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HOUSE BILL NO. 1863 Offered January 13, 2021 Prefiled January 7, 2021

A BILL to amend Chapter 619 of the Acts of Assembly of 1975, which provided a charter for the Town of Blacksburg in Montgomery County, by adding a section numbered 2.05, relating to acceptance of certain proffers.

Patron—Hurst

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That Chapter 619 of the Acts of Assembly of 1975 is amended by adding a section numbered 2.05 as follows:

§ 2.05. Acceptance of certain proffers.

Because of the pressures created by the demand for student housing in a university community, the Town of Blacksburg has a significant shortage of housing for its long-term residents. As part of efforts to create housing opportunities for these residents (including workforce and affordable housing), the Town Council is authorized to accept, as part of residential re-zonings, voluntary proffered conditions that would limit or prohibit occupancy by undergraduate students or persons under the age of twenty-three, unless such persons are part of a family. For such proffered conditions to be accepted, the Town of Blacksburg would be required to designate areas in its comprehensive plan where student housing is encouraged, as well as areas intended for housing of long-term residents where such proffered conditions could be accepted.