

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1998 SESSION

## CHAPTER 329

*An Act to amend and reenact §§ 33.1-400 and 33.1-403 of the Code of Virginia, relating to use of motor vehicles by state employees and officers for official business.*

[H 1240]

Approved April 9, 1998

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That §§ 33.1-400 and 33.1-403 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 33.1-400. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

"Centralized fleet" means those passenger-type vehicles assigned to the Virginia Department of Transportation and available for use by state agencies.

"Commissioner" means the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner.

*"Contract rental" means a contract for the use of motor vehicles by employees for official state business within the confines of their normal work locations. This does not include rental vehicles used by travelers after reaching their destination.*

"Lease" means a contract for the use of a passenger-type vehicle for a term of more than thirty days.

"Passenger-type vehicle" means any automobile, including sedans and station wagons, or van used primarily for the transportation of the operator and no more than fifteen passengers.

§ 33.1-403. Approval of purchase, lease, or contract rental of motor vehicle.

No motor vehicle shall be purchased ~~or~~, leased, *or subject to a contract rental* with public funds by the Commonwealth or by any officer or employee on behalf of the Commonwealth without the prior written approval of the Commissioner. No lease *or contract rental* shall be approved by the Commissioner except upon demonstration that the cost of such lease *or contract rental* plus operating costs of the vehicle shall be less than comparable costs for a vehicle owned by the Commonwealth.