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**HOUSE BILL NO. 834**

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*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 2.2 a section numbered 2.2-1161.2 and by adding a section numbered 54.1-1111.1, relating to irrigation systems; installation of rain sensor devices for state-owned buildings and private property.*

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Referred to Committee on General Laws

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended adding in Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 2.2 a section numbered 2.2-1161.2 and by adding a section numbered 54.1-1111.1 as follows:**

*§ 2.2-1161.2. Use of rain sensor devices for state-owned buildings.*

*In every state-owned building or facility designed, constructed, or substantially altered after July 1, 2008, that includes as part of such design, construction, or alteration the installation of an outdoor automatic sprinkler or irrigation system, the Division shall insure that such system shall have furnished and installed technology that inhibits or interrupts operation of the landscape irrigation system during periods of sufficient moisture or rainfall. The technology shall be adjustable either by the end user or the professional practitioner of landscape irrigation services.*

*§ 54.1-1111.1. Landscape irrigation contractors; installation of rain sensor devices.*

*Every outdoor automatic sprinkler or irrigation system installed after July 1, 2008, by a landscape irrigation contractor shall be equipped with technology that inhibits or interrupts operation of the landscape irrigation system during periods of sufficient moisture or rainfall. The technology shall be adjustable either by the end user or the professional practitioner of landscape irrigation services. The provisions of this section shall not apply to systems operating on golf courses or agricultural lands.*