

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 33.1-69.001, relating to design*  
3 *standards for state secondary highway system components.*

4 [H 222]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 33.1-69.001 as follows:**8 *§ 33.1-69.001. Design standards for state secondary highway system components.*

9 *For urban and urban development areas in jurisdictions using the urban county executive form of*  
10 *government, the Virginia Department of Transportation shall work in conjunction with the jurisdiction*  
11 *and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation to review new design standards for state*  
12 *secondary highway system components that the jurisdiction proposes. Such standards shall (i) be based*  
13 *on the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) A Policy on*  
14 *Geometric Design of Highways and Streets and other publications applicable to urban areas; (ii) set*  
15 *forth a design methodology that should be used in the affected urban and urban development areas; (iii)*  
16 *allow for the efficient movement of transit and other vehicles through these areas; (iv) accommodate*  
17 *safe pedestrian and bicyclist movement; (v) accommodate high density urban development; (vi)*  
18 *encourage user-friendly access to transit; (vii) include stormwater management guidelines, consistent*  
19 *with state and local laws and regulations; and (viii) respect the character of urban areas. These design*  
20 *standards and methodologies are intended to facilitate approval of roadway and transportation system*  
21 *improvement plans in urban areas that comply with the standards. These design standards should not*  
22 *contradict or be in conflict with the principles outlined in the Department's Secondary Street Acceptance*  
23 *Requirements.*

24 *Standards developed by parties as required by this section shall be submitted to VDOT for final*  
25 *review and approval at least three months prior to the jurisdiction's anticipated implementation date.*

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