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HOUSE BILL NO. 297

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns)

(Patrons Prior to Substitute—Delegates Cosgrove and Dance [HB 159])

House Amendments in [] - January 28, 2010

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Title 15.2 a section numbered 15.2-980, relating to noise ordinance violations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Title 15.2 a section numbered 15.2-980 as follows:

§ 15.2-980. Civil penalties for violations of noise ordinances.

Any locality may, by ordinance, adopt a uniform schedule of civil penalties for violations of that locality's noise ordinance. [This provision shall not apply to noise generated in connection with the business being performed on industrial-zoned property. Civil fines will not exceed \$250 for the first offense and \$500 for each subsequent offense.] The provisions of this section shall not apply to railroads.

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