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HOUSE BILL NO. 677

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-1222 of the Code of Virginia, relating to regulation of parking on secondary highways in certain counties; approval by Commonwealth Transportation Board not required.

Patrons—Rapp, Gear, Scott, J.M. and Watts; Senators: Norment and Williams

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 46.2-1222 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-1222. Regulation of parking on secondary highways by certain counties.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the governing bodies of Fairfax, James City, Loudoun, Montgomery, Prince George, Prince William, and York Counties by ordinance, ~~with the approval of the Commonwealth Transportation Board,~~ may (i) restrict or prohibit parking on any part of the state secondary system of highways within their respective boundaries, (ii) provide for the classification of vehicles for the purpose of these restrictions and prohibitions, and (iii) provide that the violation of the ordinance shall constitute a traffic infraction and prescribe penalties therefor.

All signs and other markings designating the areas where parking is prohibited or restricted shall be installed by the county at its expense under permit from the Virginia Department of Transportation.

In any prosecution charging a violation of the ordinance, proof that the vehicle described in the complaint, summons, or warrant was parked in violation of such ordinance, together with proof that the defendant was at the time the registered owner of the vehicle, as required by Chapter 6 of this title, shall give rise to a prima facie presumption that the registered owner of the vehicle was the person who committed the violation.

Any ordinance adopted pursuant to this section shall require (i) that uncontested payments of penalties for violations of the ordinance shall be collected and accounted for by a county officer or employee, (ii) that the officer or employee shall report on a proper form to the appropriate district court any person's contesting of any citation for violation of the ordinance, and (iii) that the officer or employee shall cause warrants to be issued for delinquent parking citations.

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