HOUSE BILL NO. 1937 Offered January 18, 1999

A BILL to amend and reenact § 56-1.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to public utilities; persons not designated as public utility, public service corporation, etc.

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Referred to Committee on Corporations, Insurance and Banking

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 56-1.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 56-1.2. Persons not designated as public utility, public service corporation, etc.

The terms public utility, public service corporation or public service company, as used in Chapters 1 (§ 56-1 et seq.), 10 (§ 56-232 et seq.), 10.1 (§ 56-265.1 et seq.) and 10.2:1 (§ 56-265.13:1 et seq.) of Title 56, shall not refer to any person who owns or operates property and provides *electricity*, *natural gas or* water to residents or tenants on the property, provided that (i) the *electricity*, *natural gas or* water provided to the residents or tenants is purchased by the person from a public utility, public service corporation, public service company, county, city or town, or other publicly regulated political subdivision or public body and , (ii) the person *or his agent* charges to the resident or tenant on the property only that portion of the person's utility charges for the *electricity*, *natural gas or* water which is permitted by § 55-248.45:1, *and (iii) the person maintains three years' billing records for such charges*.