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SENATE BILL NO. 1007

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-914 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-337.1, relating to the operation of mopeds.

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 Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 46.2-914 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered as follows:

§ 46.2-337.1. Examination and road test required to operate a moped.

No person shall drive a moped on a highway in the Commonwealth unless he has passed a special examination, including written material and a road test, pertaining to his ability to drive a moped with reasonable competence and with safety to other persons using the highways. The Department shall adopt regulations as may be necessary to provide for special examination of persons desiring to qualify to drive mopeds in the Commonwealth.

After successful completion of such special examination, drivers shall be provided with a certificate evidencing their successful completion by the Commissioner.

§ 46.2-914. Limitations on operation of mopeds.

A. No moped shall be driven on any highway or public vehicular area faster than 35 miles per hour. Any person who operates a moped faster than 35 miles per hour shall be deemed, for all the purposes of this title, to be operating a motorcycle.

B. ~~No moped shall be driven on any highway by any person under the age of 16, and every person driving a moped shall carry with him some form of identification that includes his name, address, and date of birth.~~ *No person shall operate a moped on any highway unless he has in his possession a valid driver's license and a certificate pursuant to § 46.2-337.1.*

C. *No person shall operate a moped on any highway unless he is wearing a helmet.*

D. *No person shall operate a moped on any highway with more than one passenger.*

E. *Operation of mopeds is prohibited on any Interstate Highway System component.*

Violation of this subsection shall constitute a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of no more than \$50 \$250.

2. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on July 1, 2015.

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