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## HOUSE BILL NO. 605

Offered January 19, 1996

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 10.1-1158.1, relating to open burning; penalty.

Patrons—Katzen, Davies and May; Senators: Miller, K.G. and Potts

Referred to Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 10.1-1158.1 as follows:**

*§ 10.1-1158.1. County authority to regulate open burning.*

*The governing body of any county may, upon recommendation of a forest warden appointed pursuant to § 10.1-1135, if the forestlands, brushlands and fields within the county have become so dry as to create a serious fire hazard endangering lives and property within the county, enact an emergency ordinance declaring it unlawful for any person to do any open burning nearer than 300 feet from any forestlands, brushlands or fields containing dry grass or other flammable material until such time as the governing body proclaims that the fire hazard has terminated. It shall be the duty of all authorized law-enforcement officers of the county to enforce the provisions of the ordinance. Any person violating the ordinance shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor for each separate offense.*

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