

HOUSE BILL NO. 1381

## AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

on \_\_\_\_\_)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Bloxom)

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 45.2-1647 of the Code of Virginia, relating to groundwater management areas; bioslurry injections in wells prohibited.*

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

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

**§ 45.2-1647. Hydraulic fracturing; bioslurry injections; groundwater management area.**

*A. For the purposes of this section, "bioslurry injection" means the underground injection of agricultural waste, food waste, manure, paper sludge, or sewage sludge.*

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