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SENATE BILL NO. 159

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 36-98 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Uniform Statewide Building Code; construction code for existing structures.

Patron—Lucas

Referred to the Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 36-98 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 36-98. Board to promulgate Statewide Code; other codes and regulations superseded; exceptions.

A. The Board is hereby directed and empowered to adopt and promulgate a Uniform Statewide Building Code. Such ~~building code~~ *Building Code* shall supersede the building codes and regulations of the counties, municipalities and other political subdivisions and state agencies. However, such Code shall not supersede the regulations of other state agencies which require and govern the functional design and operation of building related activities not covered by the Uniform Statewide Building Code including but not limited to: (1) public water supply systems, (2) waste water treatment and disposal systems, and (3) solid waste facilities. Nor shall state agencies be prevented from requiring, pursuant to other state law, that buildings and equipment be maintained in accordance with provisions of the Uniform Statewide Building Code.

B. As part of the Uniform Statewide Building Code, the Board shall adopt a construction code for the renovation of existing buildings. Such code shall be administered, at the option of the owner and upon payment of a fee as determined by the Board, in lieu of Code provisions applicable to new construction. However, the repair or replacement of plumbing, electrical and mechanical systems shall be subject to Code provisions governing new construction. The construction code may include an inventory of past building codes to assist owners of such buildings in the preservation of the historical integrity of the building.

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