

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 36-105.2, relating to expedited*
3 *building plan review program in any county having the urban county executive form of government.*

4 [S 745]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 36-105.2 as follows:**8 *§ 36-105.2. Expedited building plan review program.*

9 *A. Any county having the urban county executive form of government may establish, by ordinance,*
10 *an optional program for the expedited review of certain qualified building plans, provided the*
11 *requirements of the Uniform Statewide Building Code are met. The program shall include the*
12 *designation by the local building official of licensed architects or licensed professional engineers from*
13 *the private sector as peer reviewers. Plans reviewed and recommended for submission by*
14 *county-designated peer reviewers shall qualify for the separate, expedited processing procedure*
15 *established by ordinance. A person who has prepared design plans shall not serve as a peer reviewer*
16 *for designs prepared by him. A person who has been designated as a peer reviewer shall only review*
17 *those components of a building plan which the peer reviewer would be authorized to design under*
18 *Chapter 4 (§ 54.1-400 et seq.) of Title 54.1.*

19 *B. Such ordinance shall establish the qualifications for designation as a peer reviewer, which shall*
20 *include, but not be limited to, licensure as an architect or a professional engineer, and successful*
21 *completion of an initial and annual education and proficiency program as specified by the local*
22 *building official.*

23 *In order to maintain the designation of peer reviewer, a person shall (i) continue to meet the*
24 *qualifications set forth in this subsection and (ii) consistently recommend for submission building plans*
25 *which meet the requirements of the Uniform Statewide Building Code.*

26 *C. In no event shall this section relieve persons who prepare and submit plans of the responsibilities*
27 *and obligations which they would otherwise have with regard to the preparation of plans, nor shall it*
28 *relieve the county of its obligation to review all plans in the manner prescribed by law.*

29 **2. That the provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 2002.**