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SENATE BILL NO. 1050

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-1120 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the extension of loads beyond the front of vehicles.

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 46.2-1120 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-1120. Extension of loads beyond front of vehicles.

~~No~~ *A. As used in this section, "self-propelled pole carrier" means a motor vehicle that is (i) operated by a public utility company as defined in § 56.265.1, or its agents, (ii) designed to carry a pole at a height of at least five feet when measured from the bottom of the brace used to carry the pole, and (iii) carrying no more than two utility poles.*

B. Except as provided in subsection C, no vehicle shall carry any load extending more than three feet beyond the front ~~thereof~~ *of such vehicle*.

C. Any utility pole carried by a self-propelled pole carrier may extend beyond the front overhang limit set by this section if the pole is no more than 55 feet in length, the pole cannot be dismembered and does not extend more than 10 feet beyond the front bumper of the vehicle, and either:

1. Between sunrise and sunset, the front of the pole is marked by a flag of the type required under § 46.2-1121 on the rear of certain loads; or

2. Between sunset and sunrise, operation of the vehicle is required to make emergency repairs to utility service, and the front of the pole is marked by a light of the type required under § 46.2-1121 on the rear of certain loads.