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HOUSE BILL NO. 447

Offered January 16, 1998

A BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-908 of the Code of Virginia, relating to defacement of structures.

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Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.2-908 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.2-908. Authority of localities to remove or repair the defacement of buildings, walls, fences and other structures.

Any locality may by ordinance (i) undertake or contract for the removal or repair of the defacement of any public building, wall, fence or other structure or (ii) require that the owner of any private building, wall, fence or other structure remove or repair the defacement, where such defacement is visible from any public right-of-way. The ordinance may provide that whenever the property owner, after reasonable notice, fails to remove or repair the defacement, the locality may have such defacement removed or repaired by its agents or employees; in which event, the cost and expenses thereof shall be chargeable to and paid by the owner of such property and may be collected by the locality as taxes are collected.