797,418	2,841,550	5,638,968	922,108	43.50
Natural Resources Total	3,170,370	4,555,863	7,726,233	9,620,390	22.00

Economic Development - Natural Resources Subcommittee

Item 97 #1s

### **Agriculture And Forestry**

Department Of Agriculture And Consumer Services

Language

### Language:

Page 76, after line 24, insert:

"C. From the appropriations included in this act, irrespective of funding source, no less than the FY 2006 level of service shall be provided to Southwest Virginia to address the region's coyote problem."

## **Explanation:**

(This amendment is self-explanatory.)

Economic Development - Natural Resources

Item 115 #2s

Subcommittee

#### **Commerce And Trade**

Department Of Mines, Minerals And Energy

Language

### Language:

Page 89, strike lines 44 through 53.

Page 90, strike lines 1 through 7.

## **Explanation:**

(This amendment removes authorization for the Governor to use up to \$3.0 million from the unappropriated general fund balance for incentive payments to manufacturers of alternative fuels. The state's major incentive programs are established by statute and not through the budget.)

Economic Development - Natural Resources Subcommittee

Item 117 #1s

## **Commerce And Trade**

Department Of Minority Business Enterprise

Language

## Language:

Page 90, line 43, strike "The Department of Minority Business".

Page 90, strike lines 44 through 50.

Page 90, line 51, strike "business enterprises in the Commonwealth.".

Page 91, line 9, after "effort.", insert: "Upon submitting a request to the Governor and following his review and approval, the Department may carry forward unexpended general fund balances for this purpose."

### **Explanation:**

(This amendment authorizes the Department to carry forward unexpended general fund balances for analyzing the availability of minority businesses and the participation of such businesses in the public procurement of goods and services. In order to carry forward the money, the Governor must review and approve the Department's request.)

Economic Development - Natural Resources Subcommittee

Item 119 #7s

#### **Commerce And Trade**

Virginia Economic Development Partnership Language

### Language:

Page 93, after line 52, insert:

"P. It is the intent of the General Assembly to fulfill the commitment made to the Virginia Advanced Shipbuilding and Carrier Integration Center to support the Center's operating costs, as stipulated in § 2.2-2444, Code of Virginia."

## **Explanation:**

(This amendment is self-explanatory.)

Economic Development - Natural Resources Subcommittee

Item 120 #2s

#### **Commerce And Trade**

Virginia Employment Commission

Language

## Language:

Page 95, after line 21, insert:

"G.1. The Commissioner shall work in concert with the Virginia Liaison Office and

with the members of the State Congressional Delegation and federal executive branch agencies to increase the amount of Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) revenue distributed by the U.S. Department of Labor to the Virginia Employment Commission for administration of the Commonwealth's unemployment insurance program, from its fiscal year 2004 level of \$63.2 million, which represents 32.8 percent of the \$192.8 million in FUTA taxes paid by Virginia's employers, to an amount not less than 50 percent of the amount of FUTA taxes paid by Virginia's employers.

2. The Office shall submit a report to the Governor and the chairs of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor, the Senate Committee on Finance, the House Committee on Labor and Commerce, and the House Committee on Appropriations by December 1, 2006, that summarizes the activities by the Commission and the Virginia Liaison Office in furtherance of the above subsection."

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the VEC and Virginia Liaison Office to work with Virginia's Congressional Delegation to seek additional administrative dollars for the unemployment insurance program from taxes paid by Virginia employers. In FY 2004, less than 1/3 of the FUTA taxes paid by Virginia employers returned to the Commonwealth. The target is to achieve at least 50 percent of the FUTA taxes returned to Virginia.)

Economic Development - Natural Resources

Item 124 #2s

Subcommittee

Commerce And Trade

FY 06-07

FY 07-08

Virginia Racing Commission

\$300,000

\$400,000 NGF

## Language:

Page 96, line 1, strike "\$2,631,552" and insert "\$2,931,552".

Page 96, line 1, strike "\$2,631,552" and insert "\$3,031,552".

Page 96, line 39, strike "\$500,000 the first" and insert "\$800,000 the first".

Page 96, line 39, strike "\$500,000 the second" and insert "\$900,000 the second".

Page 96, line 40, after "marketing", insert ", sustenance and growth".

Page 96, line 41, after "industry", insert ", including horse breeding".

Page 96, line 42, strike "500,000" and insert "800,000".

Page 96, line 47, strike "500,000" and insert "900,000".

