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HOUSE BILL NO. 1434

Offered January 18, 2024

A BILL to direct and authorize the Department of Forestry to grant and convey certain tracts of land within Sandy Point State Forest in King William County to the Mattaponi Indian Tribe.

Patrons—Hodges and Krizek

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. That in accordance with and as evidence of General Assembly approval, the Department of Forestry (the Department) is hereby authorized to grant and convey a tract of land known as Sandy Point that adjoins the lands of the Mattaponi Indian Tribe (the Tribe) in King William County to the Tribe. Such land is approximately 2,400 acres in King William County, identified as Tax Map Numbers 39-7, 39-9, 39-10, 39-14, 39-18, 39-21, 47-42, and 48-22, and may be used to expand the Tribe's reservation in order to sustain the Tribe's culture and population by expanding hunting grounds, agricultural areas, and housing areas for the Tribe's members. The Department may seek the assistance of any other state agency or conservation organization to effectuate the provisions of this bill as it deems necessary.

§ 2. The granting and conveying of the tract of land may be made upon terms the Department deems proper, with the approval of the Secretary of Administration, and in a form approved by the Attorney General.

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