

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2016 SESSION

CHAPTER 607

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-818.1, relating to opening of motor vehicle doors.

[S 117]

Approved April 1, 2016

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 operator shall open the door of a parked motor vehicle on the side adjacent to moving vehicular traffic unless it is reasonably safe to do so.

A violation of this section shall constitute a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of not more than \$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, firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel engaged in the performance of his duties.