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HOUSE BILL NO. 805

Offered January 26, 1998

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 10.1-1422.01 and 10.1-1422.04 of the Code of Virginia, relating to adopt-a-bridge grants.

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Referred to Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 10.1-1422.01 and 10.1-1422.04 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 10.1-1422.01. Litter Control and Recycling Fund established; use of moneys; purpose of Fund.

A. All moneys collected from the taxes imposed under §§ 58.1-1700 through 58.1-1710 and by the taxes increased by Chapter 616 of the 1977 Acts of Assembly, shall be paid into the treasury and credited to a special nonreverting fund known as the Litter Control and Recycling Fund, which is hereby established. The Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller. Any moneys remaining in the Fund shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Interest earned on such moneys shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. The Director is authorized to release money from the Fund on warrants issued by the Comptroller after receiving and considering the recommendations of the Advisory Board for the purposes enumerated in subsection B of this section.

B. Moneys from the Fund shall be expended, according to the allocation formula established in subsection C of this section, for the following purposes:

1. Local litter prevention and recycling grants *and adopt-a-bridge grants* to localities that meet the criteria established in § 10.1-1422.04;

2. Statewide and regional litter prevention and recycling educational program grants to persons meeting the criteria established in § 10.1-1422.05; and

3. Payment (i) to (i) the Department to process the grants authorized by this article and (ii) *for* the administrative costs of the Advisory Board. The Director shall assign one person in the Department to serve as a contact for persons interested in the Fund.

C. All moneys deposited into the Fund shall be expended pursuant to the following allocation formula:

1. Seventy-five percent for grants made to localities pursuant to subdivision B 1 of this section;

2. Twenty percent for statewide and regional educational program grants made pursuant to subdivision B 2 of this section; and

3. Five percent for the administrative expenditures authorized pursuant to subdivision B 3 of this section.

§ 10.1-1422.04. Local litter prevention and recycling grants and adopt-a-bridge grants; eligibility and funding process.

The Director shall award local litter prevention and recycling grants *and adopt-a-bridge grants* to localities that apply for such grants and meet the eligibility requirements established in the Department's Guidelines for Litter Prevention and Recycling Grants (DEQ-LPR-2) which were in effect on January 1, 1995, and *in the Department's Guidelines for Adopt-A-Bridge Grants, both of which* may be amended by the Advisory Board after notice and opportunity to be heard by persons interested in grants awarded pursuant to this section. Grants awarded by the Director shall total the amount of Litter Control and Recycling Funds available annually as provided in subdivision B 1 of § 10.1-1422.01.

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