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# Lingamfelter Leads Charge for Immediate, Emergency Abuser Fee Repeal

## *Delegate Follows Through on Pledge to Scrap Excessive Fees*

Richmond—Delegate L. Scott Lingamfelter (R-Prince William, Fauquier) today celebrated the Senate of Virginia's passage of House Bill 1243—patroned by Delegate Tim Hugo (R-Fairfax)—that fully repeals the abusive driver fees levied last year. Lingamfelter's efforts resulted in the addition of emergency language through a floor amendment he successfully passed on January 28<sup>th</sup> making the repeal legislation take effect as soon as the Governor signs the bill rather than with the normal delayed implementation on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.

On Saturday evening, March 8<sup>th</sup>, the Senate failed to pass Hugo's bill with Lingamfelter's emergency language. When the Senate did not muster a four-fifths vote required for emergency legislation to pass, the bill failed. This left the Senate with SB 1, a bill calling for repeal, but without an emergency clause. Without the reconsideration of the House bill and the Lingamfelter emergency language, the abuser fee repeal would not take effect until July 1<sup>st</sup>. Lingamfelter and Hugo personally visited the Senate chamber late Saturday evening to confer with Senate Minority Leader Tommy Norment (R-James City County), encouraging the Senate to reconsider the bill to ensure the immediate repeal was passed.

"Nine months ago I promised that I would return to Richmond, roll up my sleeves, and get to work repealing the excessive, unfair abuser fees," said Lingamfelter. "I am once again proud to say that a promise made is a promise kept."

"Saturday evening's effort to save the emergency language wouldn't have happened without the efforts of Senator Norment and Delegate Hugo," said Lingamfelter. "Both should be thanked for their tireless work on behalf of the citizens of Virginia."

**To arrange an interview with Delegate L. Scott Lingamfelter, a member of the House Appropriations Committee, please call 703-580-1294.**

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