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HOUSE BILL NO. 2907

Offered January 20, 1997

A BILL to amend and reenact § 8.01-240 of the Code of Virginia, regarding owner liability for occupant water bills.

Patron—McClure

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 8.01-240 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 8.01-240. Liens for water, sewer, or sidewalk assessments.

No suit shall be brought to enforce the lien of any water, sewer, or sidewalk assessment, heretofore or hereafter made, against lands which have been conveyed by the person owning them at the time of such assessment to a grantee for value unless the same be brought within ten years from the due recordation of the deed from such person to grantee and within twenty years from the due docketing of such assessment. Provided however, the owner shall have no personal liability for any unpaid water or sewage disposal system charges incurred solely by a tenant or occupant. Nothing in this provision affects the ability of a water company to lien the property which received the water or sewerage services or any remedies regarding disconnection of services.