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HOUSE BILL NO. 1655 Offered January 17, 2020

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-1800.3, relating to sale of certain property by locality to adjoining landowners.

Patron—Orrock

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-1800.3 as follows: § 15.2-1800.3. Sale of certain property by locality to adjoining landowners.

In any instance in which a parcel of real estate is (i) located within an undeveloped common area in a subdivision, (ii) located in a subdivision with a homeowners' association that has been previously dissolved, and (iii) tax delinquent, a locality may choose to offer for sale such tax delinquent property in whole or in part to adjacent property owners prior to any public auction of the tax delinquent property. The locality may waive any liens associated with the property in order to facilitate the sale and may further waive payment of any past taxes, penalties, and interest with regard to any new owner.