

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 33.1-375.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to agreement with the*  
3 *Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner to act as his agent in removing illegal signs from*  
4 *highway rights-of-way.*

5 [H 1857]

6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**8 **1. That § 33.1-375.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

9 § 33.1-375.1. Commissioner may enter into certain agreements; penalties.

10 A. The Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner may enter into agreements with the local  
11 governing body of ~~any county having a population of at least 57,000 but no more than 57,450~~ *Fairfax*  
12 *County* authorizing local law-enforcement agencies or other local governmental entities to act as agents  
13 of the Commissioner for the purpose of (i) enforcing the provisions of § 33.1-373 and (ii) collecting the  
14 penalties and costs provided for in that section. However, no local governing body shall enter into any  
15 such agreement until it has held a public hearing thereon.

16 B. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 33.1-373, one-half of the penalties and costs collected under  
17 this section shall be paid to the affected locality, and the remainder shall be remitted to the  
18 Commissioner and paid into the Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund.

19 C. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, the following signs and advertising shall  
20 not be subject to the agreements provided for in subsection A of this section:

21 1. Signs and advertising supporting an individual's candidacy for elected public office or other ballot  
22 issues, provided this exception shall not include signs and advertising in place more than three days after  
23 the election to which they apply.

24 2. Signs and advertising promoting and/or providing directions to a special event to be held at a  
25 specified date stated on the sign or advertising, provided this exception shall not include special event  
26 signs in place more than three days after the conclusion of the special event.

27 3. Other signs and advertising erected for no more than three days.

28 D. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, the Commissioner may enter into  
29 agreements with the local governing bodies of localities to which the foregoing provisions of this section  
30 do not apply to authorize those governing bodies to act as agents of the Commissioner and the  
31 Department in enforcing the provisions of § 33.1-373. The limitations applicable to agreements entered  
32 into under subsections A through C of this section shall not apply to agreements entered into under this  
33 subsection.

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