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HOUSE BILL NO. 1487

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on General Laws

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

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Tran)

A BILL to direct the Department of Housing and Community Development to translate certain forms and documents posted on its website into the five non-English languages most commonly spoken in Virginia.

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

1. § 1. The Department of Housing and Community Development (the Department) shall translate all forms and documents that the Department is mandated by law to create and that are posted on its website for use by residential landlords and tenants into the five non-English languages most commonly spoken in Virginia according to the most recent American Community Survey data published by the United States Census Bureau. The Department may accept materials translated by volunteers but shall verify the accuracy of such translations prior to making the translated materials available on its website. The Department shall post on its website all English and translated versions of all Department-created documents and model forms for use by any persons governed by the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act (§ 55.1-1200 et seq. of the Code of Virginia) or the Virginia Manufactured Home Lot Rental Act (§ 55.1-1300 et seq. of the Code of Virginia).

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