

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-2118.1, relating to liens for*
3 *gas utility charges.*

4 [H 2363]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-2118.1 as follows:**8 *§ 15.2-2118.1. Lien for gas utilities charges and taxes imposed by localities.*

9 *The governing body of any locality with a municipally-owned gas utility may by ordinance provide*
10 *that taxes or charges hereafter made, imposed or incurred for gas service within or outside such locality*
11 *shall be a lien on the real estate served by such gas utility. Where residential rental real estate is*
12 *involved, no lien shall attach (i) unless the user of the gas utility services is also the owner of the real*
13 *estate or (ii) unless the owner of the real estate negotiated or executed the agreement by which such*
14 *gas utility services were provided to the property. Nothing herein shall authorize a locality to require*
15 *that municipal gas service be contracted for in the name of the owner of residential rental real estate if*
16 *the lease between the owner and any tenant for such residential rental real estate provides that the*
17 *tenant shall contract for such gas service.*

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