**SENATE BILL NO. _____ HOUSE BILL NO. _____**

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 10 of Chapter 32 of Title 58.1 a section numbered § 58.1-3333, relating to real property tax; notice of resource protection area.

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered § 58.1-3333 as follows:**

**§ 58.1-3333. Notice of Resource Protection Area designation.**

A. Any county, city, or town with a Resource Protection Area designated pursuant to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act (§ 62.1-44.15:67 et seq.) shall give notice by mail directly to the owner of any real property wholly or partially located within such Resource Protection Area, as identified by the geographic information currently maintained by the county, city, or town, for compliance with the provisions of § 62.1-44.15:74 whenever sending (i) a real estate tax bill for such real property and (ii) a notice of change in assessment for such real property, pursuant to § 58.1-3330.

B. Notice given pursuant to subsection A shall (i) state that such real property may be located wholly or partially within a Resource Protection Area as identified by the geographic information maintained by the county, city, or town; (ii) provide a brief description of the criteria for designating a Resource Protection Area pursuant to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act (§ 62.1-44.15:67 et seq.) in plain language; (iii) advise that certain construction and land-disturbing activities within such areas may be subject to local requirements; and (iv) provide contact information for any local office or department from which the notified person may obtain additional information.

C. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require any county, city, or town to (i) prepare or revise maps or conduct a site-specific evaluation solely for the purpose of providing notice pursuant to this section; or (ii) modify any requirement for determining or verifying Resource Protection Area boundaries under the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act (§ 62.1-44.15:67 et seq.) or regulation by the State Water Control Board.

D. Nothing in this section shall be construed to create or expand any restriction on the use, construction, or development of real property. Failure to provide or receive notice pursuant to this section

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shall not (i) relieve any person of any obligation under the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act (§ 62.1-44.15:67 et seq.); (ii) relieve any person of any obligation under a regulation or ordinance adopted pursuant to such Act; or (iii) limit the authority of any county, city, or town to administer or enforce such obligations.

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