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numbered 58.1-339.6, relating to a volunteer fire and rescue squad personnel tax credit. Patron—Davies

Referred to Committee on Finance

HOUSE BILL NO. 1980

Offered January 19, 1999

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 58.1 a section

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 58.1 a section numbered 58.1-339.6 as follows:

§ 58.1-339.6. Volunteer fire and rescue squad personnel tax credit.

A. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2000, any individual who serves as a volunteer in his or her local fire or rescue squad system for at least 100 hours during the taxable year shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by § 58.1-320 in the amount of one dollar for each hour of time donated. The amount of such credit shall not exceed \$250 or the total amount of tax imposed by this chapter, whichever is less. If the amount of such credit exceeds the taxpayer's tax liability for such taxable year, the amount which exceeds the tax liability may be carried over for credit against the income taxes of such individual in the next five taxable years until the total amount of the tax credit has been taken.

B. The taxpayer shall include with his or her tax return a letter or written statement from the chief of the volunteer squad or the president of the volunteer association indicating the total hours served during the taxable year.