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SENATE BILL NO. 581

Offered January 16, 2004

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 46.2 a section numbered 46.2-819.3, relating to use of certain wireless communication devices by drivers while vehicle is in motion.

Patrons—Ticer, Howell, Puller and Whipple; Delegates: Ebbin, Scott, J.M. and Van Landingham

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 46.2 a section numbered 46.2-819.3 as follows:

§ 46.2-819.3. Use of hand-held wireless communication devices by driver while vehicle is in motion; hands-free operation.

Except in an emergency the driver of a motor vehicle is prohibited from using any hand-held wireless communication device while his vehicle is in motion, unless the device is equipped for hands-free operation and the driver is so operating the hands-free equipment.

Violation of this section shall constitute a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of \$100.

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