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HOUSE BILL NO. 1825

FLOOR AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by Delegate Morgan on February 5, 2001)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Morgan)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-1901 of the Code of Virginia, relating to condemnation authority of counties, cities, and towns.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.2-1901 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.2-1901. Condemnation authority.

A. In addition to the authority granted to localities pursuant to any applicable charter provision or other provision of law, whenever a locality is authorized to acquire real or personal property or property interests for a public use, it may do so by exercise of the power of eminent domain, except as provided in subsection CB.

B. A city or town may acquire property or property interests outside its boundaries by exercise of the power of eminent domain.

C. A countylocality may acquire property or property interests outside its boundaries by exercise of the power of eminent domain only if such authority is expressly conferred by general law or special act. However, cities and towns shall have the right to acquire property outside their boundaries for the purposes set forth in § 15.2-2109 by exercise of the power of eminent domain. The exercise of such condemnation authority by a city or town shall not be construed to exempt the municipality from the provisions of subsection F of § 56-580.