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HOUSE BILL NO. 985

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-2202.1, relating to local land use decision authority.

Patron—Garrett

Committee Referral Pending

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-2202.1 as follows:

§ 15.2-2202.1. Local land use decisions not to be ceded to state agencies.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, general or special, the authority for a locality's planning and land use decisions as granted by this chapter belongs solely to the locality and shall not be ceded to any state agency or state-sanctioned body.

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