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License Plate Bills:

**HB 1637: Special License Plates; PROTECT SEA LIFE. (Knight)
(Chapter 67) LEAD**

Act to authorize the issuance of special license plates for supporters of the Virginia Aquarium bearing the legend PROTECT SEA LIFE

This bill authorizes the issuance of revenue-sharing special license plates for supporters of the Virginia Aquarium bearing the legend PROTECT SEA LIFE. The funds generated by the sales of this plate will be shared with the Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center Foundation and used to support its operation and programs in Virginia.

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**HB 1709: Special License Plates; VIRGINIA STATE PARKS. (Bulova)
(Chapter 70)**

Authorizes the issuance of special license plates for supporters of Virginia State Parks bearing the legend VIRGINIA STATE PARKS

This bill authorizes the issuance of revenue-sharing special license plates for supporters of Virginia State Parks bearing the legend VIRGINIA STATE PARKS. The funds generated by the sales of this plate will be shared with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation and used to support its operation and programs in Virginia.

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**HB 1832: Special License Plate; Navy and Marine Corps Medal.
(Leftwich) (Chapter 74) LEAD**

Amends the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered § 46.2-745.1

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This bill authorizes the issuance of special license plates for persons awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal or for un-remarried surviving spouses of such persons. The first issuance of this plate to a customer is issued entirely free, including both the special plate and standard registration fees; subsequent issuances require standard registration fees only to be charged.

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**HB 2011: Special License Plates; MOVE OVER. (Peace) (Chapter 540)
LEAD**

An Act to authorize the issuance of special license plates for supporters of Virginia's Move Over law bearing the legend MOVE OVER

This bill authorizes the issuance of revenue-sharing special license plates for supporters of Virginia's Move Over law bearing the legend MOVE OVER. The plates are being issued in memory of Lt. Bradford T. Clark. The funds generated by the sales of this plate will be shared with the Fredericks Family Fund Foundation and used to support its operation and programs in Virginia.

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**HB 2114 and SB 1474: Special License Plates; Members of the
International Association of Fire Fighters. (Plum and Deeds)
(Chapter 154 and Chapter 80) LEAD**

Amends § 46.2-746.8 of the Code of Virginia

These bills change the special license plates for members of the International Association of Fire Fighters from nonrevenue sharing to revenue sharing and provides for the moneys to support the efforts of various charitable organizations supported by the firefighters throughout the Commonwealth.

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HB 2220: Special License Plate; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. (O'Quinn) (Chapter 194) LEAD

Amends the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-745.1, relating to special license plate; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

This bill authorizes the issuance of special license plate for persons awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or for un-remarried surviving spouses of such persons. The fee for this license plate is \$10 at the plate's issuance, plus standard registration fees.

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SB 1020: Special License Plates; Virginia Association for Community Conflict Resolution; Name Change. (Marsden) (Chapter 402)

LEAD

Amends § 46.2-749.119 of the Code of Virginia

This bill updates the name of the organization whose members and supporters may apply for a special license plate from Virginia Association for Community Conflict Resolution to Resolution Virginia.

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Driver and Vehicle-Related Bills:

HB 1664 and SB 1181: Out-of-state Conviction of Drug Offenses; Restricted Driver's License. (Jones, J.C. and Stuart) (Chapter 68 and Chapter 76) LEAD

Amends § 18.2-259.1 of the Code of Virginia

These bills provide that when DMV has administratively revoked a person's driving privilege based on receipt of an out-of-state conviction for a non-motor vehicle related drug offense, the person may petition the general district court of the county or city in which he resides for a restricted driver's license allowing the petitioner to operate a motor vehicle in the Commonwealth on a restricted basis. This bill does not permit the issuance of a restricted license to operate a commercial vehicle.

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HB 1677: Driving Distance for Testing Certain Motor Vehicles. (Delaney) (Chapter 69)

Amends § 46.2-733 and § 46.2-1158.01 of the Code of Virginia

This bill expands test driving distance from 5 miles to 10 miles (i) from place of business that a person is permitted to drive a vehicle equipped with a license plate designed for businesses delivering unladed motor vehicles to test installation, service, or repair of equipment, and (ii) a prospective purchaser of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer from an auto auction may operate such vehicle without safety inspection prior to purchase.

