

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2005 SESSION

CHAPTER 137

An Act to amend and reenact § 46.2-896 of the Code of Virginia, relating to duties of driver in event of accident involving damage only to unattended property.

[H 1587]

Approved March 20, 2005

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 46.2-896 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-896. Duties of driver in event of accident involving damage only to unattended property.

The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident in which no person is killed or injured, but in which an unattended vehicle or other unattended property is damaged, shall make a reasonable effort to find the owner or custodian of such property and shall report to the owner or custodian the information which the driver is required to report pursuant to § 46.2-894 if such owner or custodian is found. If the owner or custodian of such damaged vehicle or property cannot be found, the driver shall leave a note *or other sufficient information including driver identification and contact information* in a conspicuous place at the scene of the accident and shall report the accident in writing within ~~twenty-four~~ 24 hours to the State Police or the local law-enforcement agency. Such note *or other information* and written report shall contain the information ~~which~~ *that* the driver is required to report pursuant to § 46.2-894. The written report shall, in addition, state the date, time, and place of the accident and the driver's ~~estimate~~ *description* of the property damage.

Where, because of injuries sustained in the accident, the driver is prevented from complying with the foregoing provisions of this section, the driver shall, as soon as reasonably possible, make the required report to the State Police or local law-enforcement agency and make a reasonable effort to locate the owner or custodian of the unattended vehicle or property and report to him the information required by § 46.2-894.