

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1994 SESSION

CHAPTER 449

An Act to amend and reenact § 15.1-133 of the Code of Virginia, relating to powers of local governments to license bicycles and mopeds and dispose of unclaimed bicycles and mopeds.

[H 173]

Approved April 8, 1994

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.1-133 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.1-133. Governing bodies authorized to license bicycles and mopeds; disposition of unclaimed bicycles and mopeds.

The governing body of any county, *city or town* ~~or city~~ may, by ordinance adopted as prescribed by law, (i) provide for the public sale or donation to a charitable organization of any bicycle or moped which has been in the possession of the police or sheriff's department, unclaimed, for more than thirty days; (ii) require every resident owner of a bicycle or moped to obtain a license therefor and a license plate or tag, of such design and material as the ordinance may prescribe, to be substantially attached to the bicycle or moped; (iii) prescribe the license fee, the license application forms and the license form; and (iv) prescribe penalties for operating a bicycle or moped on public roads or streets within the county, *city or town* ~~or city~~ without an attached license plate or tag. The ordinance shall require the license plates or tags to be provided by and at the cost of the county, *city or town* ~~or city~~. The governing body of any county, *city or town* ~~or city~~ may provide that the license plates or tags shall be good for the life of the bicycles and mopeds to which they are attached or for such other period as it may prescribe and may prescribe such fee therefor as it may deem reasonable. When any town license is required as provided for herein, the license shall be in lieu of any license required by any county ordinance. Any bicycle or moped found and delivered to the police or sheriff's department by a private person which thereafter remains unclaimed for ~~sixty~~ *thirty* days after the final date of publication as required herein may be given to the finder; however, the location and description of the bicycle or moped shall be published at least once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the county, city or town. In addition, if there is a license tag affixed to the bicycle or moped, the record owner shall be notified directly.