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SENATE BILL NO. 1479

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-909.1, relating to local regulation of karst feature mitigation.*

Patron—Deeds

Referred to Committee on Local Government

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-909.1 as follows:
§ 15.2-909.1. Regulation of karst feature mitigation.

A. For purposes of this section:

"Karst feature" means any sinkhole, swallet, or cave, whether pre-existing or newly formed.

"Mitigation" means filling, repairing, or in any way altering.

B. Any locality may by ordinance regulate the mitigation of any karst feature. Such regulation may provide for (i) a permit to mitigate any karst feature, (ii) disclosure by a landowner of the location and associated permit documents of any mitigated karst feature upon the sale or transfer of any property or of any legal interest therein, or (iii) the retention of public records related to the location of mitigated karst features.