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SENATE BILL NO. 1443

Offered January 23, 2015

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-2223.3, relating to comprehensive plan; sea-level rise.

Patrons—Miller and Lewis

Referred to Committee on Local Government

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-2223.3 as follows: § 15.2-2223.3. Comprehensive plan shall incorporate strategies to combat projected sea-level rise and recurrent flooding.

Beginning July 1, 2015, any locality included in the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission shall incorporate into the next scheduled and all subsequent reviews of its comprehensive plan strategies to combat projected sea-level rise and recurrent flooding. Such review shall be coordinated with the other localities in the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission. The Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Marine Resources Commission, and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science shall provide technical assistance to any such locality upon request.