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HOUSE BILL NO. 1210

House Amendments in [] - February 11, 2008

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-1127 of the Code of Virginia, relating to vacant building registration; penalty.*

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Melvin

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.2-1127 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.2-1127. Vacant building registration; penalty.

The Town of Pulaski, in a conservation and rehabilitation district of the town, and any city, by ordinance, may require the owner or owners of buildings that have been vacant for a continuous period of 12 months or more to register such buildings on an annual basis and may impose an annual registration fee not to exceed [~~\$25~~ \$50] to defray the cost of processing such registration. The registration of buildings shall be on forms designated by the locality and filed with the agency designated by the locality. Failure to register shall be *punishable by a \$50 civil penalty prescribed by the locality, which shall not exceed [~~\$500~~ \$250]* ; however, failure to register in conservation and rehabilitation districts designated by the governing body, or in other areas designated as blighted pursuant to § 36-49.1:1, shall be punishable by a civil penalty *prescribed by the locality, which shall not exceeding \$250 exceed [~~\$2,500~~ \$500]* . Notice shall be mailed to the owner or owners, at the address to which property tax notices are sent, at least 30 days prior to the assessment of the civil penalty.

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