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HOUSE BILL NO. 1263 Offered January 20, 2012

A BILL to amend and reenact § 33.1-12.01 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Department of Transportation's Integrated Directional Sign Program.

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 33.1-12.01 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 33.1-12.01. Fees for participating in the Integrated Directional Sign Program.

A. In addition to the duties set forth in § 33.1-12 of the Code of Virginia, the Commonwealth Transportation Board shall establish reasonable fees to be collected by the Commissioner of Highways from any qualified entity for the purpose of participating in the Integrated Directional Sign Program (IDSP) administered by the Department of Transportation or its agents that is designed to provide information to the motoring public relating to gasoline and motor vehicle services, food, lodging, attractions or other categories as defined by the IDSP. Such fees shall be deposited into a special fund specifically accounted for and used by the Commissioner solely to defray the actual costs of supervising and administering the signage programs. Included in these costs shall be a reasonable margin, not to exceed ten percent, in the nature of a reserve Fund.

B. The Board shall by regulation establish whereby businesses may prequalify and be authorized to manufacture, install, and maintain signs that meet other qualifications for participation in the Program. Signs manufactured, installed, and maintained by such prequalified businesses shall not be subject to any other fee provided for in this section.