079481720 1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 39** 2 3 4 5 6 Offered January 9, 2008 Prefiled December 5, 2007 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-1078.1, relating to use of wireless telecommunications devices for text messaging while operating certain vehicles. Patrons—Scott, J.M. and Miller, P.J. 7 8 Referred to Committee on Transportation 9 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 46.2-1078.1 as follows: 11 12 § 46.2-1078.1. Use of certain wireless telecommunications devices for text messaging prohibited. 13 It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle, bicycle, electric personal assistive 14 mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, or moped on the highways in the Commonwealth while using any wireless telecommunications device for the purpose of sending, receiving, or reading any text 15

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