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15 16 **HOUSE BILL NO. 1646**

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE (Proposed by the House Committee for Courts of Justice on February 2, 1997)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegates Deeds and Councill [HB 1858])

A BILL to amend and reenact Chapter 699 of the 1996 Acts of Assembly, relating to circuit court clerks' discretion to accept credit card payment in lieu of cash for fines and costs.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That Chapter 699 of the 1996 Acts of Assembly is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 19.2-353.3, the clerk of the circuit court in the city of Staunton and in the County of Alleghany, Amherst, Appomattox, Augusta, Bath, Buckingham, Charles City, Charlotte, Cumberland, Greensville, Halifax, Highland, Lunenburg, Nelson, Nottoway, Rockbridge, Franklin, Sussex, Tazewell or Patrick may, in his discretion, accept credit card payment in lieu of money to collect and secure all fees, fines, restitution restitutions, forfeiture forfeitures, penalties, and costs collected for offenses tried in circuit court, including motor vehicle violations, committed against the Commonwealth or against any such county.