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SENATE BILL NO. 246

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-881.1, relating to speed limits within 500 feet of yard sales, auctions, and other special events to which the public is invited.

Patron—Deeds

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 46.2-881.1 as follows:

§ 46.2-881.1. Speed limit within 500 feet of yard sale, auction, or other special event to which the public is invited.

Any person promoting or hosting a yard sale, auction, or other special event to which the public is invited shall, before the commencement of the event, place signs reading: "CONGESTED AREA AHEAD." Such signs shall be placed at every location where any public highway crosses an imaginary circle whose radius is 500 feet and whose center is the center of the yard sale, auction, or other special event. Such signs shall be neon green in color. Within the imaginary circle at the perimeter of which these signs have been placed, the maximum speed limit shall be 25 miles per hour. No signs beyond those required by this section shall be required for the enforcement of this speed limit.

Failure to post signs as required by this section shall constitute a Class 4 misdemeanor.

For the purpose of this section "yard sale" means an occasional sale of household goods at the residence of their owner, and shall include any similar event, whether or not it is specifically denominated a "yard sale."

The provisions of this section shall not apply where the posted speed limit is 25 miles per hour or less nor shall they apply where the event is being held in a commercial establishment or elsewhere where there is suitable parking space.

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