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1 **SENATE BILL NO. 784**

2 Offered January 22, 2026

3 *A BILL to amend and reenact § 45.2-1647 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the prohibition of bioslurry*
4 *injection wells in a groundwater management area.*

5 Patron—Stuart

6 Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

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

8 **1. That § 45.2-1647 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

9 **§ 45.2-1647. Hydraulic fracturing and bioslurry injection wells; groundwater management area.**

10 No person shall conduct any hydraulic fracturing or bioslurry injection in any well that has been drilled
11 through any portion of a groundwater management area declared by regulation prior to January 1, 2020,
12 pursuant to the provisions of the Ground Water Management Act of 1992 (§ 62.1-254 et seq.). For purposes
13 of this section, "hydraulic fracturing" means the treatment of a well by the application of hydraulic fracturing
14 fluid, including a base fluid and any additive, under pressure for the express purpose of initiating or
15 propagating fractures in a target geologic formation to enhance production of natural gas or oil. *For the*
16 *purposes of this section, "bioslurry injection" means the underground injection of any of the following:*
17 *sewage sludge, manure, agricultural and food waste, and paper sludge.*

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