

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1995 SESSION

CHAPTER 683

An Act to amend and reenact § 15.1-132.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to reimbursement for expenses of driving while impaired.

[H 1431]

Approved March 26, 1995

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.1-132.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.1-132.1. Reimbursement for expenses of driving while impaired.

Any *county, city with a population of 350,000 or greater or town* may provide by ordinance that any person who is convicted of a violation of § 18.2-266 or § 29.1-738, or a similar ordinance, when his operation of a motor vehicle, engine, train or watercraft while so impaired is the proximate cause of any accident or incident resulting in an appropriate emergency response, may be liable in a separate civil action to the *county, city or town* or to any volunteer rescue squad, or both, which may provide such emergency response for the expenses thereof, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 in the aggregate for a particular accident or incident occurring in such *county, city or town*. As used in this section, "appropriate emergency response" includes all costs of providing law-enforcement, fire-fighting, rescue, and emergency medical services. The provisions of this section shall not preempt or limit any remedy available to the Commonwealth, to the *county, city or town*, or to any volunteer rescue squad to recover the reasonable expenses of an emergency response to an accident or incident not involving impaired driving or operation of a vehicle as set forth herein.