

## 2023 SESSION

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### HOUSE BILL NO. 1977

Offered January 11, 2023

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 62.1-262.2, relating to Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area; continued residential withdrawals.*

Patron—Krizek (By Request)

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

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

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 62.1-262.2 as follows:

*§ 62.1-262.2. Permits for certain ground water withdrawals in Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area.*

*Notwithstanding the provisions of § 62.1-266, the Board shall waive the expiration of any ground water withdrawal permit for a well that serves exclusively residential users, is located in the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area north of the Occoquan River, and is located within five miles of any commercial or industrial permitted ground water withdrawal until all such permitted withdrawals for commercial or industrial permitted wells within five miles of the subject residential well have been halted for five years. No sooner than five years after the termination of such commercial or industrial withdrawals, the Department shall assess whether the termination of the commercial or industrial withdrawals has substantially mitigated the stress upon the aquifer in proximity to the permitted residential well and redetermine whether the ground water withdrawal permit for the residential well shall be renewed.*

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