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HOUSE BILL NO. 1934

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-842 of the Code of Virginia, relating to overtaking and passing vehicles on certain highways.

Patron—Rapp

Referred to Committee on Transportation

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 46.2-842 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 46.2-842. Driver to give way to overtaking vehicle.

A. Except (i) when necessary to exit the highway to the left, (ii) to avoid a collision, (iii) to avoid persons, objects, or defects in or damage to the roadway, or (iv) where otherwise directed by a law-enforcement officer or lawfully posted signs, no person shall drive any motor vehicle in the left-most lane of any roadway of any limited access highway except to pass another vehicle traveling in the same direction.

B. Except when overtaking and passing on the right is permitted, the driver of an overtaken vehicle shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle on audible signal and shall not increase the speed of his vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle. Any over-width, or slow-moving vehicle as defined by § 46.2-1081 shall be removed from the roadway at the nearest suitable location when necessary to allow traffic to pass.

**2. The Department of State Police shall prepare and implement a public awareness initiative for the purpose of educating the public of the provisions of this act.**

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