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HB 1700: Budget Bill. (Jones) (Chapter 854)

§ 3-6.03 Driver's License Reinstatement Fee

Amends Chapter 2, 2018 Special Session

The 2019 Budget Bill includes amendments **resulting in** the following **changes**:

- Va. Code § 46.2-411 - Eliminates the portion of the reinstatement fee allocated to the Trauma Center Fund, reducing all reinstatement fees by \$100. Effective July, 1, 2019, the new reinstatement fees will be \$45, \$75 and \$120. Reinstatement fees associated with orders issued prior to this date will not change. Customers will be required to pay the reinstatement fee originally assigned to their order (\$145, \$ 175, or \$220).
- Va. Code § 46.2-395 - Prohibits courts from suspending an individual's privilege to drive solely for failure to pay Virginia court fines and costs, effective July 1, 2019. DMV complied all fines and costs suspensions and all fees associated with effective fines and costs suspension orders have been waived. Reinstatement fees previously paid will not be refunded. However, the customer is still responsible for paying fees to the courts(s).

DMV is sending letters to all Virginia customers with fines and costs suspensions. These letters notified those that were automatically returned to a licensed status that they have no outstanding requirements and that effective July 1, 2019 they were able to use the license in their possession to drive (**assuming no other suspensions/revocations are applied to the record**). Additionally, letters are being sent to all other individuals to let them know of any other **licensing** requirements such as presentation of proof of legal presence or testing.

Individuals obtaining a license will need to pay license issue fees (original issue, reissue, renewal). **The fees are \$32 for an original license and \$20 for a replacement. Also, if a customer chooses to obtain a Real ID compliant license, an additional \$10 will be required.**

Effective July 1, 2019, fines and costs suspensions have been masked on personal use, insurance, and employment transcripts.

Fines and costs suspensions will continue to display on law enforcement and court transcripts. This information will appear because drivers may have been previously cited for driving on a suspended license.

This bill impacts only fines and costs suspensions for failure to pay Virginia courts. It does not amend any requirements/actions related to other

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suspensions such as driving on a suspended license, judgments, failure to pay child support or tolling issues.

Because the fines and costs suspensions were complied on July 1, 2019, the suspensions will no longer show up when another state makes an inquiry to the National Driver Register (NDR). **In addition**, other states' licensing agencies are being notified of complied fines and costs suspensions for out of state drivers.

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HB 1711 and SB 1382: Reorganization of Motor Vehicle Registration, Licensing, and Certificates of Title Statutes; Segregation of Criminal Offenses and Traffic Offenses. (Herring and McDougle) (Chapter 71 and Chapter 79)

Amends § 46.2-612 and § 46.2-613 of the Code of Virginia

These bills move the criminal offenses related to registration, licensing, and certificates of title included within § 46.2-613 to § 46.2-612. The bill reorganizes these statutes so that § 46.2-612 contains only criminal offenses and § 46.2-613 contains only traffic infractions.

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HB 1712 and SB 1383: Dismissal of summons for expiration of vehicle registration; proof of compliance. (Herring and McDougle) (Chapter 14 and Chapter 57)

Amends §§ 38.2-508.5, 38.2-3430.6, 38.2-3430.7, 38.2-3431, 38.2-3432.1, 38.2-3432.2, and 38.2-3432.3 of the Code of Virginia

These bills authorize the courts to dismiss a summons issued for expiration of vehicle registration if the defendant provides to the court proof of compliance with

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the law on or before the court date. The bills are a recommendation of the Committee on District Courts.

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HB 1867 and SB 1787: Motor Vehicle Insurance; Compliance Verification. (Kilgore and Newman) (Chapter 149 and Chapter 193)

Amends and §§ 46.2-688, 46.2-706 through 46.2-708, and 46.2-710 of the Code of Virginia.

HB 1867 and SB 1787 are the result of a request from the 2018 General Assembly session for DMV to convene a stakeholder group to discuss automobile insurance in Virginia and make recommendations to increase compliance with Virginia's insurance laws. These bills include new offerings for DMV effective July 1, 2019, and enhancements and changes to the way insurance companies and DMV interact regarding insurance verification effective January 1, 2020. The changes that are effective July 1, 2019 are as follows:

1. Customers may choose to permanently surrender license plates at www.dmvNow.com and not return the license plates to DMV. They will not receive a partial refund of the cost of registration fees when selecting this convenience option.
2. Customers with insurance-related orders of suspension that are in an effective status as of July 1, 2019, may have all fees waived, including the reinstatement fee, if the customer can provide proof of insurance.
3. The term used for the insurance-related fee, when DMV or the court determines that a person is not in compliance with Virginia insurance requirements, is changing from a "statutory fee" to a "noncompliance penalty fee". Effective July 1, 2019, the penalty amount increases from \$500 to \$600.
4. DMV has a payment plan option for customers to pay insurance-related fees over time in monthly payments. This payment plan option is now available to non-Virginia residents who still owe insurance-related fees in Virginia.
5. Customers who are currently in default on a payment plan agreement with DMV have the opportunity to reenter into a payment plan by paying a \$25 administrative fee to continue paying the fees over time in monthly payments.

