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HOUSE BILL NO. 1377

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Corporations, Insurance and Banking
on February 8, 2000)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Armstrong)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 56-261 of the Code of Virginia, and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered 56-236.2 and 56-265.11:1, relating to public utilities; termination of power supply to sewerage systems.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 56-261 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted, and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding sections numbered 56-236.2 and 56.265.11:1 as follows:

§ 56-236.2. Suspension of service to sewerage system.

No public utility furnishing heat, light or power to a sewerage system, after receiving notice pursuant to §§ 56-261 or 56-265.11:1 from the person operating such system, may suspend service for non-payment without giving at least ten days' advance notice in writing to the Commission and the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality.

§ 56-261. Duties of companies furnishing water or sewerage facilities.

Every public service corporation engaged in the business of furnishing water or sewerage facilities to any city, incorporated town, or county having a population greater than 500 inhabitants per square mile as shown by United States census, in this Commonwealth or to inhabitants thereof (whether or not such business is conducted under or by virtue of a municipal franchise), shall furnish at all times and at a reasonable charge a supply of water, a system of distribution or disposal and services and facilities incidental to such supply, distribution or disposal sufficient and adequate to the protection of the health of such inhabitants and to the public health of the community, and any such water company shall furnish a supply of water adequate for proper fire protection within such city or town or such county and the adjacent territory served by the mains of such corporation. Each person operating a sewerage system, which includes one or more sewage treatment plants, shall notify in writing, the Commission, the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality and each electric or natural gas utility supplying or distributing energy to such system that such system includes a sewage treatment plant.

§ 56-265.11:1. Notification to energy utilities.

Each person operating a sewerage system which includes one or more sewage treatment plants, shall notify in writing, the Commission, the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality and each electric or natural gas utility supplying or distributing energy to such system that such system includes a sewage treatment plant.