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SENATE BILL NO. 480

Offered January 26, 1998

A *BILL* to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-2293.1, relating to placement of amateur radio antennas.

Patron—Edwards

Referred to the Committee on Local Government

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-2293.1 as follows:

§ 15.2-2293.1. Placement of amateur radio antennas.

Any ordinance involving the placement, screening or height of antennas shall reasonably accommodate amateur radio antennas and shall impose the minimum regulation necessary to accomplish the locality's legitimate purpose. No local ordinance shall (i) restrict amateur radio antenna height to less than 200 feet above ground level as permitted by the Federal Communications Commission, (ii) restrict the number of support structures or (iii) require restrictive variances from reasonable and customary engineering practices for antenna erection, unless an amateur radio antenna clearly represents an unreasonable risk to human health or life.

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