

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

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

5 [H 509]

6 Approved

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

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

10 **§ 46.2-1149.6. Specialized construction equipment; permits; engineering analysis; costs.**

11 *A. For the purpose of this section, "specialized construction equipment" means (i) rubber-tracked, or*
12 *tracked when protective matting is used, self-propelled equipment being used in highway maintenance*
13 *and construction projects and (ii) tracked, self-propelled equipment being used in emergency operations,*
14 *including snow removal.*

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

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