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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 1202**

2 Offered January 14, 2026

3 Prefiled January 14, 2026

4 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 33.2-274.2, relating to Department of*
5 *Transportation; guardrail modernization; report.*

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8 Committee Referral Pending

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10 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

11 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 33.2-274.2 as follows:**

12 **§ 33.2-274.2. Guardrail modernization; report.**

13 *The Department shall identify, prioritize, and conduct the replacement of guardrail systems and end*
14 *treatments that do not meet current safety standards contained in the Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware*
15 *(MASH) as published by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. The*
16 *Department shall identify and use any state or federal funds available to the Department for the purposes of*
17 *this section, including any funds the Board may provide from the Virginia Highway Safety Improvement*
18 *Program created pursuant to § 33.2-373, and, as necessary, apply for any other grant funds that may be used*
19 *for such purposes.*

20 *The Department shall create and maintain a public inventory of such non-compliant guardrail systems*
21 *and end treatments. The Department shall create a five-year upgrade schedule for the replacement of such*
22 *non-compliant guardrail systems and end treatments.*

23 *The Department shall submit an annual report on the status of compliance of guardrail systems and end*
24 *treatments with MASH safety standards, funding needs for such efforts, and any impacts of industry capacity*
25 *on such efforts to the Chairs of the House and Senate Committees on Transportation no later than December*
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