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SENATE BILL NO. 921

Offered January 19, 2018

A BILL to amend and reenact § 36-105.3 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Uniform Statewide Building Code; security of certain records.

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Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 36-105.3 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows: § 36-105.3. Security of certain records.

Building Code officials shall institute procedures to ensure the safe storage and secure handling by local officials having access to or in the possession of engineering and construction drawings and plans containing critical structural components, security equipment and systems, ventilation systems, fire protection equipment, mandatory building emergency equipment or systems, elevators, electrical systems, telecommunications equipment and systems, and other utility equipment and systems submitted for the purpose of complying with the Uniform Statewide Building Code (§ 36-97 et seq.) or the Statewide Fire Prevention Code (§ 27-94 et seq.).

Further, information contained in engineering and construction drawings and plans for any single-family residential dwelling that includes a depiction of the interior of a structure submitted for the purpose of complying with the Uniform Statewide Building Code (§ 36-97 et seq.) or the Statewide Fire Prevention Code (§ 27-94 et seq.) shall be confidential and shall not be subject to disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.), except to the applicant or the owner of the property upon the applicant's or owner's request. This provision shall not be construed to exempt from disclosure or deny public access to any engineering and construction drawings and plans for any single-family residential dwelling that (i) depict only the exterior of a single-family residential dwelling or (ii) are the subject of an appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals, the Board of Building Code Appeals, or any other administrative board.