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12104009D 1 **SENATE BILL NO. 199** Offered January 11, 2012 2 3 Prefiled January 10, 2012 4 A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 46.2-100 and 46.2-924 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code 5 of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-924.1, relating to requiring drivers to stop for certain 6 pedestrians. 7 Patron-Marsden 8 9 Referred to Committee on Transportation 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 11 1. That §§ 46.2-100 and 46.2-924 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted and that the 12 Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 46.2-924.1 as follows: 13 14 § 46.2-100. Definitions. 15 The following words and phrases when used in this title shall, for the purpose of this title, have the 16 meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning: 17 "All-terrain vehicle" means a three-wheeled or four-wheeled motor vehicle powered by a gasoline or 18 19 diesel engine and generally characterized by large, low-pressure tires, a seat designed to be straddled by 20 the operator, and handlebars for steering that is intended for off-road use by an individual rider on 21 various types of unpaved terrain. The term does not include four-wheeled vehicles, commonly known as 22 "go-carts," that have low centers of gravity and are typically used in racing on relatively level surfaces, nor does the term include any "utility vehicle" as defined in this section or any "farm utility vehicle" as 23 24 defined in this section. 25 "Antique motor vehicle" means every motor vehicle, as defined in this section, which was actually 26 manufactured or designated by the manufacturer as a model manufactured in a calendar year not less 27 than 25 years prior to January 1 of each calendar year and is owned solely as a collector's item. "Antique trailer" means every trailer or semitrailer, as defined in this section, that was actually 28 29 manufactured or designated by the manufacturer as a model manufactured in a calendar year not less 30 than 25 years prior to January 1 of each calendar year and is owned solely as a collector's item. "Automobile or watercraft transporters" means any tractor truck, lowboy, vehicle, or combination, including vehicles or combinations that transport motor vehicles or watercraft on their power unit, designed and used exclusively for the transportation of motor vehicles or watercraft. 'Bicycle" means a device propelled solely by human power, upon which a person may ride either on 35 or astride a regular seat attached thereto, having two or more wheels in tandem, including children's 36 bicycles, except a toy vehicle intended for use by young children. For purposes of Chapter 8 (§ 46.2-800 37 et seq.) of this title, a bicycle shall be a vehicle while operated on the highway. "Bicycle lane" means that portion of a roadway designated by signs and/or pavement markings for 38 39 the preferential use of bicycles, electric power-assisted bicycles, and mopeds. 40 Business district" means the territory contiguous to a highway where 75 percent or more of the 41 property contiguous to a highway, on either side of the highway, for a distance of 300 feet or more along the highway, is occupied by land and buildings actually in use for business purposes. 42 "Camping trailer" means every vehicle that has collapsible sides and contains sleeping quarters but 43 may or may not contain bathing and cooking facilities and is designed to be drawn by a motor vehicle. 44 'Cancel" or "cancellation" means that the document or privilege cancelled has been annulled or 45 46 terminated because of some error, defect, or ineligibility, but the cancellation is without prejudice and 47 reapplication may be made at any time after cancellation. Chauffeur" means every person employed for the principal purpose of driving a motor vehicle and 48 49 every person who drives a motor vehicle while in use as a public or common carrier of persons or 50 property. 51 "Commission" means the State Corporation Commission. 52 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles of the 53 Commonwealth. 54 "Crosswalk" means that part of a roadway at an intersection included within the connections of the 55 lateral lines of the sidewalks on opposite sides of the highway measured from the curbs or, in the absence of curbs, from the edges of the traversable roadway; or any portion of a roadway at an 56 intersection or elsewhere distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings on the 57 58 surface.

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59 "Decal" means a device to be attached to a license plate that validates the license plate for a 60 predetermined registration period.

61 "Department" means the Department of Motor Vehicles of the Commonwealth.

62 "Disabled parking license plate" means a license plate that displays the international symbol of access63 in the same size as the numbers and letters on the plate and in a color that contrasts with the64 background.

"Disabled veteran" means a veteran who (i) has either lost, or lost the use of, a leg, arm, or hand;
(ii) is blind; or (iii) is permanently and totally disabled as certified by the U.S. Veterans Administration.
A veteran shall be considered blind if he has a permanent impairment of both eyes to the following
extent: (i) central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye, with corrective lenses, or central
visual acuity of more than 20/200, if there is a field defect in which the peripheral field has contracted
to such an extent that the widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than 20
degrees in the better eye.