For insurance companies, there is one enhancement effective July 1, 2019, and six changes to reporting requirements effective January 1, 2020.

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Effective July 1, 2019 - DMV has a new form for insurers to report claims involving uninsured drivers. This reporting will initiate DMV's insurance verification process for the uninsured driver.

Effective January 1, 2020 - The following also apply to insurers:

1. A change from reporting monthly to reporting within 30-days of a policy change, which will encourage companies to report around the same time every month instead of reporting at the beginning of one month and at the end of the next month. Currently, this can delay reporting a change to a policy for up to 60 days.
2. There is a clarification to policy change reporting. A policy change occurs when an insurance company (i) issues liability insurance, (ii) cancels liability insurance, (iii) becomes aware of a lapse in liability insurance, (iv) reissues or reinstates liability insurance, or (v) adds a vehicle to an existing liability insurance policy. This includes dropping a vehicle from an existing, effective policy. For some insurance companies, this is not a policy termination, but it is termination of coverage on one of the vehicles on the policy.
3. DMV currently sends customers a notice about insurance coverage 60 days from a vehicle registration or cancelation. This is changing to 45 days.
4. There are updates to the necessary data fields required to operate DMV's insurance verification process. DMV will now process an edit to return the reported record as an error if it is an insurance cancelation, and the driver license or social security number is missing.
5. The new bills require insurance companies to respond to all DMV requests for acknowledgment by confirming or denying the existence of an insurance policy within 15 days of receiving the request.
6. The bills require insurers to report all insurance information electronically to DMV. This includes reports of financial responsibility. DMV will not accept and process paper SR22 or FR44 forms mailed or faxed to DMV. DMV offers an extranet portal for reporting financial responsibility. Each insurance company must have a use agreement on file with DMV to gain access to the portal.

Also, an enactment clause requires DMV to report in 2024 to the General Assembly on the effectiveness of these measures in improving the insurance verification program. DMV will be tracking the new reporting activity with performance reports.

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HB 1911: Duties of Drivers of Vehicles Approaching Stationary Vehicles Displaying Certain Warning Lights; Penalty. (Peace) (Chapter 850)

Amends the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered § 46.2-861.1 and repeals § 46.2-921.1 of the Code of Virginia.

This bill repeals the duties of drivers to provide the right-of-way when approaching emergency and public utility vehicles in §46.2-921.1. However, it adds new duties in §46.2-861.1 that require drivers to yield the right-of-way for emergency and public utility vehicles by making a lane change into a lane not adjacent to the stationary vehicle when traffic conditions permit a safe lane change. When conditions do not permit a safe lane change, the driver must proceed with due caution and maintain a safe speed.

A violation involving emergency vehicles is reckless driving while a violation involving a public utility vehicle is an infraction. If the violation results in property damage, the courts may suspend the offender's driving privilege for up to one year. If the violation results in injury or death, the courts may suspend the driving privilege for up to two years. For a conviction involving reckless driving, the courts may grant restricted driving privileges in accordance with §§ 46.2-393.

While violations involving emergency vehicles are assigned six demerit points, the assignment of demerit points for public utility vehicles varies. Violations involving death are assigned six points, violations involving property damage or injury are assigned four points, and violations without property damage, injury, or death are assigned three demerit points.

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HB 1927: Special Identification Card; Applicants who are Blind or Vision Impaired. (Keam) (Chapter 75)

Amends § 46.2-345 of the Code of Virginia

This bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to, upon request of the applicant and presentation of a signed statement by a licensed physician confirming the applicant's condition, indicate on an applicant's special identification card that he is blind or vision impaired.

This indicator is not available on a driver's license.

