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## **HOUSE BILL NO. 2374**

Offered January 20, 1997

A BILL to amend and reenact § 8.01-236 of the Code of Virginia, relating to adverse possession of public lands.

Patrons—Behm; Senator: Williams

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 8.01-236 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 8.01-236. Limitation of entry on or action for land.

No person shall make an entry on, or bring an action to recover, any land unless within fifteen years next after the time at which the right to make such entry or bring such action shall have first accrued to such person or to some other person through whom he claims; provided that an action for unlawful entry or detainer under § 8.01-124 shall be brought within three years after such entry or detainer. Publicly owned land cannot be adversely possessed nor can prescriptive easements be acquired thereon.