

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 15.2-1716.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to reimbursement of*  
3 *expenses; response to bomb threat.*

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5 Approved

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

7 **1. That § 15.2-1716.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 **§ 15.2-1716.1. Reimbursement of expenses incurred in responding to terrorism hoax incident or**  
9 **bomb threat.**

10 Any locality may provide by ordinance that any person who is convicted of a violation of subsection  
11 B or C of § 18.2-46.6 *or of a felony violation of § 18.2-83 or 18.2-84*, when his violation of such  
12 section is the proximate cause of any incident resulting in an appropriate emergency response, shall be  
13 liable at the time of sentencing or in a separate civil action to the locality or to any volunteer emergency  
14 medical services agency, or both, which may provide such emergency response for the reasonable  
15 expense thereof, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 in the aggregate for a particular incident occurring  
16 in such locality. In determining the "reasonable expense," a locality may bill a flat fee of \$250 or a  
17 minute-by-minute accounting of the actual costs incurred. As used in this section, "appropriate  
18 emergency response" includes all costs of providing law-enforcement, firefighting, and emergency  
19 medical services. The provisions of this section shall not preempt or limit any remedy available to the  
20 Commonwealth, to the locality, or to any volunteer emergency medical services agency to recover the  
21 reasonable expenses of an emergency response to an incident not involving a terroristic hoax *or an act*  
22 *undertaken in violation of § 18.2-83 or 18.2-84* as set forth herein.

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