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HOUSE BILL NO. 1157

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 52-4 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Department of State Police; investigation of accidents involving state-owned vehicles.

Patron—Saxman

Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 52-4 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 52-4. Functions of Department.

The highway patrol, or state police patrol as it is sometimes called, the police school, the state police radio or communication system, the supervision of inspection stations and of inspectors of motor vehicles, the promotion of highway safety, the establishment and direction of a vehicle accident prevention and safety program for state agencies, the adoption of standards for motor vehicle appliances, accessories and safety devices and the registration of machine guns shall be in the Department of State Police. However, the establishment of a vehicle accident prevention and safety program pursuant to this section shall not be construed to provide the Department of State Police with sole jurisdiction over investigations of accidents involving state-owned vehicles, nor shall the establishment of such a program be construed to limit the authority of a local law-enforcement agency to respond to or investigate any vehicular accident that occurs within its jurisdiction.