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SENATE BILL NO. 947

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Transportation
on January 31, 2018)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Hanger)

A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 46.2-735 and 46.2-736 of the Code of Virginia, relating to special license plates; emergency medical services agencies; fire departments.*

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 46.2-735 and 46.2-736 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-735. Special license plates for members of volunteer emergency medical services agencies and members of volunteer emergency medical services agency auxiliaries; fees.

The Commissioner, on application, shall supply members of volunteer emergency medical services agencies and members of volunteer emergency medical services agency auxiliaries special license plates bearing the letters "R S" followed by numbers or letters or any combination thereof.

Only one application shall be required from each volunteer emergency medical services agency or volunteer emergency medical services agency auxiliary. The application shall contain the names and residence addresses of all members of the volunteer emergency medical services agency and members of the volunteer emergency medical services agency auxiliary who request license plates. *Each volunteer emergency medical services agency or volunteer emergency medical services agency auxiliary shall notify the Commissioner within 30 days of separation of any member from such agency or agency auxiliary.*

The Commissioner shall charge the prescribed cost of state license plates for each set of license plates issued under this section.

§ 46.2-736. Special license plates for professional or volunteer fire fighters and members of volunteer fire department auxiliaries; fees.

The Commissioner, on application, shall supply professional fire fighters, members of volunteer fire departments, members of volunteer fire department auxiliaries, and volunteer members of any fire department license plates bearing the letters "F D" followed by numbers or letters or any combination thereof.

An application shall be required from each professional fire fighter, volunteer fire fighter, or member of a volunteer fire department auxiliary. The application shall be approved by the chief or head of the fire department and shall contain the name and residence address of the applicant. *Each fire department shall maintain a copy of such approved application and shall notify the Commissioner within 30 days of separation of any professional fire fighter, volunteer fire fighter, or member of a volunteer fire department auxiliary from such fire department.*

The Commissioner shall charge each professional fire fighter a fee of one dollar in addition to the prescribed cost of state license plates, for each set of license plates issued under this section. No additional fee shall be charged to members of volunteer fire departments, members of volunteer fire department auxiliaries, or volunteer members of any fire department.

2. That any emergency medical services agency, volunteer emergency medical services agency auxiliary, or fire department is authorized to submit to the Department of Motor Vehicles a list of former members who have separated from such agency, auxiliary, or department and who are known or believed to have been issued license plates in accordance with §§ 46.2-735 or 46.2-736 of the Code of Virginia prior to the effective date of this act. Such list shall include for each former member the former member's name and at least one of the following: date of birth, customer number issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles found on the former member's driver's license or identification card, or license plate number assigned to the former member. The submitting agency, auxiliary, or department is authorized to provide any additional identifying information the Department of Motor Vehicles may need in the event that a former member cannot be accurately identified from the initial information provided.