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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-2244.1, relating to

Patron—Orrock

HOUSE BILL NO. 1144

Offered January 11, 2006

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Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

subdivision of lot for conveyance to family member.

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-2244.1 as follows: § 15.2-2244.1. Additional method for subdivision of a lot for conveyance to a family member.

In addition to § 15.2-2244, a locality may include in its subdivision ordinance provisions permitting a single division of a lot or parcel for the purpose of sale or gift to a member of the immediate family, as defined in § 15.2-2244, of the property owner, if (i) the property has been owned for at least 25 consecutive years by the current owner or member of the immediate family and (ii) the property owner agrees to place a restrictive covenant on the subdivided property that would prohibit the transfer of the property to a nonmember of the immediate family for a period of 10 years. The locality may require that the subdivided lot is no more than one acre and otherwise meets any other express requirement contained in the Code of Virginia or imposed by the local governing body.