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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1524

Offered January 11, 1995

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

Patron—Moore

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 city with a population of ~~350,000~~ 100,000 or greater 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 city 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 city. 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 city, 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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