

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2019 SESSION

CHAPTER 501

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 56-257.4, relating to the State Corporation Commission; natural gas utilities; investigative reports.

[S 1176]

Approved March 18, 2019

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 56-257.4 as follows:

§ 56-257.4. Report by the State Corporation Commission on investigation of natural gas utilities incident.

The Commission shall, upon written request, make available for public inspection within 30 days of the receipt of the request a report regarding the finalized enforcement action or investigation related to the death or personal injury necessitating inpatient hospitalization of any person, or estimated damage to property exceeding \$50,000, that was the direct result of a leak or other incident involving the intrastate facilities of a natural gas utility operator. The report shall only be available for public inspection, upon written request, after the Commission has concluded the enforcement action or investigation. The report shall not reveal:

- 1. Infrastructure information for, or the location or operation of security or utility equipment and systems of, any public or private building, structure, or information storage facility;*
- 2. Risk assessment information not provided to the public by the utility operator;*
- 3. Specific security plans and measures of an entity, facility, building structure, information technology system, or software program;*
- 4. Information confidential or sensitive in nature;*
- 5. Information proprietary to the natural gas utility operator; or*
- 6. Information that would jeopardize the safety or security of any (i) person; (ii) governmental facility, building, or structure; or (iii) private commercial office, residential, or retail building.*