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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1937**

House Amendments in [ ] — January 28, 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~~ 56-245.3 ], *and* (iii) *the person maintains three years' billing records for such charges.*

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