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SENATE BILL NO. 396

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary
on February 5, 2020)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Kiggans)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 15 of Title 15.2 a section numbered 15.2-1512.5, relating to authority of local government employees to issue summonses for misdemeanor violations of certain local ordinances.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 15 of Title 15.2 a section numbered 15.2-1512.5 as follows:

§ 15.2-1512.5. Authority of local government employees to issue summonses for misdemeanor violations of certain local ordinances.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a locality may appoint and train local government employees to enforce local ordinances by issuing summonses for misdemeanor violations of ordinances enacted pursuant to a power expressly authorized to the locality in its charter. Such employees shall not have the power and authority of constables at common law; their power shall be limited to issuing such summonses in their locality.