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HOUSE BILL NO. 2763

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-947 of the Code of Virginia, relating to violations committed within highway safety corridors; penalty.

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 46.2-947 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-947. Violations committed within highway safety corridor; report on benefits; penalty.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the fine for any moving violation of any provision of this chapter while operating a motor vehicle in a designated highway safety corridor pursuant to § 33.1-223.2:8 shall be no more than \$500 for any violation which is a traffic infraction and not less than \$200 for any violation which is a criminal offense. Any person convicted of driving 20 miles per hour or more in excess of the speed limit in a highway safety corridor shall be subject to a mandatory minimum fine of \$500 that shall not be suspended in whole or in part. The otherwise applicable fines set forth in Rule 3B:2 of the Rules of the Supreme Court shall be doubled in the case of a waiver of appearance and a plea of guilty under § 16.1-69.40:1 or § 19.2-254.2 for a violation of a provision of this chapter while operating a motor vehicle in a designated highway safety corridor pursuant to § 33.1-223.2:8. The Commissioner shall report, on an annual basis, statistical data related to benefits derived from the designation of such highway safety corridors. This information may be posted on the Virginia Department of Transportation's official website. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 46.2-1300, the governing bodies of counties, cities and towns may not adopt ordinances providing for penalties under this section.