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SENATE BILL NO. 1111

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-1127 of the Code of Virginia, relating to powers of cities and certain towns; vacant building registration fees; civil penalty.

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Referred to Committee on Local Government

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.2-1127 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.2-1127. Vacant building registration; civil penalty.

The Town of Clifton Forge, the Town of Pulaski, in a conservation and rehabilitation district of the town, the Town of Timberville, and any city, by ordinance, may require the owner or owners of buildings that have been vacant for a continuous period of 12 months or more, and which meet the definition of "derelict building" under § 15.2-907.1, to register such buildings on an annual basis and may impose an annual registration fee not to exceed ~~\$400~~ \$500 to defray the cost of processing such registration. The registration of buildings shall be on forms designated by the locality and filed with the agency designated by the locality. Failure to register shall be a ~~\$200~~ \$500 civil penalty *for the first violation and a \$2,000 civil penalty for any subsequent violations*; however, failure to register in conservation and rehabilitation districts designated by the governing body, or in other areas designated as blighted pursuant to § 36-49.1:1, shall be punishable by a civil penalty not exceeding ~~\$400~~ \$1,000 *for the first violation and \$4,000 for any subsequent violations*. Notice shall be mailed to the owner or owners, at the address to which property tax notices are sent, at least 30 days prior to the assessment of the civil penalty.

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