

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2017 SESSION

## CHAPTER 649

*An Act to amend and reenact § 15.2-980 of the Code of Virginia, relating to noise violations; civil penalty.*

[S 926]

Approved March 20, 2017

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 15.2-980 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 15.2-980. Civil penalties for violations of noise ordinances.**

Any locality may, by ordinance, adopt a uniform schedule of civil penalties for violations of that locality's noise ordinance. This provision shall not apply to noise generated in connection with the business being performed on industrial property. Civil fines will not exceed \$250 for the first offense and \$500 for each subsequent offense. *The locality may authorize the chief law-enforcement officer to enforce any civil penalties adopted pursuant to the provisions of this section.* The provisions of this section shall not apply to railroads. No ordinance of any locality shall apply to sound emanating from any area permitted by the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy or any division thereof.