"Driver's license" means any license, including a commercial driver's license as defined in the
Virginia Commercial Driver's License Act (§ 46.2-341.1 et seq.), issued under the laws of the
Commonwealth authorizing the operation of a motor vehicle.

"Electric personal assistive mobility device" means a self-balancing two-nontandem-wheeled device
that is designed to transport only one person and powered by an electric propulsion system that limits
the device's maximum speed to 15 miles per hour or less. For purposes of Chapter 8 (§ 46.2-800 et seq.)
of this title, an electric personal assistive mobility device shall be a vehicle when operated on a
highway.

80 "Electric power-assisted bicycle" means a vehicle that travels on not more than three wheels in
81 contact with the ground and is equipped with (i) pedals that allow propulsion by human power and (ii)
82 an electric motor with an input of no more than 1,000 watts that reduces the pedal effort required of the
83 rider. For the purposes of Chapter 8 (§ 46.2-800 et seq.) of this title, an electric power-assisted bicycle
84 shall be a vehicle when operated on a highway.

85 "Essential parts" means all integral parts and body parts, the removal, alteration, or substitution of 86 which will tend to conceal the identity of a vehicle.

87 "Farm tractor" means every motor vehicle designed and used as a farm, agricultural, or horticultural implement for drawing plows, mowing machines, and other farm, agricultural, or horticultural machinery and implements including self-propelled mowers designed and used for mowing lawns.

"Farm utility vehicle" means a vehicle that is designed for off-road use and is used as a farm, agricultural, or horticultural service vehicle, generally having a gasoline or diesel engine, four or more wheels, bench seating for the operator and a passenger, a steering wheel for control, and a cargo bed.
"Farm utility vehicle" does not include pickup or panel trucks, golf carts, low-speed vehicles, riding lawn mowers, or all-terrain vehicles.

95 "Federal safety requirements" means applicable provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 30101 et seq. and all administrative regulations and policies adopted pursuant thereto.

97 "Financial responsibility" means the ability to respond in damages for liability thereafter incurred
98 arising out of the ownership, maintenance, use, or operation of a motor vehicle, in the amounts provided
99 for in § 46.2-472.

100 "Foreign market vehicle" means any motor vehicle originally manufactured outside the United States,
101 which was not manufactured in accordance with 49 U.S.C. § 30101 et seq. and the policies and
102 regulations adopted pursuant to that Act, and for which a Virginia title or registration is sought.

103 "Foreign vehicle" means every motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer that is brought into the
 104 Commonwealth otherwise than in the ordinary course of business by or through a manufacturer or dealer
 105 and that has not been registered in the Commonwealth.

"Golf cart" means a self-propelled vehicle that is designed to transport persons playing golf and theirequipment on a golf course.

108 "Governing body" means the board of supervisors of a county, council of a city, or council of a 109 town, as context may require.

"Gross weight" means the aggregate weight of a vehicle or combination of vehicles and the load thereon.

"Highway" means the entire width between the boundary lines of every way or place open to the use 112 113 of the public for purposes of vehicular travel in the Commonwealth, including the streets and alleys, and, for law-enforcement purposes, (i) the entire width between the boundary lines of all private roads 114 or private streets that have been specifically designated "highways" by an ordinance adopted by the 115 governing body of the county, city, or town in which such private roads or streets are located and (ii) 116 the entire width between the boundary lines of every way or place used for purposes of vehicular travel 117 on any property owned, leased, or controlled by the United States government and located in the 118 119 Commonwealth.

120 "Intersection" means (i) the area embraced within the prolongation or connection of the lateral

121 curblines or, if none, then the lateral boundary lines of the roadways of two highways that join one 122 another at, or approximately at, right angles, or the area within which vehicles traveling on different 123 highways joining at any other angle may come in conflict; (ii) where a highway includes two roadways 124 30 feet or more apart, then every crossing of each roadway of such divided highway by an intersecting 125 highway shall be regarded as a separate intersection, in the event such intersecting highway also 126 includes two roadways 30 feet or more apart, then every crossing of two roadways of such highways 127 shall be regarded as a separate intersection; or (iii) for purposes only of authorizing installation of 128 traffic-control devices, every crossing of a highway or street at grade by a pedestrian crosswalk.

129 "Law-enforcement officer" means any officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic or to make 130 arrests for violations of this title or local ordinances authorized by law. For the purposes of access to 131 law-enforcement databases regarding motor vehicle registration and ownership only, this term shall also 132 include city and county commissioners of the revenue and treasurers, together with their duly designated 133 deputies and employees, when such officials are actually engaged in the enforcement of §§ 46.2-752, 134 46.2-753 and 46.2-754 and local ordinances enacted thereunder.

