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HOUSE BILL NO. 2125

Offered January 15, 1997

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-490 of the Code of Virginia, relating to driver improvement clinics.*

Patrons—May, Albo, Drake, Mims, Orrock, Rollison, Ruff and Wardrup

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 46.2-490 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-490. Establishment of driver improvement clinic program; application fees.

A. The Commissioner shall, in his discretion, contract with such entities as the Commissioner deems fit, including private or governmental entities, to develop curricula for a statewide driver improvement clinic program. The driver improvement clinic program shall be established for the purpose of instructing persons identified by the Department and the court system as problem drivers in need of driver improvement education and training and for those drivers interested in improved driving safety. The clinics shall be composed of uniform education and training programs designed for the rehabilitation of problem drivers, and for the purpose of creating a lasting and corrective influence on their driving performance. *Clinic curricula shall include elements designed to curb aggressive driving and to rehabilitate aggressive drivers.* The clinics shall operate in localities based on their geographical location so as to be reasonably accessible to persons attending these clinics.

B. All businesses, organizations, governmental entities or individuals that want to provide driver improvement clinic instruction in the Commonwealth using approved curricula shall apply to the Department to be certified to do so, based on criteria established by the Department. A nonrefundable annual application fee of \$100 shall be paid to the Department by all such businesses, organizations, governmental entities or individuals. All such application fees collected by the Department shall be paid by the Commissioner into the state treasury and shall be set aside as a special fund to be used to meet the expenses of the Department.

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