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HOUSE BILL NO. 1973

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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 10.1-1422 and 10.1-1422.01 of the Code of Virginia, and to repeal § 10.1-1422.05 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Litter Control and Recycling Fund.

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Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 10.1-1422 and 10.1-1422.01 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 10.1-1422. Further duties of Department.

In addition to the foregoing duties the Department shall:

1. Serve as the coordinating agency between the various industry and business organizations seeking to aid in the recycling and anti-litter effort;

2. Recommend to local governing bodies that they adopt ordinances similar to the provisions of this article;

3. Cooperate with all local governments to accomplish coordination of local recycling and anti-litter efforts;

4. Encourage all voluntary local recycling and anti-litter campaigns seeking to focus the attention of the public on the programs of the Commonwealth to control and remove litter and encourage recycling;

5. Investigate the availability of, and apply for, funds available from any private or public source to be used in the program provided for in this article;

6. Allocate funds annually for the study of available research and development in recycling and litter control, removal, and disposal, as well as study methods for implementation in the Commonwealth of such research and development. In addition, such funds may be used for the development of public educational programs concerning the litter problem and recycling. Grants shall be made available for these purposes to those persons deemed appropriate and qualified by the Board or the Department;

7. Investigate the methods and success of other techniques in recycling and the control of litter, and develop, encourage and coordinate programs in the Commonwealth to utilize successful techniques in recycling and the control and elimination of litter; and

8. Expend, after receiving the recommendations of the Advisory Board, at least 99.5% of the funds deposited annually into the Fund pursuant to contracts with localities. The Department may enter into contracts with planning district commissions for the receipt and expenditure of funds attributable to localities which designate in writing to the Department a planning district commission as the agency to receive and expend funds hereunder.

§ 10.1-1422.01. Litter Control and Recycling Fund established; use of moneys; purpose of Fund.

A. All moneys collected from the taxes imposed under §§ 58.1-1700 through 58.1-1710 and by the taxes increased by Chapter 616 of the 1977 Acts of Assembly, shall be paid into the treasury and credited to a special nonreverting fund known as the Litter Control and Recycling Fund, which is hereby established. The Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller. Any moneys remaining in the Fund shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Interest earned on such moneys shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. The Director is authorized to release money from the Fund on warrants issued by the Comptroller after receiving and considering the recommendations of the Advisory Board for the purposes enumerated in subsection B of this section.

B. Moneys from the Fund shall be expended, according to the allocation formula established in subsection C of this section, for the following purposes:

1. Local litter prevention and recycling grants to localities that meet the criteria established in § 10.1-1422.04; and

2. Litter prevention and recycling grants to localities and nonprofit entities meeting the criteria established in § 10.1-1422.05; and

3. Payment to (i) the Department to process the grants authorized by this article and (ii) the actual administrative costs of the Advisory Board. The Director shall assign one person in the Department to serve as a contact for persons interested in the Fund.

C. All moneys deposited into the Fund shall be expended pursuant to the following allocation formula:

1. Ninety-five percent for grants made to localities pursuant to subdivision B 1 of this section;

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59 *and*

60 ~~2. Five percent for litter prevention and recycling grants made pursuant to subdivision B 2 of this~~
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62 ~~32. Up to a maximum of 5% for the actual administrative expenditures authorized pursuant to~~
63 ~~subdivision B 3 2 of this section.~~

64 **2. That § 10.1-1422.05 of the Code of Virginia is repealed.**

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