974886322 1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 2394** 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Offered January 20, 1997 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 3.1-371.1, relating to control of certain vegetation on highway rights-of-way. Patrons—Kilgore and Tate Referred to Committee on Agriculture 9 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 3.1-371.1 as follows: 11 § 33.1-371.1. Control of certain vegetation. The Department shall by permit authorize the selective trimming of vegetation obstructing motorists' 12 13 views of outdoor advertising structures lawfully erected along a highway. No trees more than nine 14 inches in diameter shall be cut down or removed unless they are diseased or unsightly, or they 15

endanger the health or retard the growth of other desirable vegetation.

The Department shall adopt regulations not in conflict with the provisions of this section to govern the issuance of permits under this section.

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