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SENATE BILL NO. 72

Offered January 10, 2018

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 4 of Chapter 10 of Title 56 a section numbered 56-256.1, relating to the height of electric power distribution lines over agricultural land.*

Patron—Cosgrove

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 4 of Chapter 10 of Title 56 a section numbered 56-256.1 as follows:

*§ 56-256.1. Height of electric power distribution lines over agricultural land.*

*Unless placement at a greater height is required pursuant to § 56-466 or other applicable law, any electric distribution line that is installed, either as a new line or as a replacement for an existing line, on or after July 1, 2018, by or for an electric utility upon or over land upon which agricultural operations, as defined in § 3.2-300, are conducted shall be placed at a height that is not less than the minimum height requirement that applies to the placement of electric distribution lines above road crossings.*

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