VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1996 SESSION

CHAPTER 290

An Act to amend and reenact § 10.1-1425.8 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the recycling of used motor oil and motor vehicle antifreeze.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 10.1-1425.8 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 10.1-1425.8. Department of Transportation; authority and duty.

The Department of Transportation is authorized to conduct recycling research projects, including the establishment of demonstration projects which use recycled products in highway construction and maintenance. Such projects may include by way of example and not by limitation the use of ground rubber from used tires or glass for road surfacing, resurfacing and sub-base materials, as well as the use of plastic or mixed plastic materials for ground or guard rail posts, right-of-way fence posts and sign supports.

The Department of Transportation shall periodically review and revise its bid procedures and specifications to encourage the use of products and materials with recycled content in its construction and maintenance programs.

The Department of Transportation with the cooperation of the Department of Environmental Quality shall conduct a demonstration project at one of the Department of Transportation's maintenance area offices in the County of Bath, subject to such conditions as may be determined by the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner may continue to provide, for the collection of used motor oil and motor vehicle antifreeze from the general public at maintenance facilities in the County of Bath. The Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner may designate the source of funding for the collection and disposal of these materials. The used motor oil and motor vehicle antifreeze that are collected shall be recycled or otherwise disposed of in accordance with programs and plans developed by the Department of Environmental Quality under § 10.1-1425.6. Funds for this project shall be provided from the selected county's Secondary Road construction allocations, not to exceed \$5,000 annually. This demonstration project shall run from July 1, 1993, to July 1, 1996. The Department of Transportation, with the cooperation of the Department of Environmental Quality, shall survey the counties, cities and towns of the Commonwealth to determine in which localities no commercial facility for the collection of used motor oil and motor vehicle antifreeze exists. Following such survey the Departments of Transportation and Environmental Quality shall identify the advantages and disadvantages of making available to the public the currently existing used oil and used motor vehicle antifreeze collection facilities at the Department of Transportation's maintenance area offices in those localities where no commercial collection facilities exist. The study shall be completed and results reported to the 1996 Session of the General Assembly.