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HB 2059 and SB 1667: Nonpayment of Child Support; Amount of Arrearage Paid; Time Period to Pay Arrearage; Repayment Schedule; Suspension of Driver's License. (Carr and Dance) (Chapter 284 and Chapter 285)

Amends § 46.2-320.1 of the Code of Virginia

These bills provide that an individual, who is delinquent in child support payments or has failed to comply with a subpoena, summons, or warrant relating to paternity or child support proceedings is entitled to a judicial hearing if he makes a written request within 30 days from service of a notice of intent to suspend or renew his driver's license. Current law provides such an entitlement if such request is made within 10 days from such notice.

The bill further:

- Allows the Department of Motor Vehicles to renew a driver's license or terminate a license suspension imposed on an individual if such individual has reached an agreement with the Department of Social Services to satisfy the child support payment delinquency within a 10-year period and has made at least one payment of at least five percent of the total delinquency or

\$600, whichever is less, as opposed to whichever is greater under current law, under such agreement.

- Provides that, where such a repayment agreement has been entered into and such an individual has failed to comply with such agreement, the Department of Motor Vehicles shall suspend or refuse to renew such individual's driver's license until it has received certification from the Department of Social Services that such individual has entered into a subsequent agreement to pay within a period of seven years and has paid the lesser amount, as opposed to greater amount under current law, of at least one payment of \$1,200 or seven percent, as opposed to five percent under current law, of the current delinquency.

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- Provides that an individual who fails to comply with such a subsequent agreement may enter into a new agreement if such individual has made a payment in the lesser amount, as opposed to the greater amount under current law, of \$1,800 or 10 percent, as opposed to five percent under current law, and agrees to a repayment schedule of not more than seven years, which is consistent with the timeframe provided by the current law.

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HB 2278: Expungement of Police and Court Records; Absolute Pardon. (Cole) (Chapter 181)

Amends § 2.2-402 and § 19.2-392.2 of the Code of Virginia

This bill provides for the automatic expungement of the police and court records relating to a person's conviction if he has been granted an absolute pardon for a crime that he did not commit. Under current law, the person granted the absolute pardon must petition the court for an order of expungement.

The bill requires the Secretary of the Commonwealth to forward a copy of any absolute pardon to the circuit court where the person was convicted of the crime for which the absolute pardon was granted.

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HB 2441: Special Identification Card without a Photograph; Fee; Confidentiality; Penalties. (Wilt) (Chapter 832)

Amends § 46.2-345 of the Code of Virginia and amends the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 46.2 a section numbered 46.2-345.2.

This bill is the result of a study conducted by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

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The bill:

- Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue a special identification card without a photograph to a person with a sincerely held religious belief prohibiting the taking of a photograph who would otherwise meet the qualifications for a special identification card but also presents an approved and signed IRS Form 4029.
- Allows a special identification card without a photograph to be similar in size, shape, and design to a driver's license but requires (i) that it be clearly distinguishable from a driver's license, (ii) that it not include a photograph of its holder, and (iii) that it clearly state that (a) the card does not authorize the holder to operate a motor vehicle, (b) federal limits apply, and (c) the card is not valid identification to vote.
- Provides that giving false information, concealing a material fact, or otherwise committing a fraud in applying for a special identification card without a photograph is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor and that obtaining a special identification card without a photograph for the purpose of committing any offense punishable as a felony constitutes a Class 4 felony.

This bill allows for the applicant to request that DMV remove any previously taken photographs from DMV records until January 1, 2020.

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HB 2551 and SB 1481: Commercial Driver's Licenses; Military Service Members. (Thomas) (Chapter 161)
Commercial Driver's License; Entry-Level Driver Training (Deeds)
(Chapter 705)

Amends § 46.2-341.14:01 of the Code of Virginia

Amends Va. Code §§ 46.2-324.1, 46.2-341.4, 46.2-341.10, 46.2-341.12, 46.2-341.14, 46.2-341.14:01, 11 46.2-341.14:1, 46.2-341.19, 46.2-341.22, 46.2-380,

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46.2-382, 46.2-1700, and 46.2-1701.1; amends Va. Code by adding in Chapter 17 of Title 46.2 an article numbered 2, consisting of sections numbered 46.2-1708 through 46.2-1711.

These bills require the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles to waive certain knowledge and skills tests required for obtaining a commercial learner's permit or commercial driver's license or a commercial driver's license endorsement for certain current or former military service members, as authorized by federal law.

