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HOUSE BILL NO. 416

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 33.1-70.02, relating to maintenance of unpaved roads in Loudoun County.*

Patrons—Minchew, Greason, Howell, W.J., LaRock and Simon; Senators: Black and Vogel

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 33.1-70.02 as follows:

§ 33.1-70.02. Maintenance and preservation of unpaved rural road network in Loudoun County.

In carrying out maintenance and preservation of unpaved rural roads in Loudoun County, the Department of Transportation shall:

1. *Maintain all unpaved roads in safe and usable condition;*

2. *Maintain unpaved roads in traditional alignment, surface treatment, and width and protect banks, stone walls, and roadside trees in all rural, agricultural, and historic areas;*

3. *Make improvements to selected sections of unpaved roads to reduce severe maintenance problems, when needed, without significantly altering the roads' appearance or alignment and avoiding paving and widening;*

4. *Only consider paving when there is a combination of very high traffic volume, significant maintenance and safety issues, no historic or scenic significance, and clear community support for paving;*

5. *Apply the Department's rustic road policies in any paving program in rural, agricultural, or historic areas;*

6. *Focus limited paving resources primarily on highly traveled roads in developed areas; and*

7. *Make use of all available resources to support proper maintenance and preservation of the unpaved rural road network in Loudoun County.*

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