

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1996 SESSION

CHAPTER 714

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 33.1-200.2, relating to snow removal by private entities.

[S 575]

Approved April 6, 1996

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 33.1-200.2 as follows:

§ 33.1-200.2. Removal of snow and ice from public highways by private entities.

Upon request by a person, the Commissioner may authorize such person to hire private persons, firms, contractors, or entities to remove snow and ice from any public highway in Planning District Eight, provided that there will be no costs to the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions for work pursuant to this section. No private person, firm, contractor or entity employed to remove snow and ice from any public highway shall be afforded sovereign immunity or immunity in any form whatsoever. Private persons, firms, contractors, or entities so employed shall be liable for civil damages including, but not limited to, damages for death, injury, or property damage resulting from any act or omission relating to the removal of snow and ice from public highways. Nothing contained in this section shall limit the authority of the Commissioner, granted under other provisions of law, to authorize or contract for the removal of snow and ice from public highways.