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HOUSE BILL NO. 3122

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE (Proposed by the House Committee for Courts of Justice on February 2, 2007)

(Patrons Prior to Substitute—Delegates Rust and Cline [HB 2453])

A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-300 of the Code of Virginia, relating to driving without a license; penalties.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 46.2-300 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

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

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

A conviction of a violation of this section shall constitute is a Class 2 misdemeanor. A second or subsequent violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor. A third or subsequent violation of this section occurring within a 10-year period shall include a mandatory minimum term of confinement of 10 days. However, the court shall not impose a mandatory minimum term of confinement when a motor vehicle is operated in violation of this section in a situation of apparent extreme emergency that requires such operation to save life or limb.