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**HOUSE BILL NO. 585**

House Amendments in [ ] - January 29, 2020

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.*

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Guzman

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~~ city with a population greater than 20,000 and each county with a population greater than 100,000 ] 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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