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SENATE BILL NO. 491

Senate Amendments in [] — February 5, 1996

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-749.2:2, relating to special license plates for supporters of dog and cat sterilization programs; fees.

Patrons—Houck, Gartlan, Goode, Ticer and Whipple; Delegates: Moran and Van Landingham

Referred to the Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 46.2-749.2:2 as follows:

§ 46.2-749.2:2. Special license plates for supporters of dog and cat sterilization programs; fees.

A. On receipt of an application and payment of the fee prescribed by this section, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates to supporters of dog and cat sterilization programs.

B. The annual fee for plates issued pursuant to this section shall be twenty-five dollars in addition to the prescribed fee for state license plates. For each such twenty-five-dollar fee collected in excess of 1,000 registrations pursuant to this section, fifteen dollars shall be paid [~~to the locality in which the vehicle is registered.~~ to the state treasury and credited to a special nonreverting fund known as the Dog and Cat Sterilization Fund, established within the Department of Accounts.] These funds shall be paid [~~to the affected localities quarterly~~ annually to the locality in which the vehicle is registered] and shall be used by the localities to which they are paid to support sterilization programs for dogs and cats.

Each affected locality shall annually certify in a manner prescribed by the [~~Commissioner~~ Fund] that these funds have been or are being used to support sterilization programs for dogs and cats. If an affected locality does not have such a sterilization program, it shall (i) make the funds available to [~~a~~ any] private, nonprofit sterilization program for dogs and cats in that locality, (ii) return the funds to the [~~Commissioner~~ Fund] ; or (iii) refuse the funds. Any funds refused or returned to the [~~Commissioner~~ Fund] shall be distributed to other affected localities on a pro rata basis.

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