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HOUSE BILL NO. 364
 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
 (Proposed by the House Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns
 on _____)
 (Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Martinez)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-922.3, relating to local government; installation of water-based fire protection systems in certain construction.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-922.3 as follows:

§ 15.2-922.3. Water-based fire protection systems in certain construction.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a locality may by ordinance require the installation of automatic water-based fire protection systems in new townhouse construction. Such ordinance shall require that installation of an automatic water-based fire protection system be completed in compliance with standards, requirements, and specifications for the installation of an automatic water-based fire protection system as prescribed by the National Fire Protection Association's NFPA 13, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems; NFPA 13R, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in Low-Rise Residential Occupancies; or NFPA 13D, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in One- and Two-Family Dwellings and Manufactured Homes in accordance with the Uniform Statewide Building Code.

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