

# 2026 SESSION

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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 492**

2 Offered January 14, 2026

3 Prefiled January 12, 2026

4 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 5 of Chapter 10 of Title 56 a section numbered*  
5 *56-260.2, relating to vegetation management by public utilities in public parks.*

6 Patron—Seibold

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8 Committee Referral Pending  
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10 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

11 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 5 of Chapter 10 of Title 56 a section**  
12 **numbered 56-260.2 as follows:**

13 **§ 56-260.2. Vegetation management in public parks.**

14 *A public utility, when managing trees, shrubs, or other plants located in any public park owned or*  
15 *operated by a locality, or by any authority or local governmental entity created or controlled by a locality,*  
16 *shall consult with the locality and aim to trim or prune such trees, shrubs, or other plants only to the extent*  
17 *necessary to preserve the reliability of service.*

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