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SENATE BILL NO. 1384

Offered January 21, 2015 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-2293.3, relating to certain

industrial uses: transmission lines.

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Referred to Committee on Local Government

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-2293.3 as follows:

§ 15.2-2293.3. Certain uses in industrial zones; transmission lines.

A zoning ordinance shall provide that any proposed data center, or similar land use, that will require utilization of a 230 kilovolt or greater electrical transmission line shall be located only in an area zoned for industrial use. However, if a zoning ordinance authorizes a data center, or similar land use, that will require utilization of a 230 kilovolt or greater electrical transmission line outside of an area zoned for industrial use, any electrical transmission lines that support such a land use and that are located at a distance greater than 300 feet from an existing electrical transmission line shall be placed underground at the expense of the owner of the data center.