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## HOUSE BILL NO. 499

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

Patron—Dance

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.

The Town of Pulaski, in a conservation and rehabilitation district of the town, and any city, by ordinance, may require the owner or owners of buildings that have been vacant for a continuous period of 12 months or more to register such buildings on an annual basis and may impose an annual registration fee not to exceed ~~\$25~~ \$200 to defray the cost of processing such registration. The registration of buildings shall be on forms designated by the locality and filed with the agency designated by the locality. Failure to register shall be a \$50 civil penalty, *in addition to the registration fee*; 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, *in addition to the registration fee*. Notice shall be mailed to the owner or owners, at the address to which property tax notices are sent, at least 30 days prior to the assessment of the civil penalty.

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