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HOUSE BILL NO. 1683

Offered January 12, 2011

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A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 46.2-816, 46.2-838, and 46.2-839 of the Code of Virginia, relating to following too close and passing other vehicles.*

Patrons—Toscano, BaCote, Barlow, Brink, Bulova, Carr, Ebbin, Englin, Herring, Hope, Keam, Kory, McQuinn, Miller, P.J., Morrissey, Plum, Sickles, Surovell and Ward

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 46.2-816, 46.2-838, and 46.2-839 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-816. Following too closely.

The driver of a motor vehicle shall not follow another ~~motor~~ vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard to the speed of both vehicles and the traffic on, and conditions of, the highway at the time.

§ 46.2-838. Passing when overtaking a vehicle.

The driver of any *motor* vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall pass at least two feet to the left of the overtaken vehicle and shall not again drive to the right side of the highway until safely clear of such overtaken vehicle, except as otherwise provided in this article.

§ 46.2-839. Passing bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, moped, animal, or animal-drawn vehicle.

Any driver of any vehicle overtaking a bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, moped, animal, or animal-drawn vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall pass at a reasonable speed at least ~~two~~ *three* feet to the left of the overtaken bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, moped, animal, or animal-drawn vehicle and shall not again proceed to the right side of the highway until safely clear of such overtaken bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, moped, animal, or animal-drawn vehicle.

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