10102937D **HOUSE BILL NO. 914** 1 House Amendments in [] - February 15, 2010 2 3 4 5 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-919.1, relating to barking dog ordinances. Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Bell, Robert B. 6 7 Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns 8 9 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 10 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-919.1 as follows: § 15.2-919.1. Barking dog ordinances; mediation. 11 12

In any ordinance that regulates barking dogs, a locality may include provisions that require parties to use mediation [ or arbitration ] as an initial step in resolving a dispute [, provided such mediation is available in the locality at no cost to the parties].

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