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## SENATE BILL NO. 1066

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-4503 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-160.3, relating to transportation district trains; counterfeit and invalid tickets; fine.*

Patron—Puller

Referred to Committee on Transportation

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

**1. That § 15.2-4503 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-160.3 as follows:**

§ 15.2-4503. Conductors, etc., authorized to issue summons.

Conductors of railroad trains, motormen, and station and depot agents of any transportation district created pursuant to Chapter 45 (§ 15.2-4500 et seq.) of this title, shall have the power to issue a summons for any violation of § 18.2-160.1 or 18.2-160.3 with respect to any train operated by or under contract with such transportation district.

§ 18.2-160.3. *Transportation district trains; counterfeit and invalid tickets.*

A. *It shall be unlawful for any person to board or ride a train operated by or under contract with a transportation district created pursuant to Chapter 45 (§ 15.2-4500 et seq.) of Title 15.2 when such person boards a train and uses a fraudulent or counterfeit ticket as a means to evade payment of the posted fare published by the transportation district. A violation of this subsection shall be deemed to continue from the point of boarding through termination of the train's scheduled trip. A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$1,500.*

B. *It shall be unlawful for any person to board or ride a train operated by or under contract with a transportation district created pursuant to Chapter 45 (§ 15.2-4500 et seq.) of Title 15.2 with a validated ticket and use that ticket outside the designated zone of the paid ride. A violation of this subsection shall be deemed to continue throughout the time that such ticket is used outside the designated zone of the paid ride. A violation of this subsection shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$150 nor more than \$250. A second or subsequent violation of this subsection is punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,500.*

C. *Any person who has been convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be civilly liable to the Commonwealth and the transportation district for all costs incurred in such prosecution. The costs shall be limited to actual expenses, including the base wage of one employee acting as a witness for the Commonwealth and suit costs, but the total costs recovered shall not exceed \$250.*

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