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## SENATE BILL NO. 162

Offered January 16, 1996

A BILL to amend and reenact § 14.1-5 of the Code of Virginia, relating to transportation expenses incurred on state business.

Patron—Lucas

Referred to the Committee on Finance

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 14.1-5 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 14.1-5. Traveling expenses on state business; public or private transportation.

Pursuant to § 14.1-5.2, any person traveling on state business shall be entitled to reimbursement for certain of his actual expenses as are necessary and ordinarily incidental to such travel. If conveyance is by public transportation, reimbursement shall be at the actual cost thereof. If conveyance is by private transportation, reimbursement shall be at the rate as specified in the current general appropriation act of the Commonwealth of twenty-eight cents per mile, or in the instance of a state employee, the first 15,000 miles of use during each fiscal year shall be reimbursed at the lesser of (i) twenty-four cents per mile or (ii) the lowest rate charged by the Division of Fleet Management of the Department of Transportation for the use of state-owned automobiles. If the head of the state agency concerned certifies that a state-owned vehicle is not available or if, according to regulations issued by the State Comptroller, the use of a personal automobile in lieu of a state-owned automobile is considered to be an advantage to the Commonwealth, the reimbursement shall be at the rate of twenty-four cents per mile. For such use in excess of 15,000 miles in a fiscal year, the reimbursement rate for state employees shall be at a rate of eleven cents per mile. The members and employees of public school boards may be reimbursed for private transportation at a rate not greater than that which is authorized for persons traveling on state business hereunder. Whatever rate is paid, however, shall be the same both for board members and for employees of the board.