## **Explanation:**

(This amendment increases the appropriation for the Virginia Racing

Commission by \$700,000 NGF. The amendment also expands the eligible uses of funding to include the sustenance and growth of the horse industry as well as horse breeding.)

Economic Development - Natural Resources

Virginia Racing Commission

Item 124 #4s

Subcommittee

**Commerce And Trade** 

FY 06-07

\$116,000

FY 07-08

\$116,000 NGF

#### Language:

Page 96, line 1, strike "\$2,631,552" and insert "\$2,747,552".

Page 96, line 1, strike "\$2,631,552" and insert "\$2,747,552".

Page 96, line 14, strike "\$204,000 the first year and \$204,000" and insert "\$240,000 the first year and \$240,000".

Page 96, line 32, strike "\$40,000 the first year and \$40,000" and insert "\$80,000 the first year and \$80,000".

Page 96, line 35, strike "\$40,000 the first year and \$40,000" and insert "\$80,000 the first year and \$80,000".

Page 96, line 18, after "Medicine.", insert: "It is the General Assembly's objective to honor the intent of § 59.1-392, Code of Virginia.".

Page 96, line 37, after "Foundation.", insert: "It is the General Assembly's objective to honor the intent of § 59.1-392, Code of Virginia.".

## **Explanation:**

(This amendment increases the amount of support for the Virginia Horse Center, the Virginia Horse Industry Board, and the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine by \$116,000 each year. The additional support results in a corresponding loss of general fund revenue. Language amendments also express legislative intent to honor the statutory allocation formula for horse racing proceeds.)

Economic Development - Natural Resources Subcommittee

Item 125 #4s

#### **Commerce And Trade**

Virginia Tourism Authority

Language

## Language:

Page 99, after line 6, insert:

"P. The Virginia Tourism Authority shall report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committees by November 30, 2006, on the staffing, programming, capital, maintenance and operating cost requirements for the Commonwealth to include the Danville Welcome Center and the King George Welcome Center into the state's network of Welcome Centers."

### **Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Virginia Tourism Authority to identify the total costs, programming and staffing needed to include the Danville and King George County Welcome Centers into the state's network of Welcome Centers. A report to the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees is due by November 30, 2006.)

Economic Development - Natural Resources Subcommittee Item 358 #1s

Natural Resources	FY 06-07	FY 07-08	
Department Of Conservation And	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	NGF
Recreation	15.00	15.00	FTE

## Language:

Page 314, line 14, strike "\$25,856,846" and insert "\$26,856,846".

Page 314, line 14, strike "\$25,556,846" and insert "\$26,556,846".

Page 315, after line 54, insert:

"I. The Department is authorized to use up to \$1,000,000 each year of the balance of the Water Quality Improvement Fund apportioned to nonpoint source activities to cover the expenses of fifteen full-time positions dedicated to the delivery of nonpoint source pollution control technical services. As a condition to use these funds, the Department shall first certify to the Department of Planning and Budget that the interest earned on the Water Quality Improvement Fund is already obligated by the General Assembly for other purposes. Any interest not obligated by the General Assembly from the Fund shall be used by the Department before using any portion of the \$1,000,000."

## **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides 15 full-time positions for the Department to use in managing the TMDL program. Funding for these positions is from interest earned on the nonpoint source portion of the Water Quality Improvement Fund and from the principal in the Fund not to exceed \$1.0 million in any given year.)

Economic Development - Natural Resources Subcommittee

Item 358 #3s

FY 06-07 FY 07-08 Natural Resources

Department Of Conservation And \$400,000 \$0 NGF

Recreation

### Language:

Page 314, line 14, strike "\$25,856,846" and insert "\$26,256,846".

### **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$400,000 of nongeneral fund support for the Department to contract with private sector certified nutrient management plan writers to prepare up to one-half of the 1,100 nutrient management plans required under Virginia Pollution Abatement permits -- poultry, dairy, swine and beef operations. The source of funding is interest earned on the nonpoint source portion of the Water Quality Improvement Fund.)

Economic Development - Natural Resources Subcommittee

Item 359 #3s

FY 06-07 FY 07-08 Natural Resources

Department Of Conservation And \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 GF

Recreation

## Language:

Page 315, line 55, strike "\$39,050,177" and insert "\$40,050,177".

Page 315, line 55, strike "\$37,960,177" and insert "\$38,960,177".

# **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$2.0 million of additional general fund support to operate and maintain Virginia's state parks.)

