

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2002 SESSION

## CHAPTER 93

*An Act to amend and reenact §§ 46.2-613 and 46.2-620 of the Code of Virginia, relating to deletion of obsolete code references.*

[H 52]

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

**1. That §§ 46.2-613 and 46.2-620 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 46.2-613. Offenses relating to registration, licensing, and certificates of title; penalty.

No person shall:

1. Operate or permit the operation of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by him to be operated on a highway unless (i) it is registered, (ii) a certificate of title therefor has been issued, and (iii) it has displayed on it the license plate or plates and decal or decals, if any, assigned to it by the Department for the current registration period, subject to the exemptions mentioned in ~~§ 46.2-626~~, Article 5 (§ 46.2-655 et seq.), and Article 6 (§ 46.2-662 et seq.) of this chapter.

2. Display, cause or permit to be displayed, or have in possession any registration card, certificate of title, or license plate or decal which he knows is fictitious or which he knows has been cancelled, revoked, suspended, or altered; or display or cause or permit to be displayed on any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer any license plate or decal that he knows is currently issued for another vehicle.

3. Lend or knowingly permit the use of any registration card, license plate, or decal by anyone not entitled to it.

4. Fail or refuse to surrender to the Department or the Department of State Police, on demand, any certificate of title, registration card, or license plate or decal which has been suspended, cancelled, or revoked.

5. Use a false name or address in any application for the registration of any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer or for a certificate of title or for any renewal or duplicate certificate, or knowingly to make a false statement of a material fact or to conceal a material fact or otherwise commit a fraud in any registration application.

§ 46.2-620. Period of validity of certificate of title.

Every certificate of title issued under this chapter shall be valid for the life of the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer so long as the owner to whom it is issued shall retain legal title or right of possession of or to the vehicle. Such certificates need not be renewed except on a transfer of title or interest of the owner ~~and except as provided in § 46.2-626~~.