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HOUSE BILL NO. 380 Offered January 9, 2008

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-300 of the Code of Virginia, relating to impoundment of motor vehicle after issuance of a ticket for driving without a license.

Patron—Marshall, D.W.

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

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. The motor vehicle of a person arrested or issued a summons for a violation of this section shall be impounded or immobilized by the law-enforcement officer at the time of arrest or summons unless the person releases control of the vehicle at the scene and grants permission to drive the vehicle to a passenger or other person with a valid operator's license.

A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. A second or subsequent violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor.