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HOUSE BILL NO. 912

Offered January 26, 1998

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 10 of Chapter 6 of Title 32.1 a section numbered 32.1-248.2, relating to gray and rain water use guidelines.

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Referred to Committee on 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 10 of Chapter 6 of Title 32.1 a section numbered 32.1-248.2 as follows:

§ 32.1-248.2. Use of rainwater and reuse of gray water.

A. The Department shall develop by January 1, 1999, guidelines regarding the use of gray and rain water. The guidelines shall describe the conditions under which gray and rain water may appropriately be used and for what purposes. The guidelines shall include categories of used water, such as types of used household water and used water from businesses, which are appropriate for reuse. The guidelines shall include a definition of gray water that does not include used toilet water.

B. The Department, in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Quality, shall promote the use of rain water and reuse of gray water as means to reduce fresh water consumption, ease demands on public treatment works and water supply systems, and promote conservation.