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HOUSE BILL NO. 756

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-649.1:1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to registration of certain vehicles owned or leased by members of volunteer fire departments and volunteer rescue squads.

Patrons—Hurt, Armstrong and Marshall, D.W.; Senators: Hawkins and Reynolds

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 46.2-649.1:1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 46.2-649.1:1. Registration of vehicles owned and used by volunteer rescue squads or volunteer fire departments or certain members of volunteer rescue squads or volunteer fire departments.

A. Upon application therefor, the Commissioner shall register and issue permanent license plates without year or month decals for display on any (i) firefighting truck, trailer, and semitrailer on which firefighting apparatus is permanently attached when any such vehicle is owned or under exclusive control of a volunteer fire department or (ii) ambulance or other vehicle owned or used exclusively by a volunteer fire department or volunteer lifesaving or first aid crew or rescue squad if any such vehicle is used exclusively as an ambulance or lifesaving and first aid vehicle and is not rented, leased, or lent to any private individual, firm, or corporation, and no charge is made by the organization for the use of the vehicle. The equipment shall be painted a distinguishing color and conspicuously display in letters and figures not less than three inches in height the identity of the volunteer fire department, lifesaving or first aid crew or rescue squad having control of its operation.

B. Upon application therefor, the Commissioner shall register and issue permanent license plates without year or month decals for display on any one vehicle owned or leased by a member of a volunteer fire department or volunteer rescue squad, provided that such member has been certified by such volunteer fire department or volunteer rescue squad to have been a member of such department or rescue squad for at least 10 years.

C. No fee shall be charged for any vehicle registration or license plate issuance under this section.

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