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HOUSE BILL NO. 2321

Offered January 13, 2025 Prefiled January 8, 2025

A BILL to amend and reenact § 10.1-1618 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 16 of Title 10.1 a section numbered 10.1-1623, relating to Virginia Recreational Facilities Authority; authority to dissolve.

Patron-Davis

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 10.1-1618 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 16 of Title 10.1 a section numbered 10.1-1623 as follows:

§ 10.1-1618. Title to property.

The Authority may acquire title to property in its own name or in the name of the Commonwealth for and 15 on behalf of the Authority. In the event *that* the Authority ceases to operate its projects and to promote the 16 17 purposes stated in § 10.1-1601 or is dissolved, the title to real property held by the Authority shall transfer to the Commonwealth and be administered by the Department of Conservation and Recreation locality in which 18 19 the majority of such property is located; provided however, in the event that an environmental audit of any 20 real property or interest therein, or portion of such property, to be transferred pursuant to this section 21 discloses any environmental liability or violation of law or regulation, present or contingent, the Governor locality may reject the transfer of any portion of such property which he that it determines to be 22 23 environmentally defective. 24

§ 10.1-1623. Dissolution of Authority; disposition of property.

A. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this chapter, whenever the Board determines by resolution that it is in the best interest of those served by the Authority to divest itself of property owned by the A uthority, the Authority may transfer all such property to a locality pursuant to § 10.1-1618.

B. Whenever the Board determines that (i) the purposes for which the Authority was formed have been substantially complied with, (ii) all property of the Authority has been transferred pursuant to this chapter, and (iii) all bonds therefor issued and all obligations theretofore incurred by the Authority have been fully paid or adequate provisions have been made for the payment, the Board may adopt a resolution declaring and finding that the Authority shall be dissolved. An appropriate attested copy of such resolution shall be delivered to the Governor so that legislation dissolving such authority may be introduced in the General Assembly. The dissolution of an authority shall become effective according to the terms of such legislation.