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## HOUSE BILL NO. 2656

Offered January 21, 1999

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-649.1:1, and to repeal § 46.2-681 of the Code of Virginia, relating to registration of vehicles owned and used by volunteer rescue squads and volunteer fire departments.

Patrons—Katzen, Black, Blevins and Dudley; Senators: Mims and Potts

Referred to Committee on Transportation

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

#### 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 46.2-649.1:1 as follows:

§ 46.2-649.1:1. Registration of vehicles owned and used by volunteer rescue squads or volunteer fire departments.

Upon application therefor, the Commissioner shall register and issue permanent license plates without year or month decals for display on any (i) firefighting truck, trailer, and semitrailer on which firefighting apparatus is permanently attached when any such vehicle is owned or under exclusive control of a volunteer fire department or (ii) ambulance or other vehicle owned or used exclusively by a volunteer fire department or volunteer lifesaving or first aid crew or rescue squad if any such vehicle is used exclusively as an ambulance or lifesaving and first aid vehicle and is not rented, leased, or lent to any private individual, firm, or corporation, and no charge is made by the organization for the use of the vehicle. The equipment shall be painted a distinguishing color and conspicuously display in letters and figures not less than three inches in height the identity of the volunteer fire department, lifesaving or first aid crew or rescue squad having control of its operation.

No fee shall be charged for any vehicle registration or license plate issuance under this section.

#### 2. That § 46.2-681 of the Code of Virginia is repealed.

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