

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the Department of Transportation to develop and submit for approval an expedited land*
3 *use permit process; rights-of-way.*

4 [H 901]

5 Approved

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

7 **1. § 1.** *That the Department of Transportation (Department) shall develop and submit for approval to*
8 *the Federal Highway Administration an expedited land use permit process by which public or private*
9 *utility companies that offer high-speed Internet services may apply to use any right-of-way maintained*
10 *by the Department. Such process shall be designed to apply only when the proposed use of the*
11 *right-of-way does not make substantial changes to such right-of-way and does not interfere with the*
12 *safety or ongoing maintenance of the right-of-way for transportation purposes.*

13 **2. That the Department of Transportation shall complete the requirements of the first enactment**
14 **of this act by November 30, 2018, and shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an**
15 **executive summary and a report on the expedited land use permit process and, if possible, the**
16 **response from the Federal Highway Administration for publication as a House or Senate**
17 **document. The executive summary and report shall be submitted as provided in the procedures of**
18 **the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and**
19 **reports no later than the first day of the 2019 Regular Session of the General Assembly and shall**
20 **be posted on the General Assembly's website.**

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