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SENATE BILL NO. 673

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

on \_\_\_\_\_)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Senator Stuart)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 3.1 of Title 62.1 a section numbered 62.1-44.6:2, relating to Department of Environmental Quality; State Water Control Board; prioritization of drinking water.

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 3.1 of Title 62.1 a section numbered 62.1-44.6:2 as follows:**

**§ 62.1-44.6:2. Department and Board to prioritize the preservation of drinking water.**

In order to preserve and protect drinking water sources for the health and well-being of the citizens of the Commonwealth, the Department and the Board shall prioritize the preservation of drinking water in all permitting and regulatory processes related to groundwater and surface water resources.

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