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SENATE BILL NO. 644

Offered January 24, 2000

A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-923 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-924.1, relating to pedestrians crossing highways; drivers to avoid colliding with pedestrians.

Patron—Whipple

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 46.2-923 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted, and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 46.2-924.1 as follows:

§ 46.2-923. How and where pedestrians to cross highways.

When crossing highways, pedestrians shall not carelessly or maliciously interfere with the orderly passage of vehicles. They shall cross, wherever possible, only at intersections or marked crosswalks. Where intersections contain no marked crosswalks, pedestrians shall not be guilty of negligence as a matter of law for crossing at any such intersection or between intersections when crossing by the most direct route. *Every pedestrian crossing at a point other than at a marked crosswalk or at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles on the roadway.*

~~The~~Any pedestrian crossing a roadway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles on the roadway. A pedestrian shall not cross a roadway diagonally; however, the governing body of any town or city or the governing body of a county authorized by law to regulate traffic may by ordinance permit pedestrians to cross an intersection diagonally when all traffic entering the intersection has been halted by lights, other traffic control devices, or by a law-enforcement officer.

§ 46.2-924.1. Drivers to exercise due care.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this title, every driver of a vehicle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with pedestrians.

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