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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2336**

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-646 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 32.1 a chapter numbered 17, consisting of sections numbered 32.1-370, 32.1-371, and 32.1-372, relating to establishment of Save Our Sight Fund and Advisory Board.*

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Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

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

**1. That § 46.2-646 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Title 32.1 a chapter numbered 17, consisting of sections numbered 32.1-370, 32.1-371, and 32.1-372, as follows:**

**CHAPTER 17.****SAVE OUR SIGHT FUND.**

*§ 32.1-370. Save Our Sight Fund established.*

*There is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund to be known as the Save Our Sight Fund, hereafter referred to as "the Fund." The Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller and shall be administered by the Commissioner of the Department of Health. The Fund shall consist solely of revenues received by the Commonwealth from voluntary contributions pursuant to § 46.2-646 that are paid into the state treasury and deposited to the Fund. Any moneys remaining in the Fund at the end of each fiscal year, including interest earned thereon, shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund.*

*§ 32.1-371. Uses of the Fund.*

*Moneys deposited to the Save Our Sight Fund shall be used to provide grants to private, charitable, and nonprofit organizations with a minimum of 10 years of experience in delivering statewide services to Virginians for vision health and safety services, including (i) vision screening training and certification programs to support vision screening and testing in public schools and (ii) development and provision of vision health and safety programs and materials related to vision health and driver safety. Grants from the Fund shall be made in response to Requests for Applications by the Commissioner. The Board shall adopt regulations establishing standards for the request for and approval of applications for and the disbursement of funds for vision services pursuant to this section.*

*§ 32.1-372. Save Our Sight Advisory Board.*

*There is hereby created in the executive branch the Save Our Sight Advisory Board (the Advisory Board) for the purpose of advising the State Board of Health concerning the administration of the Save Our Sight Fund, including issuance of Requests for Applications for grants and the awarding of grants. The Advisory Board shall be composed of at least five but no more than seven members appointed by the Governor, and shall include at least one representative of Prevent Blindness Mid-Atlantic, the Virginia Optometric Association, and the Virginia Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons. The Commissioner of Health and the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, or their designees, shall serve as ex officio members of the Advisory Board.*

*§ 46.2-646. Expiration and renewal of registration.*

*A. Every registration under this title, unless otherwise provided, shall expire on the last day of the twelfth month next succeeding the date of registration. Every registration, unless otherwise provided, shall be renewed annually on application by the owner and by payment of the fees required by law, the renewal to take effect on the first day of the month succeeding the date of expiration.*

*B. All motor vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers registered in the Commonwealth shall, at the discretion of the Commissioner, be placed in a system of registration on a monthly basis to distribute the work of registering motor vehicles as uniformly as practicable throughout the twelve months of the year. All such motor vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers, unless otherwise provided, shall be registered for a period of twelve months. The registration shall be extended, at the discretion of the Commissioner, on receipt of appropriate prorated fees, as required by law, for a period of not less than one month nor more than eleven months as is necessary to distribute the registrations as equally as practicable on a monthly basis. The Commissioner shall, on request, assign to any owner or owners of two or more motor vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers the same registration period. The expiration date shall be the last day of the twelfth month or the last day of the designated month. Except for motor vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers registered for more than one year under subsection C of this section, every registration*

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59 shall be renewed annually on application by the owner and by payment of fees required by law, the  
60 renewal to take effect on the first day of the succeeding month.

61 C. The Commissioner may offer, at his discretion, an optional multi-year registration for all motor  
62 vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers except for (i) those registered under the International Registration Plan  
63 and (ii) those registered as uninsured motor vehicles. When this option is offered and chosen by the  
64 registrant, all annual and twelve-month fees due at the time of registration shall be multiplied by the  
65 number of years or fraction thereof that the vehicle will be registered.

66 *D. The Department shall provide a method by which an applicant conducting a Department of Motor*  
67 *Vehicles transaction, either in person or using electronic means, may make a voluntary contribution to*  
68 *the Save Our Sight Fund established pursuant to § 32.1-370 and shall inform the applicant of the*  
69 *existence of the Fund and also that contributing to the Fund is voluntary.*