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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 214**

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4 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-984.1, relating to localities; Home*
5 *Flood Protection Assistance Program.*

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7 Committee Referral Pending

8 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**9 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-984.1 as follows:**10 **§ 15.2-984.1. Home Flood Protection Assistance Program.**11 *A. For the purposes of this section:*12 *"Department" means the Department of Conservation and Recreation.*13 *"Program" means a Home Flood Protection Assistance Program established pursuant to subsection B.*14 *"Stormwater extension program" means a program operated by a locality designed to empower*
15 *households with the tools, knowledge, and skills to mitigate flooding on private property that is (i) outside of*
16 *the right-of-way and (ii) not within the scope of authority of a local department of public works.*17 *B. A locality may by ordinance establish a Home Flood Protection Assistance Program to provide*
18 *financial assistance to households to install temporary home flood exclusion tools at vulnerable entry points.*
19 *Such financial assistance shall be limited to no more than \$3,000 per household and may be provided in the*
20 *form of advanced payment or reimbursement of costs. A household shall only be eligible to receive funds*
21 *from a Program after such household has (i) completed a stormwater extension program or local floodplain*
22 *review, including an on-site assessment by the locality; (ii) completed all required or recommended passive*
23 *or structural flood mitigation measures, including drainage improvements, minor property regrading,*
24 *cleaning of ditches, installation of French drains, and downspout reconfiguration; and (iii) received*
25 *verification from the locality that no further feasible passive or structural flood mitigation measures remain.*
26 *A locality may utilize funds from the Resilient Virginia Revolving Fund established in § 10.1-603.29 in*
27 *administering a Program.*28 *C. The Department shall establish and maintain uniform product performance verification standards for*
29 *home flood exclusion tools to ensure safety, durability, and proper deployment of such tools. A Program shall*
30 *provide financial assistance to households only for temporary home flood exclusion tools so verified by the*
31 *Department, including modular door barriers, temporary flood dams, water-inflated or self-activating*
32 *barriers, garage-entry flood shields, portable sump pump systems with barriers, and similar protective tools.*
33 *Such tools shall not include any permanent structural flood proofing tools that would necessitate Federal*
34 *Emergency Management Agency flood proofing certification requirements.*35 *D. A locality establishing a Program pursuant to this section may partner with locality-authorized*
36 *nonprofit resilience organizations to assist in identifying households eligible for such Program, installing*
37 *temporary home flood exclusion tools verified by the Department pursuant to subsection C, training*
38 *households on the proper deployment of such tools, and tracking the performance and effectiveness of such*
39 *tools.*

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