

# 2019 SESSION

## SENATE SUBSTITUTE

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### SENATE BILL NO. 1479

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Local Government  
on January 29, 2019)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Deeds)

*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-2295.3, relating to regulation of development in karst.*

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-2295.3 as follows:**

**§ 15.2-2295.3. Regulation of development in karst.**

*As part of the application process for rezoning property from an agricultural use to a residential use, any locality may, by ordinance, require (i) the submission of a geological and geophysical survey to ensure the geologic suitability of the site for real property development, including assessing any karst features within the property; (ii) the development of a karst management plan by a professional geologist or professional geotechnical engineer that may include but not be limited to the identification of karst features and measures for the mitigation or protection of karst features from impacts of construction activities; and (iii) a written disclosure statement to the prospective purchaser of such property and a statement on the deed and record plat that identifies the presence and locations of karst features.*

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