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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2577**

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**

(Proposed by the House Committee on Transportation  
on February 3, 2009)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate May)

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

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

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

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

*Whenever the Commonwealth Transportation Board or the Department plan for or undertake any highway construction or improvement project and such project includes or may include the requirement for the mitigation of traffic noise impacts, consideration should be given to the use of noise reducing design and low noise pavement design and techniques in lieu of construction of noise walls or sound barriers constructed of concrete, metal, wood, bricks, stone, or composite materials, and landscaping to act as a visual screen if a visual screen is required.*

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