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## HOUSE BILL NO. 97

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-857 of the Code of Virginia, relating to driving two abreast in a single lane.*

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

### Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

#### 1. That § 46.2-857 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-857. Driving two abreast in a single lane.

A person shall be guilty of reckless driving who drives any motor vehicle, ~~including any motorcycle,~~ so as to be abreast of another vehicle in a lane designed for one vehicle, or drives any motor vehicle, ~~including any motorcycle,~~ so as to travel abreast of any other vehicle traveling in a lane designed for one vehicle. ~~However~~ *Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit two motorcycles from traveling abreast while traveling in a lane designated for one vehicle. In addition, this section shall not apply to (i) any validly authorized parade, motorcade, or motorcycle escort, or law enforcement officers driving motorcycles while on official duty; (ii) a motor vehicle traveling in the same lane of traffic as a bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, or moped; nor shall it apply to (iii) any vehicle when lawfully overtaking and passing one or more vehicles traveling in the same direction in a separate lane.*

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