

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 19.2-386.16 of the Code of Virginia, relating to forfeiture of vehicles*
3 *used in abduction or pandering involving a minor.*

4 [H 1113]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 19.2-386.16 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 19.2-386.16. Forfeiture of motor vehicles used in commission of certain crimes.

9 A. Any vehicle knowingly used by the owner thereof or used by another with his knowledge of and
10 during the commission of, or in an attempt to commit, a second or subsequent offense of §§ 18.2-346,
11 18.2-347, 18.2-348, 18.2-349, 18.2-355, 18.2-356 or § 18.2-357 or of a similar ordinance of any county,
12 city or town or knowingly used for the transportation of any stolen goods, chattels or other property,
13 when the value of such stolen goods, chattels or other property is \$200 or more, or any stolen property
14 obtained as a result of a robbery, without regard to the value of the property, shall be forfeited to the
15 Commonwealth. The vehicle shall be seized by any law-enforcement officer arresting the operator of
16 such vehicle for the criminal offense, and delivered to the sheriff of the county or city in which the
17 offense occurred. The officer shall take a receipt therefor.

18 B. Any vehicle knowingly used by the owner thereof or used by another with his knowledge of and
19 during the commission of, or in an attempt to commit, a felony violation of (i) Article 3, Chapter 4 of
20 Title 18.2 (§§ 18.2-47 et seq.), or (ii) § 18.2-357 where the prostitute is a minor, shall be forfeited to the
21 Commonwealth. The vehicle shall be seized by any law-enforcement officer arresting the operator of
22 such vehicle for the criminal offense, and delivered to the sheriff of the county or city in which the
23 offense occurred. The officer shall take a receipt therefor.

24 C. Forfeiture of such vehicle shall be enforced as is provided in §§ 4.1-339 through 4.1-348 as to
25 vehicles used for the transportation of illegally acquired alcoholic beverages, and the provisions of
26 §§ 4.1-339 through 4.1-348 shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to proceedings for the enforcement of such
27 forfeiture except that venue for the forfeiture proceeding shall be in the county or city in which the
28 offense occurred.

29 D. The agency seizing the motor vehicle or other conveyance shall, for such period of time as the
30 court prescribes, be permitted the use and operation of the motor vehicle or other conveyance, after
31 court forfeiture, for the investigation of crimes against the Commonwealth by the agency seizing the
32 motor vehicle or other conveyance. The agency using or operating each motor vehicle shall have
33 insurance on each vehicle used or operated for liability and property damage.

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