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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 195

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Rules
on February 11, 1998)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Keating)

Requesting the Commission on the Future of the Environment to study the costs and impact of land development patterns.

WHEREAS, growth is inevitable and provides many benefits to the Commonwealth and its localities and citizens; and

WHEREAS, many areas of the Commonwealth have experienced rapid growth in recent years and can be expected to continue such growth; and

WHEREAS, this growth has resulted in significant impacts on development patterns; and

WHEREAS, such development patterns directly affect the quality of life of Virginia's citizens by impacting traffic, open spaces, natural resources, and the ability of localities to finance public facilities and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, both the Commonwealth and the development community have an interest in discouraging future growth which is inefficient, highly consumptive, and unnecessarily expensive; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Commission on the Future of the Environment be requested to study the costs and impact of land development patterns. The Commission shall evaluate the effectiveness of current state, regional, and local planning and land-use laws and the extent to which such laws may encourage inefficient development patterns. The Commission shall also examine the efforts of other states which have implemented innovative approaches for accommodating growth while promoting a high quality of life for its citizens.

In conducting its study, the Commission shall seek assistance and input from the development community, localities, planning organizations, and all other interested agencies or organizations, as appropriate.

All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Commission, upon request.

The Commission on the Future of the Environment shall complete its work in time to include its findings and recommendations on the costs and impact of land development patterns in its report to the Governor and the 1999 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.

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