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HOUSE BILL NO. 1142

Offered January 26, 1998

A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-2016 of the Code of Virginia, relating to regulation of taxicabs.

Patrons—Moran and Van Landingham; Senator: Ticer

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 46.2-2016 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 46.2-2016. Regulation of taxicab service by localities; rates and charges.

A. The governing body of any county, city or town in the Commonwealth may by ordinance regulate the rates or charges of any motor vehicles used for the transportation of passengers for a consideration on any highway, street, road, lane or alley in such county, city or town, and may prescribe such reasonable regulations as to filing of schedules of rates, charges, *stand dues*, and the general operation of such vehicles; ~~provided that, notwithstanding~~. *Notwithstanding* anything contained in this chapter to the contrary, such ordinances and regulations shall not prescribe the wages or compensation to be paid to any driver or lessor of any such motor vehicle by the owner or lessee thereof. *For the purposes of this subsection, "stand dues" means the dispatch fees that taxicab drivers pay to the companies for which they drive for items such as, but not necessarily limited to, use of the company name and colors, radios and dispatch systems, and advertising and related expenses.*

B. In considering rates or charges, the governing body may require any owner or operator to submit such supporting financial data as may be necessary, including federal or state income tax returns for the two years preceding; ~~provided that~~ *however*, such income tax returns submitted shall be used only for consideration of such rates or charges and shall be kept confidential by the governing body concerned; ~~and provided further that~~ *the*. The governing body shall not require any owner or operator to submit any audit more extensive than that conducted by such owner or operator in the normal course of business.

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