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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 119

Offered January 15, 2008

*Requesting the Department of Transportation to study the feasibility, costs, and benefits of applying retroreflective material to stop sign posts statewide. Report.*

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Unanimous consent to introduce

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the safety and security of the traveling public is of paramount importance to the Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation, in conjunction with other state transportation and safety agencies, continually strives to enhance the safety and security of motorists in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, retroreflective material, when applied to stop sign posts, may enhance the visibility and brightness of such signs for oncoming motorists, particularly during time periods when overall visibility is limited; and

WHEREAS, enhanced stop sign visibility may help to reduce the likelihood of crashes at intersections where stop signs are present; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Department of Transportation be directed to study the feasibility, costs, and benefits of applying retroreflective material to stop sign posts statewide.

In conducting its study, the Department of Transportation shall consider the lifecycle costs of applying and maintaining retroreflective material to stop sign posts statewide, driver compliance with stop signs, the standards and guidelines contained in the federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, and a literature review and survey of use and practices in other states.

All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Department of Transportation for this study, upon request.

The Department of Transportation shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Chairmen of both the House and Senate Transportation Committees no later than November 30, 2008. The report shall be submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

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