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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

on _____)

(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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