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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1655

House Amendments in [ ] — January 24, 1995

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-750 of the Code of Virginia, relating to registration of motor vehicles owned by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions.*

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Patrons—Deeds, Putney and Wilkins; Senator: Nolen

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Referred to Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation

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**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 46.2-750 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 46.2-750. Vehicles of Commonwealth and subdivisions.

Motor vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers owned by the Commonwealth and political subdivisions thereof and used solely for governmental purposes shall be registered and shall display license plates as provided in this section. The fee for such license plates shall be equal to the cost incurred by the Department in the purchase or manufacture of such license plates. The fees received by the Commissioner under this section shall be paid into the state treasury and shall be set aside as a special fund to be used to meet the expenses of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

License plates issued for vehicles owned by the Commonwealth, except plates issued to be used (i) on vehicles devoted solely to police work, (ii) by the Department of Economic Development to the extent approved by the Governor, or (iii) by the Governor and the Attorney General, shall have conspicuously and legibly inscribed, stamped, or printed thereon words stating that the vehicle is for official state use only. The Commissioner shall reserve a unique series of numbers for use on such license plates and shall provide for a design and combination of colors which distinguish such license plates from those issued for vehicles owned by the counties, cities, and towns of the Commonwealth.

License plates issued for vehicles owned by counties, cities, and towns, except such plates issued to be used (i) *on vehicles used by any local or regional economic development authority, agency, instrumentality, or organization, upon the request of the chief administrative officer of the affected locality (or, in the case of regional organizations, the chief administrative officer of any of the affected localities)* or (ii) on vehicles devoted solely to police work, shall have conspicuously and legibly inscribed, stamped, or printed thereon words stating that the vehicle is for official local government use only. The Commissioner shall reserve a unique series of numbers for use on such license plates and shall provide for a design and combination of colors which distinguish such license plates from those issued for vehicles owned by the Commonwealth.

License plates issued for vehicles owned by the Commonwealth and the counties, cities, and towns thereof which have inscribed, stamped, or printed thereon the words, "Public Use," may be used only on the vehicle for which [ they were issued prior to January 1, 1990, but in no case shall such license plates be used for any ] vehicle after December 31, 1992.

No other license plates shall be used on vehicles for which official use plates have been issued, except for vehicles used solely for police work.

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