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**HOUSE BILL NO. 912**

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 4 of Chapter 2 of Title 33.2 a section numbered 33.2-280.1, relating to the Department of Transportation; right to permit broadband service provider to install broadband conduit on public highways.*

Patrons—Minchew, Bagby, Kilgore, Villanueva and Fowler

Referred to Committee on Transportation

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 4 of Chapter 2 of Title 33.2 a section numbered 33.2-280.1 as follows:**

**§ 33.2-280.1. *Installation of broadband conduit.***

*Where a public highway exists pursuant to § 33.2-105, the rights of the Commonwealth shall include the power of the Department to permit a broadband service provider to install underground conduit capable of housing fiber optic or coaxial cable or other ancillary wiring and equipment within the public right of way, subject to standard permitting and bonding regulations promulgated by the Department.*

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