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HOUSE BILL NO. 1799

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-725.2, relating to special license plates for business entities with fleets of vehicles.*

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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 46.2-725.2 as follows:**

§ 46.2-725.2. Special license plates for certain business entities with fleets of vehicles registered in the Commonwealth.

A. Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 46.2-725 and 46.2-726, upon application by certain business entities with vehicle fleets registered in the Commonwealth, the Commissioner may develop and issue special license plates bearing the logos of such businesses in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Commissioner for the issuance of license plates and in accordance with the following provisions:

1. Any business wishing to obtain these special license plates must (i) have a fleet of at least 100 vehicles registered in the Commonwealth, (ii) utilize one of the Department's online electronic fleet titling and registration systems to obtain title and registration documents for its vehicles, and (iii) enter into an agreement with the Department for the use of the business's logo.

2. Any business that enters into an agreement with the Department for the issuance of license plates under this section thereby waives any royalty fees to which it might otherwise be entitled for use of its logo.

3. Any initial request for license plates under this section shall be accompanied by an administrative fee as follows: (i) for 100-199 vehicles in a fleet, a fee of \$4,500; (ii) for 200-349 vehicles in a fleet, a fee of \$4,200; and (iii) for more than 349 vehicles in a fleet, a fee of \$4,000.

4. For each set of license plates issued under this section without reserved numbers or letters, the Commissioner shall charge, in addition to the prescribed fee for state license plates, a one-time fee of \$5. The fee for a replacement set of license plates issued under this section without reserved numbers or letters shall be \$5.

5. For each set of license plates issued under this section with reserved letters or numbers as provided for in § 46.2-726, in lieu of the fees prescribed by that section, the Commissioner shall charge, in addition to the prescribed fee for state license plates, a one-time fee of \$15. The fee for a replacement set of license plates issued under this section with reserved numbers or letters shall be \$15.

B. License plates may be issued under this section to passenger cars, pickup or panel trucks, motorcycles, trucks, tractor trucks, trailers, and semitrailers, as those terms are defined in § 46.2-100, including such vehicles of these types as may be registered under the International Registration Plan.

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