

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 46.2-1110 of the Code of Virginia, relating to overheight vehicle*
3 *detection systems.*

[H 2277]

Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**8 **1. That § 46.2-1110 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

9 § 46.2-1110. Height of vehicles; damage to overhead obstruction; penalty.

10 No loaded or unloaded vehicle shall exceed a height of ~~thirteen~~ 13 feet, six inches.

11 Nothing contained in this section shall require either the public authorities or railroad companies to
12 provide vertical clearances of overhead bridges or structures in excess of ~~twelve~~ 12 feet, six inches, or
13 to make any changes in the vertical clearances of existing overhead bridges or structures crossing
14 highways. The driver or owner of vehicles on highways shall be held financially responsible for any
15 damage to overhead bridges or structures that results from collisions therewith.

16 The driver or owner of any vehicle colliding with an overhead bridge or structure shall immediately
17 notify, either in person or by telephone, a law-enforcement officer or the public authority or railroad
18 company, owning or maintaining such overhead bridge or structure of the fact of such collision, and his
19 name, address, driver's license number, and the registration number of his vehicle. Failure to give such
20 notice immediately, either in person or by telephone, shall constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor.

21 On any highway over which there is a bridge or structure having a vertical clearance of less than
22 ~~fourteen~~ 14 feet, the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner shall have at least two signs erected
23 setting forth the height of the bridge or structure. Such signs shall be located at least 1,500 feet ahead of
24 the bridge or structure.

25 *The Virginia Department of Transportation may install and use overheight vehicle optical detection*
26 *systems to identify vehicles that exceed the overhead clearance of the westbound tunnel of the Hampton*
27 *Roads Bridge Tunnel on Interstate Route 64. When the optical system sensor located closest to the*
28 *westbound tunnel entrance is used in identifying such vehicles, the system shall be installed at the*
29 *specified height as determined by measurement standards that have been certified by the Commissioner*
30 *of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and are traceable to national*
31 *standards of measurement. Such identification by such system shall, for all purposes of law, be*
32 *equivalent to having measured the height of the vehicle with a tape measure or other measuring device.*