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SENATE BILL NO. 225

Senate Amendments in [] — January 27, 2014

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-818.1, relating to opening and closing of motor vehicle doors.*

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Senator Petersen

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 46.2-818.1 as follows:

§ 46.2-818.1. Opening and closing motor vehicle doors; penalty.

No person shall open the door of a motor vehicle on the side adjacent to moving traffic unless and until it is reasonably safe to do so.

A violation of this section shall constitute a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of no more than [~~\$100~~ \$50]. No demerit points shall be awarded by the Commissioner for a violation of this section.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to any law-enforcement officer, school guard, firefighter, or member of a rescue squad engaged in the performance of his duties.

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