

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact §§ 46.2-300 and 46.2-324.1 of the Code of Virginia and to repeal*
3 *§ 46.2-309 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the operation of motor vehicles by non-residents.*

4 [S 821]

5 Approved

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7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**8 **1. That §§ 46.2-300 and 46.2-324.1 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

9 § 46.2-300. Driving without license prohibited; penalties.

10 No person, except those expressly exempted in §§ 46.2-303 through ~~46.2-309~~ 46.2-308, shall drive
11 any motor vehicle on any highway in the Commonwealth until such person has applied for a driver's
12 license, as provided in this article, satisfactorily passed the examination required by § 46.2-325, and
13 obtained a driver's license, nor unless the license is valid.

14 A conviction of a violation of this section shall constitute a Class 2 misdemeanor.

15 § 46.2-324.1. Requirements for initial licensure of certain applicants.

16 No driver's license shall be issued to any applicant unless he either (i) provides written evidence of
17 having satisfactorily completed a course of driver instruction at a driver training school licensed under
18 Chapter 17 (§ 46.2-1700 et seq.) of this title or a comparable course approved by the Department or
19 Department of Education or (ii) has held a learner's permit issued by the Department for at least thirty
20 days prior to his first behind-the-wheel examination by the Department.

21 The provisions of this section shall only apply to persons who are at least 19 years old and who
22 either (i) have never held a driver's license issued by Virginia or any other state or territory of the
23 United States or foreign country ~~with which the Commissioner has established reciprocal driver's~~
24 ~~licensing privileges~~ or (ii) have never been licensed or held the license endorsement or classification
25 required to operate the type of vehicle which they now propose to operate. The provisions of this
26 section shall apply to applicants for commercial driver's licenses who have never before held a
27 commercial driver's license. *Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the Department from*
28 *requiring any person to complete the skills examination as prescribed in § 46.2-325 and the written or*
29 *automated examinations as prescribed in § 46.2-335.*

30 **2. That § 46.2-309 of the Code of Virginia is repealed.**

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