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SENATE BILL NO. 1444

Offered January 19, 2009

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 10 of Chapter 10 of Title 46.2 a section numbered 46.2-1088.7, relating to the use of wireless telecommunications devices while operating a commercial motor vehicle.

Patron—Martin (By Request)

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 10 of Chapter 10 of Title 46.2 a section numbered 46.2-1088.7 as follows:

§ 46.2-1088.7. Use of wireless telecommunications devices by persons operating commercial motor vehicles.

No person shall use any wireless telecommunications device, whether handheld or otherwise, while driving a commercial motor vehicle as defined in § 46.2-341.4, except (i) in case of an emergency, (ii) when the vehicle is lawfully parked, or (iii) for the purposes of dispatching. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the use of two-way radio devices authorized by the owner of the commercial motor vehicle.

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