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HOUSE BILL NO. 1140

Offered January 13, 2016 Prefiled January 13, 2016

A BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-2264 of the Code of Virginia, relating to subdivision plats; approval by planning commission before recordation.

Patron—Ransone

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.2-2264 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.2-2264. Statement of consent to subdivision; execution; acknowledgment and recordation; notice to commissioner of the revenue or board of real estate assessors.

A. Every plat, or deed of dedication to which the plat is attached, shall contain in addition to the professional engineer's or land surveyor's certificate a statement as follows: "The platting or dedication of the following described land (here insert a correct description of the land subdivided) is with the free consent and in accordance with the desire of the undersigned owners, proprietors, and trustees, if any." The statement shall be signed and duly acknowledged before an officer authorized to take acknowledgment of deeds.

B. When thus executed and acknowledged, the plat, subject to the provisions herein, shall be filed and recorded in the office of the clerk of the circuit court for the lands contained in the plat, and indexed in the general index to deeds under the names of the owners of lands signing the statement, and under the name of the subdivision. Owners shall notify the appropriate commissioner of the revenue of improvements to real property situated in platted subdivisions.

C. No circuit court clerk shall record any plat representing a division of land that is subject to a subdivision ordinance unless the plat is approved by the local planning commission or the agent designated by the governing body and meets the requirements of § 15.2-2258.