VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2001 SESSION

CHAPTER 169

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 33.1-371.2, relating to tree-trimming policies of the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 33.1-371.2 as follows:

§ 33.1-371.2. Tree-trimming policies.

In order to preserve roadside trees that do not adversely affect highway operations, maintenance, or safety, the Commonwealth Transportation Board shall adopt policies governing the pruning and trimming of trees during nonemergency conditions by the employees, agents, and contractors of the Virginia Department of Transportation. Such policies shall be developed in consultation with an advisory group whose members shall include, but not be limited to, representatives of the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Virginia Department of Forestry, Scenic Virginia, and the American Society of Consulting Arborists, and shall be consistent with generally accepted standards recommended by nationally recognized organizations including, but not limited to, the American National Standards Institute.