

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 28.2-1207 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Marine Resources Commission;*
 3 *encroachment on subaqueous beds; permitting requirements.*

4 [S 1169]

5 Approved

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

7 **1. That § 28.2-1207 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 **§ 28.2-1207. Authority to approve permits for encroachment on subaqueous beds; notice.**

9 A. Any application for a permit to trespass upon or over or encroach upon subaqueous beds which are the
 10 Commonwealth's property may be approved by the Commissioner or his authorized representative if the
 11 application meets the requirements of §§ 28.2-1205 and 28.2-1206 and the following criteria are satisfied:

12 1. The total value of the project does not exceed ~~\$500,000~~ *\$1,000,000; however, such total value shall be*
 13 *updated every five years by the Commissioner using the Consumer Price Index and published on the*
 14 *Commission's website;*

15 2. The application is not protested by any citizen or objected to by any state agency; and

16 3. The project for which the permit is sought will not require any other permit from the Commission.

17 B. If the permit application is for a shore erosion control project recommended by the soil and water
 18 conservation district in which the project is to be located and the criteria listed in subsection A of this section
 19 are satisfied, the Commission may, after giving notice of the application to the Virginia Institute of Marine
 20 Science, approve the application without giving notice to or awaiting the approval of any other state agency.

21 C. The Commission shall, in conjunction with affected state and federal agencies, develop an expedited
 22 process for issuing general permits for activities that are intended to improve water quality such as
 23 bioengineered streambank projects and livestock stream crossings, and for activities required during
 24 emergencies in which a determination has been made that there is a threat to public or private property, or to
 25 the health and safety of the public. The development of the general permit shall be exempt from Article 2 (§
 26 2.2-4006 et seq.) of the Administrative Process Act.

27 D. The Commission shall, in conjunction with affected state and federal agencies, develop an expedited
 28 process for issuing a permit for emergency activities intended to restore sand to any publicly owned beach
 29 damaged by sand erosion. Such erosion shall have been caused by a discrete, identifiable weather event or
 30 sequence of events that threatened public or private property or public health and safety and was the subject
 31 of a declaration of emergency by the Governor or the governing body of the locality in which the project is
 32 located. The development of the permit shall be exempt from Article 2 (§ 2.2-4006 et seq.) of the
 33 Administrative Process Act.

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