135 "License plate" means a device containing letters, numerals, or a combination of both, attached to a 136 motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer to indicate that the vehicle is properly registered with the 137 Department. 138

"Light" means a device for producing illumination or the illumination produced by the device.

139 "Low-speed vehicle" means any four-wheeled electrically-powered vehicle, except a motor vehicle or 140 low-speed vehicle that is used exclusively for agricultural or horticultural purposes or a golf cart, whose 141 maximum speed is greater than 20 miles per hour but not greater than 25 miles per hour and is 142 manufactured to comply with safety standards contained in Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, 143 § 571.500.

144 "Manufactured home" means a structure subject to federal regulation, transportable in one or more 145 sections, which in the traveling mode is eight body feet or more in width or 40 body feet or more in 146 length, or, when erected on site, is 320 or more square feet, and which is built on a permanent chassis 147 and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the 148 required utilities, and includes the plumbing, heating, air conditioning, and electrical systems contained 149 therein.

150 "Marked crosswalk" means any portion of a roadway at an intersection or elsewhere distinctively 151 indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings on the highway surface.

152 "Moped" means every vehicle that travels on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground 153 that has (i) a seat that is no less than 24 inches in height, measured from the middle of the seat 154 perpendicular to the ground and (ii) a gasoline, electric, or hybrid motor that displaces less than 50 155 cubic centimeters. For purposes of this title, a moped shall be a motorcycle when operated at speeds in 156 excess of 35 miles per hour. For purposes of Chapter 8 (§ 46.2-800 et seq.), a moped shall be a vehicle 157 while operated on a highway.

158 "Motor-driven cycle" means every motorcycle that has a gasoline engine that (i) displaces less than 159 150 cubic centimeters; (ii) has a seat less than 24 inches in height, measured from the middle of the seat perpendicular to the ground; and (iii) has no manufacturer-issued vehicle identification number. 160

161 "Motor home" means every private motor vehicle with a normal seating capacity of not more than 10 162 persons, including the driver, designed primarily for use as living quarters for human beings.

163 "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle as defined in this section that is self-propelled or designed for 164 self-propulsion except as otherwise provided in this title. Any structure designed, used, or maintained primarily to be loaded on or affixed to a motor vehicle to provide a mobile dwelling, sleeping place, 165 office, or commercial space shall be considered a part of a motor vehicle. For the purposes of this title, 166 167 any device herein defined as a bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted 168 bicycle, or moped shall be deemed not to be a motor vehicle.

"Motorcycle" means every motor vehicle designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact 169 170 with the ground and is capable of traveling at speeds in excess of 35 miles per hour. The term "motorcycle" does not include any "electric personal assistive mobility device," "electric power-assisted bicycle," "farm tractor," "golf cart," "moped," "motorized skateboard or scooter," "utility vehicle" or 171 172 173 "wheelchair or wheelchair conveyance" as defined in this section.

174 "Motorized skateboard or scooter" means every vehicle, regardless of the number of its wheels in 175 contact with the ground, that (i) has no seat, but is designed to be stood upon by the operator, (ii) has 176 no manufacturer-issued vehicle identification number, and (iii) is powered by an electric motor having 177 an input of no more than 1,000 watts or a gasoline engine that displaces less than 36 cubic centimeters. 178 The term "motorized skateboard or scooter" includes vehicles with or without handlebars, but does not 179 include "electric personal assistive mobility devices."

180 "Nonresident" means every person who is not domiciled in the Commonwealth, except: (i) any 181 foreign corporation that is authorized to do business in the Commonwealth by the State Corporation

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182 Commission shall be a resident of the Commonwealth for the purpose of this title; in the case of corporations incorporated in the Commonwealth but doing business outside the Commonwealth, only 183 184 such principal place of business or branches located within the Commonwealth shall be dealt with as 185 residents of the Commonwealth; (ii) a person who becomes engaged in a gainful occupation in the Commonwealth for a period exceeding 60 days shall be a resident for the purposes of this title except 186 for the purposes of Chapter 3 (§ 46.2-300 et seq.) of this title; (iii) a person, other than a nonresident 187 188 student as defined in this section, who has actually resided in the Commonwealth for a period of six 189 months, whether employed or not, or who has registered a motor vehicle, listing an address in the 190 Commonwealth in the application for registration shall be deemed a resident for the purposes of this 191 title, except for the purposes of the Virginia Commercial Driver's License Act (§ 46.2-341.1 et seq.).

