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HOUSE BILL NO. 1431

House Amendments in [] — January 31, 1995

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 15.1-132.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to reimbursement for expenses of driving while impaired in certain cities.*

Patrons—Crouch and Newman; Senator: Schewel

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

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 in certain cities.

Any [*county, city with a population of at least 66,000 but not more than 67,000 and any 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.

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