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### HOUSE BILL NO. 614

Offered January 11, 2012

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 22 of Title 15.2 a section numbered 15.2-2232.1, relating to the comprehensive plan.*

Patron—LeMunyon

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

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

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 22 of Title 15.2 a section numbered 15.2-2232.1 as follows:

§ 15.2-2232.1. *Plan to control land use.*

A. *Whenever a local planning commission recommends a comprehensive plan or part thereof for the locality and such plan has been approved and adopted by the governing body, such plan shall control the future land use decisions of the governing body. No zoning amendment shall be approved unless it has been determined to be substantially in accord with the adopted comprehensive plan.*

B. *Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A, a governing body may approve a proposed zoning amendment that is not in substantial accord with the comprehensive plan if the advocate for such proposed amendment can make a substantial showing that the land use change will serve the purposes of the zoning ordinance, as provided in § 15.2-2283.*

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