

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-5138.1, relating to*  
3 *enforcement of certain sewer charges.*

4 [H 1527]

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 15.2-5138.1 as follows:**8 *§ 15.2-5138.1. Enforcement of certain charges when authority does not provide water services.*9 *A. This section shall apply only to an authority operating in Planning District 1 or Planning District*10 *2.*

11 *B. If any rates, fees or charges for the use and services of any sewer system acquired or constructed*  
12 *by the authority under the provisions of this chapter are not paid within 60 days after they become due,*  
13 *the authority may require that the owner, tenant or occupant of such premises cease disposing of*  
14 *sewage or industrial wastes originating from or on such premises by discharge directly or indirectly into*  
15 *the sewer system until such rates, fees or charges, with interest, are paid. If such owner, tenant or*  
16 *occupant does not cease such disposal at the expiration of the 60-day period, the authority may require*  
17 *any political subdivision, district, private corporation, board, body or person supplying water to or*  
18 *selling water for use on such premises to cease supplying water to or selling water for use on such*  
19 *premises within five days after the receipt of notice of such delinquency from the authority. If such*  
20 *political subdivision, district, private corporation, board, body or person does not, at the expiration of*  
21 *such five-day period, cease supplying water to or selling water for use on such premises, then the*  
22 *authority may shut off the supply of water to such premises.*

23 *C. The water supply to or for any person, or for use on real estate of any person, shall not be shut*  
24 *off or stopped under this section if the State Health Commissioner, upon application of the local board*  
25 *of health or health officer of the locality in which such water is supplied or such real estate is located,*  
26 *has found and certifies to the authorities charged with the responsibility of ceasing to supply or sell*  
27 *such water, or to shut off the supply of such water, that ceasing to supply or shutting off such water*  
28 *supply will endanger the health of such person and the health of others in the locality.*

29 **2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.**

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