

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

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

4 [H 1524]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 15.1-132.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 15.1-132.1. Reimbursement for expenses of driving while impaired.

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

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