"Nonresident student" means every nonresident person who is enrolled as a full-time student in anaccredited institution of learning in the Commonwealth and who is not gainfully employed.

"Off-road motorcycle" means every motorcycle designed exclusively for off-road use by an individual
rider with not more than two wheels in contact with the ground. Except as otherwise provided in this
chapter, for the purposes of this chapter off-road motorcycles shall be deemed to be "motorcycles."

197 Operation or use for rent or for hire, for the transportation of passengers, or as a property carrier for 198 compensation," and "business of transporting persons or property" mean any owner or operator of any 199 motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer operating over the highways in the Commonwealth who accepts or 200 receives compensation for the service, directly or indirectly; but these terms do not mean a "truck 201 lessor" as defined in this section and do not include persons or businesses that receive compensation for 202 delivering a product that they themselves sell or produce, where a separate charge is made for delivery of the product or the cost of delivery is included in the sale price of the product, but where the person 203 204 or business does not derive all or a substantial portion of its income from the transportation of persons 205 or property except as part of a sales transaction.

"Operator" or "driver" means every person who either (i) drives or is in actual physical control of a
 motor vehicle on a highway or (ii) is exercising control over or steering a vehicle being towed by a
 motor vehicle.

209 "Owner" means a person who holds the legal title to a vehicle; however, if a vehicle is the subject of 210 an agreement for its conditional sale or lease with the right of purchase on performance of the conditions stated in the agreement and with an immediate right of possession vested in the conditional 211 212 vendee or lessee or if a mortgagor of a vehicle is entitled to possession, then the conditional vendee or 213 lessee or mortgagor shall be the owner for the purpose of this title. In all such instances when the rent 214 paid by the lessee includes charges for services of any nature or when the lease does not provide that 215 title shall pass to the lessee on payment of the rent stipulated, the lessor shall be regarded as the owner of the vehicle, and the vehicle shall be subject to such requirements of this title as are applicable to 216 vehicles operated for compensation. A "truck lessor" as defined in this section shall be regarded as the 217 218 owner, and his vehicles shall be subject to such requirements of this title as are applicable to vehicles of 219 private carriers.

"Passenger car" means every motor vehicle other than a motorcycle designed and used primarily for the transportation of no more than 10 persons including the driver.

"Payment device" means any credit card as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1602(k) or any "accepted card or other means of access" set forth in 15 U.S.C. § 1693a(1). For the purposes of this title, this definition shall also include a card that enables a person to pay for transactions through the use of value stored on the card itself.
"Pedestrian" means any person on foot or in a wheelchair, or who uses a means of conveyance

"Pedestrian" means any person on foot or in a wheelchair, or who uses a means of conveyance propelled by human power, other than a bicycle or moped.

"Pickup or panel truck" means every motor vehicle designed for the transportation of property and
 having a registered gross weight of 7,500 pounds or less.

230 "Private road or driveway" means every way in private ownership and used for vehicular travel by231 the owner and those having express or implied permission from the owner, but not by other persons.

"Reconstructed vehicle" means every vehicle of a type required to be registered under this title
materially altered from its original construction by the removal, addition, or substitution of new or used
essential parts. Such vehicles, at the discretion of the Department, shall retain their original vehicle
identification number, line-make, and model year.

236 "Replica vehicle" means every vehicle of a type required to be registered under this title not fully 237 constructed by a licensed manufacturer but either constructed or assembled from components. Such 238 components may be from a single vehicle, multiple vehicles, a kit, parts, or fabricated components. The 239 kit may be made up of "major components" as defined in § 46.2-1600, a full body, or a full chassis, or 240 a combination of these parts. The vehicle shall resemble a vehicle of distinctive name, line-make, model, 241 or type as produced by a licensed manufacturer or manufacturer no longer in business and is not a 242 reconstructed or specially constructed vehicle as herein defined.

243 "Residence district" means the territory contiguous to a highway, not comprising a business district,

where 75 percent or more of the property abutting such highway, on either side of the highway, for a
distance of 300 feet or more along the highway consists of land improved for dwelling purposes, or is
occupied by dwellings, or consists of land or buildings in use for business purposes, or consists of
territory zoned residential or territory in residential subdivisions created under Chapter 22 (§ 15.2-2200
et seq.) of Title 15.2.

249 "Revoke" or "revocation" means that the document or privilege revoked is not subject to renewal or
 250 restoration except through reapplication after the expiration of the period of revocation.

