

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 33.1-191 of the Code of Virginia, relating to contracts with the Virginia*
3 *Department of Transportation; penalties for violation of terms or conditions of permits or contracts.*

4 [H 2303]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 33.1-191 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 33.1-191. Contracts.

9 A. Every contractor whose bid is accepted shall, before commencing work, enter into a contract with
10 the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner, which shall fully set out the time when work shall
11 commence and when the contract shall be completed, as well as the time and manner for the payment
12 for the work. Whenever the Commissioner or his designee publicly opens and announces all bids
13 received for each invitation to bid, it shall be announced at the same time if the lowest read bid exceeds
14 the maximum tolerance of the Department's estimate for the work represented by that bid.

15 B. *The contract shall require that the contractor comply with all requirements, conditions, and terms*
16 *of the contract, including but not limited to environmental permits that are part of the contract. If the*
17 *contractor violates a contract provision that results in environmental damage or violates environmental*
18 *laws or environmental permits, the Department may suspend the contractor from future bidding or*
19 *initiate debarment. In addition, the Department may recover either (i) the loss or damage that the*
20 *Department suffers as a result of such violation or (ii) any liquidated damages established in such*
21 *contract plus (iii) reasonable attorney's fees and expert witness fees. Any damages and costs collected*
22 *under this section shall be deposited into the Transportation Trust Fund and used for transportation*
23 *purposes as determined by the Commonwealth Transportation Board.*

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