# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1995 SESSION

## CHAPTER 685

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

[H 1524]

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 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.