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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1496

Offered January 24, 2000

*A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 46.2-884 and 46.2-885 of the Code of Virginia, relating to stopping at railroad crossings; penalty*

Patron—Devolites

Referred to Committee on Transportation

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

**1. That §§ 46.2-884 and 46.2-885 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 46.2-884. Railroad warning signals must be obeyed; penalty.

No person driving a vehicle shall disobey a clearly visible or audible crossing signal which gives warning of the immediate approach of a train at a railroad grade crossing. *Violation of any provision of this section shall constitute a Class 4 misdemeanor.*

§ 46.2-885. When vehicles to stop at railroad grade crossings; penalty.

A. Except in cities or towns, whenever any person driving a vehicle approaches a railroad grade crossing under any of the circumstances stated in this section, the driver of the vehicle shall stop within fifty feet but not less than fifteen feet from the nearest rail of such railroad, and shall not proceed until he can do so safely. The foregoing requirements shall apply when:

1. A clearly visible electric or mechanical signal device gives warning of the immediate approach of a train;

2. A crossing gate is lowered or a flagman gives or continues to give a signal of the approach or passage of a train;

3. A train approaching such crossing gives the signals required by § 56-414;

4. An approaching train is plainly visible and is in hazardous proximity to such crossing.

B. No person shall drive any vehicle through, around, or under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad crossing while such gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed.

*C. Violation of any provision of this section shall constitute a Class 4 misdemeanor.*

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