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HOUSE BILL NO. 1346

House Amendments in [] — February 14, 2004

A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-803.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to lane restrictions for certain commercial vehicles on certain highways.

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Saxman

Referred to Committee on Transportation**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 46.2-803.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 46.2-803.1. Commercial vehicles limited to use of certain lanes of certain interstate highways.

Except where the posted speed limit is less than ~~sixty-five~~ 65 miles per hour, no person shall drive any commercial motor vehicle, as defined in § 46.2-341.4, on the left-most lane of any interstate highway having more than two lanes in each direction.

Furthermore, within the Eighth Planning District *and on Interstate Route 81*, no person shall drive any commercial motor vehicle, as defined in § 46.2-341.4, on the left-most lane of any interstate highway having more than two lanes in each direction, regardless of the posted speed limit. [*Every commercial vehicle shall keep to the right-most lane when operating at a speed of 15 miles per hour or more below the posted speed limit on an interstate highway with no more than two lanes in each direction.*]

The provisions of this section shall not apply to (i) buses or school buses or (ii) other commercial vehicles when (a) preparing to exit a highway via a left exit or (b) being used to perform maintenance or construction work on an interstate highway.

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