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HOUSE BILL NO. 2664

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A *BILL to require VDOT to develop local access management plans for the U.S. Route 29 corridor between Gainesville and North Carolina.*

Patron—Valentine

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Whereas, U.S. Route 29 is part of the National Highway System, a network of approximately 160,000 miles of roadway important to the nation's economy, defense, and mobility; and

Whereas, the corridor has and continues to experience an increase in vehicle miles traveled and vehicle trips; and

Whereas, traffic flow along U.S. Route 29 between Gainesville and North Carolina is critical for the economic competitiveness of localities along the corridor; and

Whereas, access management can help preserve the capacity of and public investment in existing highways, enhance public safety by reducing conflicting traffic movements, and support economic development by promoting efficient movement of people and goods; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *The Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner shall forthwith take all appropriate measures to develop local corridor access management plans pursuant to § 33.1-198.1 of the Code of Virginia for U.S. Route 29 with each locality in which any portion of U.S. Route 29 between Gainesville and North Carolina is located to preserve the capacity of and public investment in U.S. Route 29, enhance public safety by reducing conflicting traffic movements, and support economic development by promoting efficient movement of people and goods. Each local corridor access management plan shall, to the extent possible, minimize the number of new entrances permitted to any portion of U.S. Route 29, and provide ingress and egress to U.S. Route 29 through existing access points.*

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