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HOUSE BILL NO. 1355

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-2123 of the Code of Virginia, relating to sewage treatment plants.

Patrons—Bulova and Lingamfelter

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.2-2123 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.2-2123. Sewage treatment plants to include certain capability.

Whenever the governing body of a locality or a combination of governing bodies of two or more localities is using the authority of this chapter to construct, expand, or upgrade a new sewage treatment plant, the facility shall be designed, and constructed, expanded, or upgraded so that it has the capability to accept and treat the septage from all onsite sewage disposal systems, which are not adequately served by another approved disposal site, located in the area of the locality or combination thereof to be served by such plant.

Certification of this capability shall be provided to the Department of Environmental Quality prior to the approval of any state certificate to construct. In order to prevent a disproportionate burden on a sewage treatment plant, the Department may, on a case-by-case basis, limit the amount of septage that a sewage treatment plant is required to accept from the localities served. The requirement to certify this capability shall not apply to any new project for which a certificate to construct has been submitted before July 1, 2008.