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HOUSE BILL NO. 1672

Offered January 17, 1995

A *BILL to authorize certain cities to require removal, repair or securing of buildings, walls and other structures.*

Patrons—Melvin; Senator: Lucas

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, general or special, the governing body of any city having a population between 100,000 and 110,000, by ordinance, may provide that:

1. The owners of property therein shall, at such time or times as the governing body may prescribe, remove, repair or secure any building, wall or other structure which might endanger the public health or safety of other residents of such city;

2. The governing body of such city through its own agents or employees may remove, repair or secure any building, wall or other structure which might endanger the public health or safety of other residents of such city wherein the owner and lien holder of such property, after reasonable notice and a reasonable time to do so, have failed to remove, repair or secure the building, wall or other structure;

3. In the event the governing body of such city through its own agents or employees removes, repairs or secures any building, wall or other structure after complying with the notice provisions of this section, the cost or expenses thereof shall be chargeable to and paid by the owners of such property and may be collected by the city as taxes and levies are collected; and

4. Every charge authorized by this section with which the owner of any such property shall have been assessed, and which remains unpaid, shall constitute a lien against such property ranking on a parity with liens for unpaid local taxes and enforceable in the same manner as provided in Articles 3 (§ 58.1-3940 et seq.) and 4 (§ 58.1-3965 et seq.) of Chapter 39 of Title 58.1.

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