Economic Development - Natural Resources

Item 362 #5s

Subcommittee

Natural Resources FY 06-07 FY 07-08

(\$150,000)Department Of Environmental (\$150,000) GF

### Quality

#### Language:

Page 318, line 16, strike "\$41,184,871" and insert "\$41,034,871".

Page 318, line 16, strike "\$41,238,412" and insert "\$41,088,412".

Page 319, strike lines 3 through 7.

### **Explanation:**

(This amendment removes general fund support of \$150,000 each year for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.)

## Economic Development - Natural Resources Subcommittee

Item 362 #6s

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Natural Resources	FY 06-07	FY 07-08	
Department Of Environmental	\$1,098,814	\$1,819,307	GF
Quality	3.00	5.00	FTE

### Language:

Page 318, line 16, strike "\$41,184,871" and insert "\$42,283,685". Page 318, line 16, strike "\$41,238,412" and insert "\$43,057,719".

## **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$2.9 million GF and five full-time positions to increase monitoring and assessments of the state's efforts to clean up the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.)

## **Economic Development - Natural Resources** Subcommittee

Item 364 #5s

#### **Natural Resources** FY 06-07 FY 07-08

\$2,500,000 Department Of Environmental \$0 NGF Quality

## Language:

Page 319, line 30, strike "\$296,793,413" and insert "\$299,293,413".

Page 324, line 9, after "fund", insert: "and \$2,500,000 the first year from interest earned on the point source portion of the Water Quality Improvement Fund".

Page 324, line 12, strike "3,750,000" and insert "5,000,000".

page 324, line 13, strike "3,750,000" and insert "5,000,000".

#### **Explanation:**

(This amendment increases the support for Richmond City's and Lynchburg's combined sewer overflow projects by \$2.5 million NGF. This results in an appropriation of \$5.0 million for each jurisdiction.)

Economic Development - Natural Resources Subcommittee

Item 364 #6s

#### **Natural Resources**

Department Of Environmental Quality

Language

### Language:

Page 323, after line 43, insert:

"7. Out of the amounts appropriated in subparagraph B.1., the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality is authorized to continue to make technical assistance grants to the Virginia Nutrient Credit Exchange Association created pursuant to § 62.1-44.19:17, Code of Virginia. The Department of Environmental Quality shall give priority to reimbursement for any such grants and shall establish conditions applicable to such grants."

## **Explanation:**

(This amendment continues authorization for DEQ to provide financial assistance for nutrient trading as a means of reducing point source pollution.)

Economic Development - Natural Resources Subcommittee

Item 364 #7s

#### **Natural Resources**

Department Of Environmental Quality

Language

### Language:

Page 320, line 26, after "day.", strike the remainder of the line.

Page 320 strike lines 27 through 58.

Page 321, strike lines 1 through 63.

Page 322, strike lines 1 through 58.

Page 323, strike lines 1 through 43.

## **Explanation:**

(This amendment removes language in the Budget Bill that duplicates language in the Code of Virginia and in the regulations promulgated by the State Water Control Board.)

Economic Development - Natural Resources

Item 364 #8s

Subcommittee

Natural Resources

FY 06-07

FY 07-08

Department Of Environmental

\$1,300,000

\$0 NGF

Quality

### Language:

Page 319, line 30, strike "\$296,793,413" and insert "\$298,093,413".

Page 324, after line 21, insert:

"F. Out of the amounts appropriated for Environmental Financial Assistance, \$1,300,000 the first year from interest earned on the point source portion of the Water Quality Improvement Fund shall be deposited to the Virginia Brownfields Restoration and Economic Redevelopment Assistance Fund."

### **Explanation:**

(This amendment provides \$1.3 million NGF to address redevelopment of properties considered to be too environmentally unsound to warrant investment. Since 2003, DEQ has worked on 63 redevelopment projects through its Brownfields Program, resulting in over \$500 million in new investments and over 1400 full-time jobs created.)

Economic Development - Natural Resources Subcommittee

Item 367 #4s

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#### **Natural Resources**

Department Of Game And Inland Fisheries

Language

#### Language:

Page 325, line 35, before "The", insert "A.".

Page 325, after line 41, insert:

"B. "The Department shall assess the need for greater enforcement activity on Smith Mountain Lake as well as the Rappahannock and Rapidan Rivers near Fredericksburg. The Department shall submit a request for additional appropriations

in the 2007 Session, if current resources are insufficient to meet the assessed need."

