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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2000**

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A *BILL to direct various state agencies to amend their regulations pertaining to the maximum temperature at which certain rooms may be kept.*

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Referred to Committee on General Laws

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

1. § 1. *That the Board of Housing and Community Development is directed to revise the Uniform Statewide Building Code to decrease the temperature at which an owner or operator of a Group R-2 apartment building who rents, leases, or lets one or more dwelling units, or guestrooms on terms, either expressed or implied, to furnish cooling to the occupants thereof shall supply cooling during the period from May 15 to October 1 from 80 degrees Fahrenheit to 77 degrees Fahrenheit.*

§ 2. *That the Department of Social Services shall amend its regulations to (i) reduce the maximum temperature permitted in all areas used by residents of licensed assisted living facilities from 80 degrees Fahrenheit to 77 degrees Fahrenheit, (ii) reduce the temperature at which air conditioning or mechanical ventilating systems, such as electric fans, are required to be provided in all rooms occupied by residents of licensed children's residential facilities from above 80 degrees Fahrenheit to 77 degrees Fahrenheit, and (iii) reduce the temperature at which fans or other cooling systems are required to be used in inside areas of licensed family day homes occupied by children from above 80 degrees Fahrenheit to 77 degrees Fahrenheit.*

§ 3. *That the Department of Juvenile Justice shall amend its regulations to reduce the temperature at which air conditioning or mechanical ventilating systems, such as electric fans, are required to be provided in all rooms occupied by residents of juvenile correctional centers, juvenile group homes, and juvenile halfway houses from above 80 degrees Fahrenheit to 77 degrees Fahrenheit.*

§ 4. *That the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services shall amend its regulations to reduce the temperature at which air conditioning or mechanical ventilating systems, such as electric fans, are required to be provided in all rooms occupied by residents of children's residential facilities from above 80 degrees Fahrenheit to 77 degrees Fahrenheit.*

§ 5. *That the Department of Health shall amend its regulations to reduce the maximum temperature at which a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system in hospice facilities shall be capable of maintaining in patient areas from 80 degrees Fahrenheit to 77 degrees Fahrenheit.*

§ 6. *That the Department of Corrections shall amend its regulations to reduce the maximum temperature that may be maintained in all rooms in local correctional facilities from 85 degrees Fahrenheit to 77 degrees Fahrenheit.*

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