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HOUSE BILL NO. 760

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-2110 of the Code of Virginia, relating to water and sewer system connections.

Patron—Hodges

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 15.2-2110 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 15.2-2110. Mandatory connection to water and sewage systems in certain counties.

A. Amelia, Botetourt, Campbell, Cumberland, Franklin, *Gloucester*, Halifax, and Nelson Counties may require connection to their water and sewer systems by owners of property that may be served by such systems; however, those persons having a domestic supply or source of potable water and a system for the disposal of sewage adequate to prevent the contraction or spread of infectious, contagious, and dangerous diseases shall not be required to discontinue use of the same, but may be required to pay a connection fee, a front footage fee, and a monthly nonuser service charge that shall not be more than that proportion of a minimum monthly user charge as debt service compares to the total operating and debt service costs.

B. Bland County, Goochland County, Rockingham County and Wythe County may require connection to their water and sewer systems by owners of property that can be served by the systems if the property, at the time of installation of such public system, or at a future time, does not have a then-existing, correctable, or replaceable domestic supply or source of potable water and a then-existing, correctable, or replaceable system for the disposal of sewage adequate to prevent the contraction or spread of infectious, contagious and dangerous diseases. Such counties may not charge a fee for connection to its water and sewer systems until such time as connection is required. However, Bland County and Wythe County, in assuming the obligations of a public service authority, may assume such obligations under the same terms and conditions as applicable to the public service authority.

The provisions of this subsection as they apply to Goochland County shall become effective on July 1, 2002.

C. Buckingham County may require connection to its water and sewer systems by owners of property that can be served by the systems if the property, at the time of installation of such public system, or at a future time, does not have a then-existing or correctable domestic supply or source of potable water and a then-existing or correctable system for the disposal of sewage adequate to prevent the contraction or spread of infectious, contagious and dangerous diseases. Such county may not charge a fee for connection to its water and sewer systems until such time as connection is required.

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