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HOUSE BILL NO. 1181

Offered January 24, 2000

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-224 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Board of Transportation Safety.*

Patron—Reid

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 46.2-224 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:
§ 46.2-224. Board of Transportation Safety.

There is hereby established within the Department of Motor Vehicles a Board of Transportation Safety, hereinafter referred to in this section as "the Board," to advise the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, the Secretary of Transportation, and the Governor on transportation safety matters. The Board shall elect a chairman and meet at his call, and shall seek to identify the elements of a comprehensive safety program for all transport modes operating in Virginia. In addition, the Board may consider, study, and report on the following issues: (i) the identification of the unique safety needs of each particular mode of transportation; (ii) the identification of the common elements of safe transportation operation, regardless of mode of transportation; (iii) the adoption of proven safety practices and technology in use in one mode to other modes of transportation; (iv) the identification of the common elements of accident situations; and (v) the allocation of grant funds made available to the Department.

The Board shall consist of ~~eleven~~ *twelve* members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation of the General Assembly. One member shall be appointed from each of the geographic operating districts used by the Department and shall reside in the district from which he is appointed. The remaining members shall be at-large members representing transportation safety interests in the areas of air, rail, water, motor carriers, pupil transportation, and public transit and, insofar as practical, should reflect fair and equitable statewide representation. Members shall serve for terms of four years, and no member shall serve for more than two full consecutive terms. Appointment and confirmation of Board members under this section shall occur only as the terms of the current members of the Board expire under prior law.

Board members shall be reimbursed for their necessary and actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

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