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SENATE BILL NO. 278

Offered January 19, 1996

A BILL to amend and reenact § 15.1-132.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to reimbursement of expenses of accident.

Patrons—Quayle, Benedetti, Earley, Potts and Schrock

Referred to the Committee on Local Government

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 of expenses incurred in responding to incident.

Any county, city or town may provide by ordinance that any person who is convicted of a violation of Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2 involving possession or distribution of controlled substances or marijuana, § 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 the violation 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 county, city or town 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 county, city or town. 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 county, city or town, 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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