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SENATE BILL NO. 1192

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE (Proposed by the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice on January 21, 2013)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Hanger)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 52-5.1, relating to the Department of State Police; reimbursement of expenses.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

- 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 52-5.1 as follows:
- § 52-5.1. Reimbursement of expenses incurred in providing law enforcement services in response to accidents.
- A. A person shall be liable, at the time of sentencing or in a separate civil action, to the Department of State Police for restitution of reasonable expenses incurred by the Department when such person is convicted of driving or operating a motor vehicle, engine, train, or watercraft while under the influence in violation of § 18.2-36.1, 18.2-51.4, 18.2-266, 18.2-266.1, 29.1-738, 29.1-738.02, or 46.2-341.24, when such driving or operation results in an accident;
 - B. Liability under subsection A shall be \$350 for any accident or arrest.
- C. The provisions of this section shall not preempt or limit any remedy available to the Commonwealth to recover expenses of an appropriate emergency response to any other accident not involving a violation set forth in subsection A.
- D. The provisions of this section shall not apply when a locality collects a fee through a local ordinance authorized under § 15.2-1716.