251 "Roadway" means that portion of a highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular
252 travel, exclusive of the shoulder. A highway may include two or more roadways if divided by a physical
253 barrier or barriers or an unpaved area.

254 "Safety zone" means the area officially set apart within a roadway for the exclusive use of 255 pedestrians and that is protected or is so marked or indicated by plainly visible signs.

256 "School bus" means any motor vehicle, other than a station wagon, automobile, truck, or commercial 257 bus, which is: (i) designed and used primarily for the transportation of pupils to and from public, private 258 or religious schools, or used for the transportation of the mentally or physically handicapped to and 259 from a sheltered workshop; (ii) painted yellow and bears the words "School Bus" in black letters of a 260 specified size on front and rear; and (iii) is equipped with warning devices prescribed in § 46.2-1090. A 261 yellow school bus may have a white roof provided such vehicle is painted in accordance with 262 regulations promulgated by the Department of Education.

263 "Semitrailer" means every vehicle of the trailer type so designed and used in conjunction with a
 264 motor vehicle that some part of its own weight and that of its own load rests on or is carried by another
 265 vehicle.

"Shared-use path" means a bikeway that is physically separated from motorized vehicular traffic by
an open space or barrier and is located either within the highway right-of-way or within a separate
right-of-way. Shared-use paths may also be used by pedestrians, skaters, users of wheel chairs or wheel
chair conveyances, joggers, and other nonmotorized users.

270 "Shoulder" means that part of a highway between the portion regularly traveled by vehicular traffic271 and the lateral curbline or ditch.

"Sidewalk" means the portion of a street between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway,and the adjacent property lines, intended for use by pedestrians.

"Snowmobile" means a self-propelled vehicle designed to travel on snow or ice, steered by skis or runners, and supported in whole or in part by one or more skis, belts, or cleats.

276 "Special construction and forestry equipment" means any vehicle which is designed primarily for
277 highway construction, highway maintenance, earth moving, timber harvesting or other construction or
278 forestry work and which is not designed for the transportation of persons or property on a public
279 highway.

280 "Specially constructed vehicle" means any vehicle that was not originally constructed under a
 281 distinctive name, make, model, or type by a generally recognized manufacturer of vehicles and not a
 282 reconstructed vehicle as herein defined.

283 "Stinger-steered automobile or watercraft transporter" means an automobile or watercraft transporter
284 configured as a semitrailer combination wherein the fifth wheel is located on a drop frame behind and
285 below the rearmost axle of the power unit.

286 "Superintendent" means the Superintendent of the Department of State Police of the Commonwealth.

287 "Suspend" or "suspension" means that the document or privilege suspended has been temporarily
288 withdrawn, but may be reinstated following the period of suspension unless it has expired prior to the
289 end of the period of suspension.

"Unmarked crosswalk" means that part of a roadway that is formed at an intersection by extending
the edges of the sidewalks on opposite sides of the highway measured from the curbs or, in the absence
of curbs or sidewalks, from the edges of the roadway.

293 "Tow truck" means a motor vehicle for hire (i) designed to lift, pull, or carry another vehicle by
294 means of a hoist or other mechanical apparatus and (ii) having a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight
295 rating of at least 10,000 pounds. "Tow truck" also includes vehicles designed with a ramp on wheels
296 and a hydraulic lift with a capacity to haul or tow another vehicle, commonly referred to as "rollbacks."
297 "Tow truck" does not include any "automobile or watercraft transporter," "stinger-steered automobile or
298 watercraft transporter," or "tractor truck" as those terms are defined in this section.

"Towing and recovery operator" means a person engaged in the business of (i) removing disabled
vehicles, parts of vehicles, their cargoes, and other objects to facilities for repair or safekeeping and (ii)
restoring to the highway or other location where they either can be operated or removed to other
locations for repair or safekeeping vehicles that have come to rest in places where they cannot be
operated.

304 "Toy vehicle" means any motorized or propellant-driven device that has no manufacturer-issued

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305 vehicle identification number, that is designed or used to carry any person or persons, on any number of 306 wheels, bearings, glides, blades, runners, or a cushion of air. The term does not include electric personal 307 assistive mobility devices, electric power-assisted bicycles, mopeds, or motorcycles, nor does it include 308 any nonmotorized or nonpropellant-driven devices such as bicycles, roller skates, or skateboards.

309 "Tractor truck" means every motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing other vehicles 310 and not so constructed as to carry a load other than a part of the load and weight of the vehicle attached 311 thereto.

