

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2003 SESSION

CHAPTER 454

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-4217.1, and to repeal Article 15 (§§ 2.2-2644 through 2.2-2647) of Chapter 26 of Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the abolishment of the Specialized Transportation Council and the Specialized Transportation Technical Advisory Committee and the transfer of the Council's responsibilities to the Disability Commission.

[S 807]

Approved March 16, 2003

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-4217.1 as follows:

§ 15.2-4217.1. Specialized Transportation Incentive Fund.

The Specialized Transportation Incentive Fund (the "Fund") is established and shall be used to assist participating planning districts in the development of coordinated specialized transportation plans and projects. In order to be eligible to receive monies from the Fund, a planning district commission or single locality shall establish, in consultation with its metropolitan planning organization if one exists, an advisory transportation coordination committee and shall submit to the Disability Commission a plan for cost-effective coordination of specialized transportation services in the planning district or in localities within the planning district. Single localities may appoint an advisory transportation coordinating committee independent of the planning district commission and receive specialized transportation incentive funds if the locality is located in a regional planning district in which all other localities are recipients of the federal funds and subject to the provisions of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Public Law 101-336. The advisory transportation coordination committee shall guide planning for the coordination and administration of specialized transportation with human service agencies, participating public transportation systems and, where appropriate, with private for-profit and nonprofit transportation providers. Advisory transportation coordination committees shall be composed of, but not limited to, elderly and disabled persons, providers of specialized transportation systems, participating public transportation systems, and local private for-profit and nonprofit transportation providers. Localities and public transportation systems subject to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Public Law 101-336, shall not be required to participate in coordinated specialized transportation plans, but may participate at their option.

2. That Article 15 (§§ 2.2-2644 through 2.2-2647) of Chapter 26 of Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia is repealed.

3. That the Disability Commission shall include as a top priority on its interim agenda the development of strategies, incentives, standards, policies, and guidelines to facilitate specialized transportation services for the elderly and disabled persons.