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HOUSE BILL NO. 170 Offered January 11, 2012 Prefiled January 9, 2012

A BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-2301 of the Code of Virginia, relating to review of zoning administrator decisions; appeals.

Patron—Cosgrove

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.2-2301 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.2-2301. Same; petition for review of decision.

Any zoning applicant or any other person who is aggrieved by a decision of the zoning administrator made pursuant to the provisions of § 15.2-2299 may petition the governing body for review of the decision of the zoning administrator. All petitions for review shall be filed with the zoning administrator and with the clerk of the governing body within thirty 30 days from the date of the decision for which review is sought and shall specify the grounds upon which the petitioner is aggrieved. A decision by the governing body on an appeal taken pursuant to this section shall be binding upon the owner of the property which is the subject of such appeal only if the owner of such property has been provided written notice of the zoning violation, written determination, or other appealable decision. An aggrieved party may petition the circuit court for review of the decision of the governing body on an appeal taken pursuant to this section. The provisions of § 15.2-2314 shall apply to such petitions to the circuit court, mutatis mutandis.