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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 166**

2 Offered January 14, 2026

3 Prefiled January 6, 2026

4 *A BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-980 of the Code of Virginia, relating to noise ordinances; industrial*
5 *property; civil penalties.*

6 Patron—Thomas

7 Committee Referral Pending

8 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**9 **1. That § 15.2-980 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**10 **§ 15.2-980. Civil penalties for violations of noise ordinances.**11 Any locality may, by ordinance, adopt a uniform schedule of civil penalties for violations of that locality's
12 noise ordinance. ~~This provision shall not apply to noise generated in connection with the business being~~
13 ~~performed on industrial property. Civil fines will penalties shall~~ not exceed \$250 for the first offense
14 ~~violation and \$500 for each subsequent offense violation.~~ The locality may authorize the chief
15 law-enforcement officer to enforce any civil penalties adopted pursuant to the provisions of this section. The
16 provisions of this section shall not apply to railroads. No ordinance of any locality shall apply to sound
17 emanating from any area permitted by the Virginia Department of Energy or any division thereof.

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