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## **HOUSE BILL NO. 1590**

Offered January 11, 1995

A BILL to amend Chapter 433 of the Acts of Assembly of 1962, which provided a charter for the Town of Leesburg in Loudoun County, by adding a section numbered 3-8, relating to the authority of the town to remove or repair certain buildings.

Patrons—May and Mims; Senator: Waddell

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That Chapter 433 of the Acts of Assembly of 1962 is amended by adding a section numbered 3-8 as follows:

§ 3-8. Authority to remove or repair buildings.

The owners of property shall at such time or times as the Council may prescribe, remove or repair any building which has been partially destroyed by fire or other natural disaster; which is located within the Town of Leesburg corporate limits, including properties in a preservation or historic district and areas as provided in §§ 15.1-430 and 15.1-503.2 (which define historic area) of the Code of Virginia; and which is offensive to the viewing public or diminishes the value of adjoining properties. If, after reasonable notice, the owner or owners fail to abate or obviate the condition, the town may do so at its expense.

2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.