

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to establish a pilot project in the City of Danville regarding recordation of deeds subject to liens*
3 *for unpaid taxes.*

4 [H 1699]

5 Approved

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

7 **1.** *§ 1. The City of Danville is hereby authorized to establish a pilot project regarding recordation of*
8 *deeds subject to liens for unpaid taxes in accordance with the provisions of this act. Such pilot project*
9 *may only be established by ordinance adopted by the city council after a public hearing.*

10 *§ 2. Such ordinance may provide that no deed conveying a parcel of real property that has an*
11 *assessed value for taxation of \$50,000 or less located in the City of Danville shall be recorded by the*
12 *clerk unless the city director of finance or his designee has certified on the face of such deed that there*
13 *are no liens against such real property for unpaid local taxes or for other fines or charges assessed by*
14 *the city that rank on a parity with liens for unpaid taxes and are enforceable in the same manner.*

15 *§ 3. The provisions of this act shall not apply to (i) any deeds of trust; (ii) any deeds of easement;*
16 *(iii) any deeds in which a public service company, railroad, or cable system operator is either a grantor*
17 *or grantee; (iv) any deeds prepared under the supervision of the Office of the Attorney General of*
18 *Virginia; (v) any deeds conveying property to the Danville Redevelopment and Housing Authority as*
19 *grantee; and (vi) any deeds conveying a parcel of real property pursuant to Chapter 39 (§ 58.1-3900 et*
20 *seq.) of Title 58.1 of the Code of Virginia.*

21 *§ 4. The clerk shall be immune from suit arising from any acts or omissions relating to the pilot*
22 *project pursuant to this act unless the clerk was grossly negligent or engaged in willful misconduct.*

23 **2.** *That if such pilot project is established, the City of Danville shall make a written report to the*
24 *Virginia Housing Commission on or before May 31, 2020.*

25 **3.** *That the provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 2021.*

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