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SENATE BILL NO. 452

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Local Government

on _____)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Senator Boysko)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Title 15.2 a section numbered 15.2-987, relating to powers of local governments; additional powers; energy efficiency of buildings.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Title 15.2 a section numbered 15.2-987 as follows:

§ 15.2-987. Energy efficiency standards; more stringent energy efficiency requirements.

The Board of Housing and Community Development shall consider and adopt optional building energy efficiency standards designed to increase energy conservation beyond the generally applicable standards in the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) (§ 36-97 et seq.). The optional energy conservation standards shall be designed to enable any locality to adopt and enforce within its jurisdictions the latest version of the International Green Construction Code (IgCC) published by the International Code Council, notwithstanding differences from the generally applicable USBC.

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