

2006 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5067

Offered September 18, 2006

A BILL to amend and reenact § 33.1-223.2:12 of the Code of Virginia, relating to electronic operation of toll facilities controlled by the Virginia Department of Transportation.

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 33.1-223.2:12 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 33.1-223.2:12. Tolls may vary to encourage travel during off-peak hours; certain toll facilities to fully electronic.

In order to provide an incentive for motorists to travel at off-peak hours, wherever a toll is imposed and collected by the Department or such other entity as may be responsible for imposing or collecting such toll, the amount of such toll may vary according to the time of day, day of the week, traffic volume, vehicle speed, vehicle type, or any or all of these variables. The amount of such toll and the time of day when such toll shall change shall be as fixed and revised by the Commonwealth Transportation Board or such other entity as may be responsible for fixing or revising the amount of such toll; provided, however, that any such variation shall be reasonably calculated to minimize the reduction in toll revenue generated by such toll.

Any and all toll facilities controlled by the Department shall, on or before July 1, 2008, be capable of fully automated electronic operation, regardless of the date on which any such facility was or shall have been constructed.

2. That the Department shall, on or prior to July 1, 2007, submit a written report to the General Assembly on its plans to create opportunities to enhance mobility and free-flowing traffic on Department-controlled toll facilities by embracing technological advances.

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