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HOUSE BILL NO. 209

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 6.2-1302 of the Code of Virginia, relating to credit unions; activity authorized for a federally chartered credit union.

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Referred to Committee on Commerce and Energy

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 6.2-1302 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 6.2-1302. Powers.**

In addition to the powers specified or implied elsewhere in this chapter or in the laws of the Commonwealth, a credit union shall have the power to:

1. Enter into contracts;
2. Sue and be sued;
3. Adopt, use, and display a corporate seal;
4. Receive savings from and make loans and extend lines of credit to its members;
5. Individually or jointly with other credit unions acquire, lease as lessor or lessee, hold, assign, pledge, exchange, repair, mortgage, hypothecate, sell, discount, or otherwise dispose of property or assets, either in whole or in part, as necessary or incidental to its operations, including any property or assets obtained as a result of defaults under obligations owing to it;
6. Borrow from any source, provided that (i) a credit union shall notify and obtain prior approval of the Commissioner if the total borrowings will exceed 50 percent of the credit union's outstanding shares and (ii) in no event shall the borrowings exceed 90 percent of the credit union's outstanding shares;
7. Sell all or substantially all of its assets or purchase all or substantially all of the assets of another credit union, subject to the approval of the Commission;
8. Offer related financial services, including electronic fund transfers, share draft accounts, safe deposit boxes, leasing of tangible personal property to its members, and correspondent arrangements with other financial institutions;
9. Hold membership in other credit unions organized under this chapter or other applicable law, and in associations and organizations controlled by or fostering the interest of credit unions, including a central liquidity facility organized under state or federal law;
10. Contract with any licensed insurance company or society to insure the lives of its members to the extent of their loans and share accounts, in whole or in part, and to pay all or a portion of the premium therefor;
11. Engage in activities or programs as requested by any governmental authority, subject to the approval of the Commissioner;
12. Invest its funds, operate a business, manage or deal in property when such actions are reasonably necessary to avoid loss on a loan or investment previously made or an obligation previously created in good faith. Such property or business shall not be held or operated by the credit union for a period longer than is reasonably required to protect the interest of the credit union, unless specifically authorized by the Commissioner;
13. Make contributions to any nonprofit civic, charitable, or service organizations;
14. Make loans to its members and to other credit unions; ~~and~~
15. *Engage in any additional activity, service, or other practice that is authorized for a federally chartered credit union and that has not otherwise been authorized for a state-chartered credit union by the provisions of this chapter or by Commission regulation, including regulations adopted pursuant to subsection B of § 6.2-1303, provided that the credit union provides the Commission with written notice at least 45 calendar days prior to engaging in any such activity, service, or practice; and*
16. Undertake such other activities relating to the purposes of the credit union as its charter or bylaws may authorize, provided such activities are not inconsistent with this chapter.

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