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HOUSE BILL NO. 2037

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-961.4, relating to land development; solar canopies in parking areas.

Patrons—Bulova, Reid, Carr, Krizek, Sullivan and Willett

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-961.4 as follows:

§ 15.2-961.4. Solar canopies in parking areas.

A. For purposes of this section, "solar canopy" means an area with a raised structure that contains solar photovoltaic panels.

B. Any locality may include in its land development ordinances a provision that requires as a condition of land development approval that an applicant shall install a solar canopy over designated parking areas. Such provisions shall apply only to nonresidential parking areas with 100 parking spaces or more and may require coverage of up to 50 percent of the parking area. Localities are authorized to provide development density bonuses for properties that are subject to such provisions.