Also, these bills:

- Amend several statutes regarding the licensure of commercial motor vehicle drivers.
- Change the commercial learner's permit validity period from 180 days to one year from the issue date.
- Codify federal regulatory requirements relating to the training and licensure of first time applicants for certain classifications of commercial driver's licenses and endorsements.
- Allow for lifetime disqualification of the commercial credentials for holders of commercial driver's licenses and commercial learner's permits for certain felony drug charges in compliance with current federal regulation.
- Authorize certain exemptions for qualifying military personnel.

Several provisions of the bill have delayed or contingent effective dates.

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HB 2718 and SB 1716: Interstate 81; Interstate 81 Corridor Improvement Fund. (Landes and Obenshain) (Chapter 837 and Chapter 846)

These bills create an Interstate 81 Committee, tasked with developing and updating a program related to Interstate 81 Corridor safety and improvements, and creates an Interstate 81 Corridor Improvement Fund (Fund).

The bills provide revenues for the Fund through the following means:

- (i) Increases existing registration fees for trucks and other non-passenger-carrying vehicles with a registered weight over 10,000 pounds. Effective 7/1/2019, both private and for-hire vehicles will pay at the rate currently paid by for-hire vehicles.
- (ii) Effective 7/1/2019, a new registration fee for these same vehicles, collected on top of the existing registration fees.
- (iii) Effective 7/1/2020, a new statewide tax on diesel fuel, collected on top of the existing diesel tax.
- (iv) Effective 7/1/2019, expansion of the 2.1% regional wholesale tax on fuel—currently collected in Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads—to the I-81 corridor.
- (v) Effective 7/1/2019, increases to the road tax—both the per-gallon tax collected from interstate carriers through the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) and the Virginia Road Tax (VRT) fee collected from intrastate carriers at the time of registration. The amounts of both the per-gallon tax and the VRT fee will adjust each July 1st, based on changes in the fuel efficiency of vehicles as reported on IFTA tax returns.

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HB 2752: Motorized Skateboards or Scooters; Operation; Local Authority. (Pillion) (Chapter 780)

Amends §§ 46.2-100, 46.2-800, 46.2-849, 46.2-903, 46.2-904, 46.2-905, 46.2-908.1, 46.2-1015, 46.2-1041, and 46.2-1081 of the Code of Virginia and amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 13 of Title 46.2 a section numbered 46.2-1315.

This bill authorizes localities to regulate the operation of companies providing motorized skateboards or scooters for hire.

The bill:

- Changes the definition of motorized skateboard or scooter by (i) removing the requirement that such device have no seat and requiring that the device be designed to allow a person to stand or sit, (ii) removing the maximum power limits for such device and providing that the device may be powered in whole or in part by an electric motor, (iii) providing that the device has a speed of no more than 20 miles per hour, and (iv) providing that such device weighs less than 100 pounds.
- Makes consistent the operational requirements for motorized skateboards or scooters and similar devices, including (a) allowing motorized skateboards and scooters to be driven on sidewalks, (b) requiring motorized skateboards and scooters driven on a roadway to be driven as close to the right curb as is safely practicable, (c) prohibiting the operation of motorized skateboards or scooters on any Interstate Highway System component, and (d) requiring operators of motorized skateboards and scooters to give hand signals and have lights on such devices.
- Prohibits operating a motorized skateboard or scooter at a speed faster than 20 miles per hour.

Certain provisions of this bill have a delayed effective date of January 1, 2020.

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HB 2805: Parking; Access Aisles Adjacent to Parking Spaces Reserved for Persons with Disabilities. (LaRock) (Chapter 557)

Amends § 46.2-1242 of the Code of Virginia

This bill prohibits parking any vehicle in any striped access aisle adjacent to a parking space reserved for persons with disabilities.

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SB 1336: Mechanics' Liens; Notice of Sale. (Edwards) (Chapter 560)

Amends §§ 43-34 and 46.2-644.03 of the Code of Virginia

This bill is related to the requirement for notice of sale for property to be sold in a public place pursuant to a mechanics' lien process. It provides that notices shall be posted in any of the following places:

- (i) A public place in the county or city where the property is located;
- (ii) A website operated by the Commonwealth, the county or city where the property is located, or a political subdivision of either; or
- (iii) A newspaper of general circulation in the county or city where the property is located, either in print or on its website.

Under current law, such notice of sale is required to be advertised in a public place, defined as a premises owned by the Commonwealth or a political subdivision thereof, or an agency of either, that is open to the general public.

