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16 17 **HOUSE BILL NO. 2447**

Offered January 23, 1995

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 56-234.01, relating to interference with public service duties of a public utility.

Patrons—Miller, Bennett, Cohen, Cranwell, Keating, Morgan, Murphy, Parrish, Tata and Watkins; Senators: Benedetti, Miller, Y.B., Nolen and Reasor

Referred to Committee on Corporations, Insurance and Banking

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 56-234.01 as follows:

§ 56-234.01. Interference with public service duties.

No person shall interfere with, or attempt to or conspire to interfere with, the fulfillment of the public service duties of a public utility. Upon finding a violation of this section, in addition to its authority to prohibit the violation by injunction or to impose a penalty for such violation, the Commission shall have authority to issue a mandatory injunction requiring such actions as may be in the public interest to remedy the violation.