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HOUSE BILL NO. 1297

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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 Counties, Cities and Towns

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; cost of infrastructure.*

A zoning ordinance shall provide that any proposed data center, or similar land use, that will require utilization of a 150 kilovolt or greater electrical transmission line shall be located only in an area that has been zoned for industrial use for a period of at least 18 months prior to final governing body approval. Alternatively, a governing body may authorize a data center, or similar land use, that will require utilization of a 150 kilovolt or greater electrical transmission line to be located outside an area that has been zoned for industrial use for a period of at least 18 months if the owner of the data center is required to pay for all infrastructure and utilities needed to service the data center including a requirement imposed by a locality that transmission lines carrying 150 KV or greater to such data center be placed underground.

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