

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2004 SESSION

## CHAPTER 550

*An Act to allow lighting level regulation in James City County.*

[H 963]

Approved April 12, 2004

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

**1.** *§ 1. That James City County may provide by ordinance for the regulation of maximum upward exterior illumination levels of buildings and property zoned or used for commercial or business purposes. Such ordinance shall only apply to lighting installed after the effective date of the ordinance and shall not affect or be applied to agricultural or silvicultural operations. Any lighting installed prior to the effective date of the ordinance shall be conforming and shall not be treated as nonconforming under any ordinance. Further, such ordinance shall not apply to (i) any outdoor advertising signs owned by a person in the business of outdoor advertising licensed by the Department of Transportation pursuant to § 33.1-361, (ii) temporary construction or maintenance activities performed by the Department of Transportation or its agents or contractors, (iii) utility companies, (iv) facilities owned by the Department of Corrections, (v) lighting regulated by the Uniform Statewide Building Code, or (vi) premise security lighting on any property whose primary usage is for multifamily residential or commercial office purposes.*

**2.** *That if James City County has not adopted an ordinance pursuant to this act prior to July 1, 2006, then provisions of this act shall expire on that date.*