036064670 **HOUSE BILL NO. 2647** 1 2 Offered January 13, 2003 3 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-920.1, relating to outdoor 4 lighting ordinances. 5 6 7 8 9

Patrons—Cline, Landes and Saxman

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-920.1 as follows:

§ 15.2-920.1. Lighting level regulation.

The County of Augusta may provide by ordinance for the regulation of maximum upward exterior illumination levels of buildings and property zoned or used for commercial or business purposes. Such ordinance shall only apply to lighting installed after the effective date of the ordinance and shall not affect or be applied to agricultural or silvicultural operations. Further, such ordinance shall not apply to any outdoor advertising signs owned by a person in the business of outdoor advertising licensed by the Department of Transportation pursuant to § 33.1-361, or to temporary construction or maintenance activities performed by the Department of Transportation or its agents or contractors.

2. That if Augusta County has not adopted an ordinance pursuant to this act prior to July 1, 2005, the provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 2005.

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