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HOUSE BILL NO. 1962

House Amendments in [] — February 8, 1999

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-1127 of the Code of Virginia, relating to vacant building registration.*

Patrons—DeBoer; Senator: Marsh

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 15.2-1127 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 15.2-1127. Vacant building registration; penalty.

Any city, by ordinance, may require the owner or owners of buildings which have been vacant for a continuous period of twelve months or more to register such buildings on an annual basis and may impose an annual registration fee not to exceed twenty-five dollars to defray the cost of processing such registration [*and an annual fee not to exceed five hundred dollars for such buildings located in conservation and rehabilitation districts designated by the local governing body, or in other areas designated as blighted pursuant to § 36-49.1:1*] . The registration of buildings shall be on forms designated by the city and filed with the agency designated by the city. Failure to register shall be a fifty-dollar civil penalty [; *however, failure to register in conservation and rehabilitation districts designated by the governing body, or in other areas designated as blighted pursuant to § 36-49.1:1, shall be punishable by a civil penalty not exceeding \$250*] .

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