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HOUSE BILL NO. 509

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 18 of Chapter 10 of Title 46.2 a section numbered 46.2-1149.6, relating to issuance of permits for operation of specialized construction equipment.*

Patron—Scott

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 18 of Chapter 10 of Title 46.2 a section numbered 46.2-1149.6 as follows:

§ 46.2-1149.6. Specialized construction equipment; permits; engineering analysis; costs.

A. For purpose of this section, "specialized construction equipment" means (i) rubber-tracked, self-propelled equipment being used in highway maintenance and construction projects and (ii) tracked, self-propelled equipment being used in emergency operations, including snow removal.

B. The Commissioner of Highways, upon written application made by the owner or operator of specialized construction equipment, may issue a permit allowing such equipment to be driven across structures maintained by the Department of Transportation within a highway construction or maintenance work zone of the Department of Transportation, as defined in the most recent version of the Department of Transportation's Virginia Work Area Protection Manual, or access any road or structure maintained by the Department of Transportation when needed by the Department for snow removal or other emergency operations. The permits shall be issued only after an engineering analysis of a proposed routing has been conducted by the Department of Transportation to assess the ability of the roads and structures to be traversed to sustain the equipment's size and weight. Such permit shall designate the route to be traversed and contain restrictions or conditions regarding the specialized construction equipment's operation across structures. The fee for a permit issued under this section shall be based on the costs assessed against the applicant to cover engineering analysis, not to exceed three hours.

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