"Traffic infraction" means a violation of law punishable as provided in § 46.2-113, which is neither a 312 313 felony nor a misdemeanor.

"Traffic lane" or "lane" means that portion of a roadway designed or designated to accommodate the 314 forward movement of a single line of vehicles. 315

"Trailer" means every vehicle without motive power designed for carrying property or passengers 316 317 wholly on its own structure and for being drawn by a motor vehicle, including manufactured homes.

"Truck" means every motor vehicle designed to transport property on its own structure independent 318 319 of any other vehicle and having a registered gross weight in excess of 7,500 pounds.

320 "Truck lessor" means a person who holds the legal title to any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer 321 that is the subject of a bona fide written lease for a term of one year or more to another person, provided that: (i) neither the lessor nor the lessee is a common carrier by motor vehicle or restricted 322 323 common carrier by motor vehicle or contract carrier by motor vehicle as defined in § 46.2-2000; (ii) the 324 leased motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is used exclusively for the transportation of property of the 325 lessee; (iii) the lessor is not employed in any capacity by the lessee; (iv) the operator of the leased 326 motor vehicle is a bona fide employee of the lessee and is not employed in any capacity by the lessor; 327 and (v) a true copy of the lease, verified by affidavit of the lessor, is filed with the Commissioner.

"Utility vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is (i) designed for off-road use, (ii) powered by an 328 329 engine of no more than 25 horsepower, and (iii) used for general maintenance, security, agricultural, or 330 horticultural purposes. "Utility vehicle" does not include all-terrain vehicles as defined in this section, 331 riding lawn mowers, or any other vehicle whose definition is included in this section.

332 "Vehicle" means every device in, on or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn on a highway, except devices moved by human power or used exclusively on stationary rails or 333 334 tracks. For the purposes of Chapter 8 (§ 46.2-800 et seq.) of this title, bicycles, electric personal 335 assistive mobility devices, electric power-assisted bicycles, and mopeds shall be vehicles while operated 336 on a highway.

337 "Wheel chair or wheel chair conveyance" means a chair or seat equipped with wheels, typically used 338 to provide mobility for persons who, by reason of physical disability, are otherwise unable to move 339 about as pedestrians. The term includes both three-wheeled and four-wheeled devices. So long as it is 340 operated only as provided in § 46.2-677, a self-propelled wheel chair or self-propelled wheel chair 341 conveyance shall not be considered a motor vehicle. 342

§ 46.2-924. Drivers to yield right-of-way to pedestrians; installation of certain signs; penalty.

A. The driver of any vehicle on a highway shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian crossing 343 344 such highway: 345

1. At any clearly marked crosswalk, whether at mid-block or at the end of any block;

2. At any regular pedestrian crossing included in the prolongation of the lateral boundary lines of the 346 347 adjacent sidewalk at the end of a block;

348 3. 2. At any intersection when the driver is approaching on a highway or street where the legal 349 maximum speed does not exceed 35 miles per hour.

350 B. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A of this section, at intersections or crosswalks where the movement of traffic is being regulated by law-enforcement officers or traffic control devices, 351 352 the driver shall yield according to the direction of the law-enforcement officer or device. 353

No pedestrian shall enter or cross an intersection in disregard of approaching traffic.

354 The drivers of vehicles entering, crossing, or turning at intersections shall change their course, slow 355 down, or stop if necessary to permit pedestrians to cross such intersections safely and expeditiously.

356 Pedestrians crossing highways at intersections shall at all times have the right-of-way over vehicles 357 making turns into the highways being crossed by the pedestrians.

358 C. The governing body of Arlington County, Fairfax County, the City of Fairfax, the County of 359 Loudoun and any town therein, and the City of Alexandria, may by ordinance provide for the installation and maintenance of highway signs at marked crosswalks specifically requiring operators of 360 motor vehicles, at the locations where such signs are installed, to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians 361 362 crossing or attempting to cross the highway. Any operator of a motor vehicle who fails at such locations to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians as required by such signs shall be guilty of a traffic infraction 363 punishable by a fine of no less than \$100 or more than \$500. The Commonwealth Transportation Board 364 365 shall develop criteria for the design, location, and installation of such signs. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any limited access highway. 366

- 367 368 369 § 46.2-924.1. Drivers to stop for certain pedestrians. The driver of any vehicle shall stop and remain stopped for any pedestrian entering a marked crosswalk or crossing a roadway at an intersection not controlled by any traffic signals.