

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2003 SESSION

CHAPTER 853

An Act to amend and reenact § 46.2-828 of the Code of Virginia, relating to lights to be displayed by vehicles traveling in funeral processions.

[H 2329]

Approved March 22, 2003

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 46.2-828 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-828. Right-of-way for funeral processions under police or sheriff's escort; improper joining of, passing through, or interfering with processions prohibited; use of high beam headlights and hazard lights by vehicles traveling in funeral processions required.

Funeral processions traveling under police or sheriff's escort shall have the right-of-way in any highway through which they may pass. Localities may, by ordinance, provide for such escort service and provide for the imposition of reasonable fees to defray the cost of such service.

The sheriff in any locality not having a separate police department may provide traffic control for funeral processions when equipment and personnel are not otherwise engaged in law-enforcement activities.

Vehicles traveling as part of a *any* funeral procession, *whether escorted or unescorted*, may *display high beam headlights and* flash all four turn signals or hazard lights to identify themselves as part of the procession.

No vehicle that is not properly part of a funeral procession shall join, pass through, or interfere with the passage of any funeral procession under escort as provided in this section.