

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 33.1 a section*
3 *numbered 33.1-223.2:21, relating to highway noise abatement.*

4 [H 2577]
5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 33.1 a**
8 **section numbered 33.1-223.2:21 as follows:**

9 *§ 33.1-223.2:21. Noise abatement practices and technologies.*

10 *Whenever the Commonwealth Transportation Board or the Department plan for or undertake any*
11 *highway construction or improvement project and such project includes or may include the requirement*
12 *for the mitigation of traffic noise impacts, consideration should be given to the use of noise reducing*
13 *design and low noise pavement materials and techniques in lieu of construction of noise walls or sound*
14 *barriers. Landscaping in such a design would be utilized to act as a visual screen if visual screening is*
15 *required.*

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