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HOUSE BILL NO. 512

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House Amendments in [] - February 2, 2026

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 2.1 of Chapter 2 of Title 2.2 a section numbered 2.2-203.4, relating to Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry; Virginia Farm and Forest Prosperity Plan; report.

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Pope Adams

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 2.1 of Chapter 2 of Title 2.2 a section numbered 2.2-203.4 as follows:

§ 2.2-203.4. Virginia Farm and Forest Prosperity Plan; report.

14 A. During the first year of each new gubernatorial administration, the Secretary shall develop and
15 implement a written comprehensive Virginia Farm and Forest Prosperity Plan (the Plan) that is designed to
16 be enacted over the course of such gubernatorial administration's term. Strategic areas of focus for the Plan
17 shall include the economic prosperity, diversification, and growth of the agriculture and forestry industries in
18 the Commonwealth. In developing the Plan, the Secretary shall review the existing agriculture and forestry
19 policies in effect at the commencement of the Governor's term of office. The Secretary shall make revisions to
20 such existing policies as the Secretary deems necessary to ensure that it is appropriate for the
21 Commonwealth. [The Secretary shall coordinate with representatives of agriculture and forestry
22 organizations, members of the agribusiness community, and other stakeholders they deem necessary, in
23 developing the Plan.]

B. The Secretary shall submit a report detailing the progress made toward the development and implementation of the Virginia Farm and Forest Prosperity Plan to the Governor and to the Chairs of the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources by December 1 of the first year of each new gubernatorial administration.