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SENATE BILL NO. 705

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Transportation

on February 3, 2022)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Marsden)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-1217.1, relating to vehicle towing; civil penalty.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 46.2-1217.1 as follows:

§ 46.2-1217.1. Towing of certain large vehicles; civil penalty.

On any invoice charging \$10,000 or more for towing and recovery services rendered pursuant to a lawful request for towing by a law-enforcement officer or other uniformed employee of a law-enforcement agency who specifically is authorized to make a request for towing by the chief law-enforcement officer or his designee for the towing and recovery of a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of greater than 26,000 pounds, the towing and recovery operator shall include the telephone number and website address for the Division of Consumer Counsel within the Office of the Attorney General.

Any towing and recovery operator in violation of the provisions of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$1,000 per violation.

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