

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2003 SESSION

## CHAPTER 414

*An Act to amend and reenact § 46.2-1118 of the Code of Virginia, relating to connections between vehicles; tow trucks towing vehicles by means of a wheel lift apparatus.*

[H 1943]

Approved March 16, 2003

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

**1. That § 46.2-1118 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 46.2-1118. Connection between vehicles; tow trucks towing vehicles by means of a wheel lift apparatus.

The connection between any two vehicles, one of which is towing or drawing the other on a highway, shall consist of a fifth wheel, drawbar, or other similar device not to exceed ~~fifteen~~ 15 feet in length from one vehicle to the other. Any such two vehicles shall, in addition to such drawbar or other similar device, be equipped at all times when so operated on the highway with an emergency chain.

The foregoing provisions of this section shall not apply to (i) any farm tractor, as defined in § 46.2-100, when such farm tractor is towing any farm implement or farm machinery by means of a drawbar coupled with a safety hitch pin or manufacturer's coupling device or (ii) any tow truck towing a vehicle by means of a wheel lift apparatus that employs a safety strap to hold two of the towed vehicle's wheels within a wheel lift cradle in a manner consistent with instructions of the manufacturer of such wheel lift apparatus.

*For the purposes of this section, "tow truck" means any motor vehicle that is constructed and used primarily for towing, lifting, or otherwise moving illegally parked or disabled vehicles.*