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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2272**

Offered January 11, 2017

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 14 of Title 10.1 an article numbered 3.8, consisting of a section numbered 10.1-1425.40, relating to compact fluorescent light bulbs; recycling; local ordinance; civil penalty.*

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Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 14 of Title 10.1 an article numbered 3.8, consisting of a section numbered 10.1-1425.40, as follows:**

*Article 3.8.**Compact Fluorescent Light Bulb Recycling.***§ 10.1-1425.40. Compact fluorescent light bulbs; local ordinances; civil penalty.****A. Any locality may, by ordinance:**

1. *Require a person selling compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs at retail or offering CFL bulbs for retail sale in the locality to accept from customers, at the point of transfer, used CFL bulbs in a quantity at least equal to the number of new light bulbs of any type purchased, if offered by customers, and to post written notice at the point of sale at least 8-1/2 inches by 11 inches in size that shall include the universal recycling symbol and the following language: (i) "It is illegal to discard a compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulb," (ii) "Recycle your used CFL bulbs," and (iii) "Local ordinances require us to accept used compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs for recycling, in exchange for new light bulbs of any type purchased.";*

2. *Prohibit the disposal of a used CFL bulb by a CFL bulb retailer except by delivery to (i) the agent of a CFL bulb wholesaler, (ii) a CFL bulb manufacturer, or (iii) a collection or recycling facility authorized under the laws of the Commonwealth or by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and*

3. *Prohibit any person who sells new CFL bulbs at wholesale from declining to accept from customers at the point of transfer used CFL bulbs of the type and in a quantity at least equal to the number of new bulbs of any type purchased, if offered by customers. A person accepting CFL bulbs in transfer from a CFL bulb retailer shall be allowed a period not to exceed 90 days in which to remove CFL bulbs from the retail point of collection.*

B. *An ordinance adopted pursuant to this section may subject a violator to a civil penalty of not more than \$50. Each CFL bulb unlawfully refused by a seller or not removed by a wholesaler shall constitute a separate violation.*

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