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HOUSE BILL NO. 848

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE (Proposed by the Joint Conference Committee

Proposed by the Joint Conference Committee on March 9, 2012)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Johnson)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-1716.2, relating to reimbursement to localities for methamphetamine lab cleanup costs.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-1716.2 as follows:

§ 15.2-1716.2. Methamphetamine lab cleanup costs; localities may charge for reimbursement.

Any locality may provide by ordinance that any person who is convicted of an offense for manufacture of methamphetamine pursuant to § 18.2-248 or 18.2-248.03 shall be liable at the time of sentencing or in a separate civil action to the locality or to any other law-enforcement entity for the expense in cleaning up any methamphetamine lab related to the conviction. The amount charged shall not exceed the actual expenses associated with cleanup, removal, or repair of the affected property or the replacement cost of personal protective equipment used.