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A BILL to amend and reenact § 5.1-44 of the Code of Virginia, relating to airport fees and charges.

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SENATE BILL NO. 645

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 5.1-44 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 5.1-44. Rules and regulations; fees and charges.

A. The governing body of such city, town or county, or a board, commission, authority or body created under § 5.1-36, may adopt regulations not in conflict with the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the Board from time to time and establish fees or other charges for the use of such airport or landing field or may authorize an officer representing such city, town, county, board, commission, authority or body to adopt such regulations and establish such fees and charges.

B. Any fees or other charges imposed by the governing body of any airport facility, whether pursuant to this chapter or pursuant to any other action of the General Assembly, for access to its facilities by businesses providing goods or services to persons using the airport's facilities, where the sale of such goods or services will be delivered or rendered other than on premises owned or controlled by the governing body of such airport facility, shall be:

1. Imposed on a uniform basis as to all such businesses without regard to the type of goods or services provided; and

2. Assessed solely on a per-trip basis by such businesses via a commercial or "courtesy" vehicle owned or leased by such businesses and shall not be imposed upon or with respect to private vehicles of its customers regardless of whether an employee of such business may be present or operating the vehicle.