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### HOUSE BILL NO. 2577

Offered January 21, 2009

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 33.1 a section numbered 33.1-223.2:21, relating to highway noise abatement.

Patrons—May, Albo, Iaquinto, Orrock and Rust

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 33.1 a section numbered 33.1-223.2:21 as follows:

§ 33.1-223.2:21. Noise abatement practices and technologies.

Whenever the Commonwealth Transportation Board or the Department plan for or undertake any highway construction or improvement project and such project includes or may include the provision or construction of any noise abatement structure or technology, priority shall be given to the use of low-noise asphalt pavement and plantings of American red cedar trees or other appropriate conifers in preference to construction of noise walls or sound barriers constructed of concrete, metal, wood, bricks, stone, or composite materials.

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