

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2022 SESSION

## CHAPTER 177

*An Act to amend and reenact § 30-209 of the Code of Virginia, relating to waste coal; removal in the public interest; Commission on Electric Utility Regulation; sunset.*

[H 1326]

Approved April 7, 2022

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

**1. That § 30-209 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 30-209. Sunset.**

This chapter shall expire on July 1, ~~2022~~ 2024.

**2. That in furtherance of the need to address the environmental hazards of abandoned coal mines, the removal of waste coal from previously mined sites in the coalfield region of the Commonwealth, as described in § 15.2-6002 of the Code of Virginia, is in the public interest. For the purposes of this act, "waste coal" means usable material that is a by-product of previous coal processing operations.**

**3. That the Commission on Electric Utility Regulation may review information on the approximate volume and number of waste coal piles present in the coalfield region of the Commonwealth, as described in § 15.2-6002 of the Code of Virginia, and options for cleaning up such waste coal piles.**