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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1590

Offered January 15, 2020

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-918 of the Code of Virginia, relating to local regulation of air cannons.*

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Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

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

**1. That § 15.2-918 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 15.2-918. Locality may prohibit or regulate use of air cannons.**

Any locality may by ordinance prohibit or regulate the use within its jurisdiction of certain devices, including air cannons, carbide cannons, or other loud explosive devices ~~which~~ *that* are designed to produce ~~high intensity~~ *high-intensity* sound percussions for the purpose of repelling birds. *Notwithstanding any other provision of law, general or special, a locality may require a special exception or special use permit for the use of such devices.*

Such ordinance may prescribe the degree of sound or the decibel level produced by the cannon or device which is unacceptable in that jurisdiction.

In adopting an ordinance pursuant to the provisions of this section, the governing body may provide that any person who violates the provisions of such ordinance shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

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