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SENATE BILL NO. 1042

Senate Amendments in [] — February 4, 1997

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 4 of Chapter 3.1 of Title 62.1 a section numbered 62.1-44.19:4, relating to interbasin transfer of sewage.

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Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 4 of Chapter 3.1 of Title 62.1 a section numbered 62.1-44.19:4 as follows:

§ 62.1-44.19:4. Interbasin transfer of sewage.

A. The Board shall not issue, nor grant the modification of, a permit allowing any discharge into [~~state waters~~ the Rappahannock River] if the discharge contains components of sewage from a subbasin outside the receiving basin unless the discharge meets the same standards as would be applicable in the source subbasin if discharged there and there has been held, by the permit applicant, at least one public hearing in the receiving basin in the area of the proposed discharge. Any public hearing held pursuant to the requirements of this section shall be preceded by public notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality where the discharge is proposed to take place. The notice shall give the date, time and location of the hearing, and specifications regarding the proposal including the amount of sewage proposed to be coming from the source basin and all alternatives to the proposal considered by the applicant. The notice shall be published in each of the six weeks preceding the hearing.

B. The provisions of this section shall not be construed as requiring or allowing the Board to lower any discharge, water quality or treatment standard in a receiving basin. [The provisions of this section shall not apply to any sewage treatment plant permitted prior to July 1, 1997.]

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