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HOUSE BILL NO. 947

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

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(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Lopez)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-912.4, relating to local government powers; regulation of tobacco, nicotine, and hemp product retail sale locations.

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-912.4 as follows:**

**§ 15.2-912.4. Regulation of tobacco, nicotine, and hemp product retail sale locations.**

Any locality may by ordinance regulate the retail sale locations of tobacco products, nicotine vapor products, alternative nicotine products, as such terms are defined in § 18.2-371.2, or hemp products intended for smoking, as such term is defined in § 3.2-4112, for any such retail sale location and may prohibit a retail sale location on property within 1,000 linear feet of a child day center as defined in § 22.1-289.02 or a public, private, or parochial school. An ordinance adopted pursuant to this section shall not affect (i) a licensee holding a valid license under § 4.1-206.3 or (ii) any retail sale location of tobacco products, nicotine vapor products, alternative nicotine products, or hemp products intended for smoking operating before July 1, 2024.

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