

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 46.2-921.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to yielding right-of-way to*
3 *stationary emergency vehicles; penalties.*

4 [S 799]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 46.2-921.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 § 46.2-921.1. Drivers to yield right-of-way or reduce speed when approaching stationary emergency
9 vehicles on highways; penalties.

10 The driver of any motor vehicle, upon approaching a stationary emergency vehicle, as defined in
11 § 46.2-920, that is displaying a flashing, blinking, or alternating emergency light or lights as provided in
12 §§ 46.2-1022, 46.2-1023, and 46.2-1024, shall (i) on a highway having at least four lanes, at least two
13 of which are intended for traffic proceeding as the approaching vehicle, proceed with caution and, if
14 reasonable, with due regard for safety and traffic conditions, yield the right-of-way by making a lane
15 change into a lane not adjacent to ~~that occupied~~ by the stationary emergency vehicle or (ii) if changing
16 lanes would be unreasonable or unsafe, proceed with due caution and maintain a safe speed for highway
17 conditions.

18 Violation of any provision of this section shall constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor. If the violation
19 resulted in damage to property of another person, the court may, in addition, order the suspension of the
20 driver's privilege to operate a motor vehicle for not more than one year. If the violation resulted in
21 injury to another person, the court may, in addition to any other penalty imposed, order the suspension
22 of the driver's privilege to operate a motor vehicle for not more than two years. If the violation resulted
23 in the death of another person, the court may, in addition to any other penalty imposed, order the
24 suspension of the driver's privilege to operate a motor vehicle for two years.

25 **2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.**

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