

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-921.1, relating to*
3 *approaching stationary emergency vehicles on highways; penalties.*

4 [H 1261]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 46.2-921.1 as follows:**8 *§ 46.2-921.1. Drivers to yield right-of-way or reduce speed when approaching stationary emergency*
9 *vehicles on highways; penalties.*

10 *The driver of any motor vehicle, upon approaching a stationary emergency vehicle, as defined in*
11 *§ 46.2-920, that is displaying a flashing, blinking, or alternating emergency light or lights as provided*
12 *in §§ 46.2-1022, 46.2-1023, and 46.2-1024, shall (i) on a highway having at least four lanes, at least*
13 *two of which are intended for traffic proceeding as the approaching vehicle, proceed with caution and,*
14 *if reasonable, with due regard for safety and traffic conditions, yield the right-of-way by making a lane*
15 *change into a lane not adjacent to that occupied by the stationary emergency vehicle or (ii) if changing*
16 *lanes would be unreasonable or unsafe, proceed with due caution and maintain a safe speed for*
17 *highway conditions.*

18 *Violation of any provision of this section shall constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor. If the violation*
19 *resulted in damage to property of another person, the court may, in addition, order the suspension of*
20 *the driver's privilege to operate a motor vehicle for not more than one year. If the violation resulted in*
21 *injury to another person, the court may, in addition to any other penalty imposed, order the suspension*
22 *of the driver's privilege to operate a motor vehicle for not more than two years. If the violation resulted*
23 *in the death of another person, the court may, in addition to any other penalty imposed, order the*
24 *suspension of the driver's privilege to operate a motor vehicle for two years.*

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