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## HOUSE BILL NO. 585

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-2223.4, relating to the comprehensive plan; transit-oriented development.*

Patrons—Guzman and Samirah; Senator: Morrissey

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 15.2-2223.4 as follows:

*§ 15.2-2223.4. Comprehensive plan shall provide for transit-oriented development.*

*Beginning July 1, 2020, each locality shall incorporate into the next scheduled and all subsequent reviews of its comprehensive plan strategies to promote transit-oriented development for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions through coordinated transportation, housing, and land use planning. Such strategies may include (i) locating new housing development, including low-income, affordable housing, in closer proximity to public transit options; (ii) prioritizing transit options with reduced overall carbon emissions; (iii) increasing development density in certain areas to reduce density in others; or (iv) other strategies designed to reduce overall carbon emissions in the locality.*

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