

**Virginia Department of Transportation
2004 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB 429

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Reid, J.

3. Committee: House Transportation

4. Title: Relating to reflectors or reflectorized material on the rear of certain trailers: Study by Virginia Transportation Research Council

5. Summary/Purpose:

To increase the rear-end visibility of metal mesh utility trailers by requiring at least 2 reflectors or 100 sq. inches of solid reflectorized material be applied to the end panel. The Virginia Transportation Research Council (VTRC) is directed to study whether this action reduces the number of rear end crashes involving these specific utility trailers.

6. Fiscal Impacts are unavailable

7. Budget amendment necessary: NO

8. Fiscal implications: The following fiscal impacts will be involved:

- . Training of Virginia State Police (VSP) and the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) enforcement personnel as needed,
- . Development, distribution and collection of supplementary crash report forms
- . Public information to inform utility trailer owners of new requirements
- . Study of utility trailer rear-end crashes likely to be labor-intensive and costly, since access to these crash reports cannot be done in an automated manner.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Virginia State Police (VSP), Virginia Department of Transportation-Virginia Transportation Research Council (VDOT-VTRC)

10. Technical amendment necessary: NO

11. Other comments: NO

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cc: Secretary of Transportation