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HOUSE BILL NO. 1865

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Transportation on January 29, 2019)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Fowler)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-1233 of the Code of Virginia, relating to towing fees.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 46.2-1233 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-1233. Localities may regulate towing fees.

The governing body of any locality may by ordinance set reasonable limits on fees charged for the removal of motor vehicles, trailers, and parts thereof left on private property in violation of § 46.2-1231, and for the removal of trespassing vehicles under § 46.2-1215, taking into consideration the fair market value of such removal.

Localities in Planning District 8 and Planning District 16 shall establish by ordinance (i) a hookup and initial towing fee of *no less than* \$135 and no more than the maximum charges provided in § 46.2-1233.1 and (ii) for towing a vehicle between seven o'clock 7:00 p.m. and eight o'clock 8:00 a.m. or on any Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, an additional fee of \$25 per instance; however, such ordinance shall also provide that in no event shall more than two such additional fees be charged for towing any vehicle.