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HOUSE BILL NO. 2254

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-746.8 of the Code of Virginia, relating to special license plates for members of the International Association of Firefighters.

Patron—Nichols

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 46.2-746.8 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-746.8. Special license plates for members of certain occupational associations.

On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is a member of such organization, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates to members of the following organizations: the International Association of Firefighters, the Association of Realtors, and the Society of Certified Public Accountants.

- 2. § 1. Special license plates for members and supporters of the International Association of Fire Fighters; fees.
- A. On receipt of an application and payment of the fee prescribed by this section, and following the provisions of § 46.2-725 of the Code of Virginia other than those relating to the fee for the plates and its disposition, the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles shall issue special license plates to members and supporters of the International Association of Fire Fighters.
- B. The annual fee for plates issued pursuant to this section shall be \$25 in addition to the prescribed fee for state license plates. For each such \$25 fee collected in excess of 1,000 registrations pursuant to this section, \$15 shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to a special nonreverting fund known as the International Association of Fire Fighters Fund established within the Department of Accounts. These funds shall be paid annually to the Virginia Professional Fire Fighters Charitable Foundation and used to support the efforts of various other charitable organizations supported by the firefighters throughout the Commonwealth. All other fees imposed under the provisions of this section shall be paid to, and received by, the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, and paid by him into the state treasury and set aside as a special fund to be used to meet the necessary expenses incurred by the Department of Motor Vehicles.
- 2. That, notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this act, special license plates issued to members of the International Association of Firefighters prior to July 1, 2009, shall remain valid until their expiration date, but shall not be renewed thereafter.