

SENATE BILL NO. _____ HOUSE BILL NO. _____

1 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 30 a chapter numbered 40, consisting of
2 sections numbered 30-266 and 30-267, relating to the Manufacturing Development Commission.

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

4 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Title 30 a chapter numbered 40, consisting**
5 **of sections numbered 30-266 and 30-267, as follows:**

6 CHAPTER 40.

7 MANUFACTURING DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

8 § 30-266. Manufacturing Development Commission; purpose; membership; terms; compensation
9 and expenses; staff; voting on recommendations.

10 A. The Manufacturing Development Commission (the Commission) is established in the
11 legislative branch of state government. The purpose of the Commission shall be to assess manufacturing
12 needs and formulate legislative and regulatory remedies to ensure the future of the sector in Virginia.

13 B. The Commission shall consist of 13 members that include eight legislative members and five
14 nonlegislative citizen members. Members shall be appointed as follows: three members of the Senate, to
15 be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; five members of the House of Delegates, to be
16 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional
17 representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; and five nonlegislative citizen
18 members, to be appointed by the Governor. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be citizens of the
19 Commonwealth.

20 The nonlegislative citizen members shall include (i) the president of the Virginia Manufacturers
21 Association, (ii) the Secretary or Deputy Secretary of Commerce and Trade, (iii) a representative of a
22 state-supported institution of higher education, (iv) a representative of an entity or organization active in
23 economic development efforts in the Commonwealth, and (v) a representative of a Virginia
24 manufacturer.

25 All gubernatorial appointments to the Commission shall be for terms of four years. Legislative
26 members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. All members may be reappointed for
27 successive terms. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be made for
28 the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

29 C. The members of the Commission shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman annually, who
30 shall be members of the General Assembly. A majority of the members of the Commission shall
31 constitute a quorum. The Commission shall meet at the call of the chairman or whenever a majority of
32 the members so request.

33 D. Legislative members of the Commission shall receive such compensation as is set forth in §
34 30-19.12. Nonlegislative citizen members shall not receive compensation for the performance of their
35 duties. All members shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the
36 performance of their duties as provided in §§ 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825. Funding for compensation and
37 expenses of the members shall be provided from existing appropriations to the Commission.

38 E. Administrative staff support shall be provided by the Office of the Clerk of the Senate or the
39 Office of Clerk of the House of Delegates as may be appropriate for the house in which the chairman of
40 the Commission serves. The Division of Legislative Services shall provide legal, research, policy
41 analysis, and other services as requested by the Commission. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall
42 assist the Commission, upon request.

43 F. No recommendation of the Commission shall be adopted if a majority of the Senate members
44 or a majority of the House members appointed to the Commission (i) votes against the recommendation
45 and (ii) votes for the recommendation to fail notwithstanding the majority vote of the Commission.

46 § 30-267. Powers and duties of the Commission.

47 The Commission shall have the power and duty to:

48 1. Assess the direct and indirect economic impact of the manufacturing sector of Virginia's
49 economy.

50 2. Determine how the sector's needs may most speedily, efficiently, and cost-effectively be
51 addressed.

52 3. Consider both local and state tax policies, regulatory compliance costs, research and
53 development investment policies, energy policies and costs, transportation policies and costs, and
54 workforce training policies and costs affecting the manufacturing sector.

55 4. Determine what role state and local governments should properly play in this endeavor.

56 5. Evaluate the effectiveness of state and local economic development programs and incentives
57 as tools to encourage technology-intensive manufacturing.

58 6. Consult and coordinate with the Joint Commission on Technology and Science, the Joint
59 Legislative Audit and Review Commission, the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules, and other
60 legislative commissions, committees, and councils to ensure that there is no overlap in work product.

61 7. Provide manufacturers and advocates with a forum to address their concerns.

62 8. Report annually its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor.
63 The chairman of the Commission shall submit to the General Assembly and the Governor an annual
64 executive summary of the interim activity and work of the Commission no later than the first day of
65 each regular session of the General Assembly. The executive summary shall be submitted as provided in
66 the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative
67 documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

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