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SB 1342: Storage and Mechanics' Liens; Amount of Lien. (Desteph) (Chapter 561)

Amends §§ 46.2-644.01 and 46.2-644.02 of the Code of Virginia

This bill provides that the amount of a mechanics' lien for the reasonable expenses of a keeper of a garage or a mechanic on a vehicle that is not subject to a chattel mortgage, security agreement, deed of trust, or other instrument shall be in an amount up to the value of the vehicle.

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SB 1521: Handheld Photo speed Monitoring Devices. (Carrico) (Chapter 842)

Amends § 46.2-882 of the Code of Virginia and amends the Code of Virginia by adding s section numbered 46.2-882.1.

This bill provides that the Department of State Police may operate a handheld photo speed monitoring device, defined in the bill, in or around a highway work zone for the purpose of recording images of vehicles that are traveling at speeds of at least 12 miles per hour above the posted highway work zone speed limit within

such highway work zone when (i) workers are present and (ii) such highway work zone is indicated by appropriately placed signs displaying the maximum speed limit and the use of such handheld automated speed monitoring device.

The bill also provides that the operator of a vehicle shall be liable for a monetary civil penalty, not to exceed \$125, if such vehicle is found to be traveling at speeds of at least 12 miles per hour above the posted highway work zone speed limit by the handheld photo monitoring device.

This bill states that the imposition of a penalty shall not be deemed a conviction and shall not be part of the person's customer record.

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SB 1768: Use of Handheld Personal Communications Devices; Highway Work Zones; Penalty. (Mason) (Chapter 72)

Amends § 46.2-1078.1 of the Code of Virginia

This bill:

- Prohibits any person from holding a handheld personal communications device while driving a motor vehicle in a highway work zone, with certain exceptions.
- Provides that a violation is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Current law prohibits only the reading of an email or text message on the device and manually entering letters or text in the device as a means of communicating, with the same exceptions.

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HB 1662 and SB 1677: Child restraint devices and safety belts; emergency and law enforcement vehicles. (Head and Suetterlein) (Chapter 196 and Chapter 319)

Amends § 46.2-1095 of the Code of Virginia

These bills exempt the operators of emergency medical services agency vehicles, fire company vehicles, fire department vehicles, and law enforcement agency vehicles during the performance of their official duties from (i) the requirement that certain minors be secured with a safety belt and (ii) the requirement that minors

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under the age of eight be secured in a child restraint device provided that exigent circumstances exist and no child restraint device is readily available.

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HB 1786: Vehicles on sidewalks. (Hurst) (Chapter 182)

Amends § 46.2-903 of the code of Virginia

This bill clarifies that any public entity may allow "other power-driven mobility devices", as defined in the bill, to be ridden or driven on sidewalks in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and other state and federal laws.

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HB 1802 and SB 1254: Amber warning lights; vehicles hauling forest products. (Tyler and Ruff) (Chapter 145 and Chapter 112)

Amends § 46.2-1025 of the code of Virginia

These bills authorize vehicles hauling forest products to use amber warning lights approved by the Superintendent of State Police, provided that the lights are mounted or installed so as to be visible from behind the vehicle.

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HB 2800 and SB 1775: Commissioner of Highways; Overweight Trucks. (Garrett and Carrico) (Chapter 401 and Chapter 568)

These bills require the Commissioner of Highways to report annually by December 1 to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Commonwealth Transportation Board regarding overweight trucks. The bill expires on January 1, 2021.

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Data Management Bills:

HB 2494: Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act; Dissemination of Information Concerning Religious Preferences and Affiliations. (Tran) (Chapter 774)

Amends §§ 2.2-3803, 23.1-402, 37.2-712, and 66-25 of the Code of Virginia

This bill prohibits any state agency maintaining an information system that includes personal information from disseminating to federal government authorities information concerning the religious preferences and affiliations of data subjects for the purpose of compiling a list, registry, or database of individuals based on religious affiliation, national origin, or ethnicity, unless specifically required by state or federal law. This prohibition applies even if consent is given to disseminate such information to public institutions of higher education, state facilities under Title 37.2 (Behavioral Health and Developmental Services), and juvenile correctional facilities established pursuant to Title 66 (Juvenile Justice) or Chapter 11 (§ 16.1-226 et

seq.) of Title 16.1 (Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts). As introduced, this bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council.

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