

2025 SESSION

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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 2331**

2 Offered January 13, 2025

3 Prefiled January 8, 2025

4 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 62.1-44.15:74.1, relating to Chesapeake*
5 *Bay Preservation Areas; acceptance of signed and sealed plan in lieu of local plan review.*

6 Patron—Hodges

7 Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

8 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

9 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 62.1-44.15:74.1 as follows:**

10 **§ 62.1-44.15:74.1. Acceptance of signed and sealed plan in lieu of local plan review.**

11 *A. Any locality that is subject to the provisions of this article is authorized to require a licensed*
12 *professional retained by an applicant to prepare and submit a set of plans and supporting calculations for a*
13 *land-disturbing activity that disturbs 2,500 square feet or more but less than one acre in an area of a locality*
14 *designated as a Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area pursuant to this article. The locality may accept such*
15 *signed and sealed plans in accordance with this section in satisfaction of the requirement of this article that it*
16 *retain a local certified plan reviewer or conduct a local plan review for a land-disturbing activity that*
17 *disturbs 2,500 square feet or more but less than one acre in an area of a locality designated as a Chesapeake*
18 *Bay Preservation Area.*

19 *B. The plans and supporting calculations prepared and submitted pursuant to subsection A shall be*
20 *appropriately signed and sealed by the licensed professional with a certification that states: "This plan is*
21 *designated in accordance with applicable state law and regulations." Such professional shall be licensed to*
22 *engage in practice in the Commonwealth under Chapter 4 (§ 54.1-400 et seq.) or 22 (§ 54.1-2200 et seq.) of*
23 *Title 54.1 and hold a certificate of competence in the appropriate subject area, as provided in §*
24 *62.1-44.15:30.*

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