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HOUSE BILL NO. 2125

House Amendments in [] — January 29, 1999

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 1 of Title 29.1 a section numbered 29.1-112, relating to purchase of licenses and permits with credit cards.*

Patrons—Abbitt, Phillips and Thomas

Referred to Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 1 of Title 29.1 a section numbered 29.1-112 as follows:***§ 29.1-112. Payment of license and permit fees by credit card.*

The Director may authorize the acceptance of credit cards in lieu of money for payment of any fees collected by the Department or agents acting on behalf of the Department for any licenses or permits issued under this title [or for any merchandise sold by the Department] . The Director may add to such payment a service charge for the acceptance of a credit card to defray the [~~costs of processing the license or permit purchase~~ fee charged by the issuer of the credit card] ; however, the service charge shall not exceed the processing fee charged by the card issuer. For the purposes of this section "credit card" means (i) any instrument or device, whether known as a credit card, credit plate, payment device number, or by any other name, issued with or without fee by an issuer for the use of the cardholder in obtaining money, goods, services or anything else of value on credit or (ii) a similar device, whether known as a debit card, or any other name, issued with or without fee by an issuer for the use of the cardholder in obtaining money, goods, services or anything else of value by charging the account of the cardholder with a bank or any other person even though no credit is thereby extended.

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