### **Explanation:**

(This amendment requires the Department to assess the enforcement needs at Smith Mountain Lake and on the Rappahannock and Rapidan Rivers near Fredericksburg. If the Department's assessment concludes there is a need for greater enforcement and the Department's appropriations are insufficient to meet the need, the Department is directed to submit a budget request to the 2007 Session of the General Assembly.)

Economic Development - Natural Resources Subcommittee

Item 367 #5s

#### **Natural Resources**

Department Of Game And Inland Fisheries

Language

#### Language:

Page 325, strike lines 35 through 41.

### **Explanation:**

(This amendment strikes outdated language from the Budget Bill. The stricken language authorizes actions already taken by the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries in this biennium, and is not needed in the 2006-08 biennium.)

Economic Development - Natural Resources Subcommittee

Item 369 #1s

#### **Natural Resources**

Department Of Game And Inland Fisheries

Language

#### Language:

Page 326, line 12, strike "\$16,432,503 the first" and insert "\$16,542,698 the first". Page 326, line 12, strike "\$16,532,503 the second" and insert "\$16,642,698 the second".

## **Explanation:**

(This amendment increases the transfer from the general fund to the Game Protection Fund pursuant to § 58.1-638E., Code of Virginia. With this amendment, the Department will receive all funds to which the agency is permitted based on the most recent equipment sales figures reported in the "National Survey of Fishing,

Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation" for Virginia, as provided for under HB38, enacted by the 1998 General Assembly.)

Economic Development - Natural Resources Subcommittee

Item 372 #3s

#### **Natural Resources**

Marine Resources Commission

Language

### Language:

Page 329, after line 33, insert:

"H. Upon the effective date of this act, the Commissioner of Marine Resources shall, as soon as practicable, apply for a permit from the United States Army Corps of Engineers to introduce, on an extensive scale, the oyster Crassostrea ariakensis into the waters of the Chesapeake Bay. If necessary, the Commissioner shall expeditiously exhaust all administrative appeals and remedies to obtain such permit. If all such administrative appeals and remedies have been exhausted and the permit described herein has not been granted, the Commissioner shall, as soon as practicable, appeal such denial of the permit in the proper court."

## **Explanation:**

(This amendment directs the Marine Resources Commission to seek a federal permit to introduce the oyster Crassostrea ariakensis into the waters of the Chesapeake Bay. If denied a permit, the agency is directed to seek remedy in federal court.)

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Item 462 #15s

## **Central Appropriations**

**Central Appropriations** 

Language

## Language:

Page 408, line 18, after "Trade", strike "and" and insert ",".

Page 408, line 19, after "Finance," insert "and the Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority,".

## **Explanation:**

(This amendment adds the Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority to the agencies that will evaluate proposals for Base Realignment and Closure Assistance

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**Central Appropriations** 

FY 06-07

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Central Appropriations

\$500,000

\$0 GF

### Language:

Page 403, line 40, strike "\$58,620,000" and insert "\$59,120,000".

Page 408, after line 29, insert:

"T. Out of the appropriation for Economic Development Assistance \$500,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided to the Virginia Biotechnology Research Park Authority to facilitate the creation of a seed investment fund that will significantly expand access to capital for emerging bioscience companies in central Virginia. The grant amount shall be matched equally by private contributions."

### **Explanation:**

(This amendment creates a seed investment fund for emerging Virginia bioscience companies. This fund will be managed by the Virginia Biotechnology Research Park Authority. The Commonwealth's grant will be matched equally by private contributions.)

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Item 462 #19s

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## **Central Appropriations**

**Central Appropriations** 

Language

## Language:

Page 408, line 9, after "actions.", insert: "Such assistance may include, but not be limited to, capital projects or relocation of critical defense activities to more suitable space in order to comply with Department of Defense Force Protection Standards for Buildings."

## **Explanation:**

(This amendment clarifies the purposes for which the \$30.0 million GF provided in the Budget Bill can be used for BRAC-related actions.)

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Item 3-1.01 #10s

#### **Transfers**

Interfund Transfers Language

### Language:

Page 479, line 22, strike "\$10,525,125" and "\$10,525,125", and insert "\$10,635,320" and "\$10,635,320".

## **Explanation:**

(This amendment increases the transfer from the general fund to the Game Protection Fund pursuant to § 58.1-638E., Code of Virginia. With this amendment, the Department will receive all funds to which the agency is permitted based on the most recent equipment sales figures reported in the "National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation" for Virginia, as provided for under HB38, enacted by the 1998 General Assembly.)