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HOUSE BILL NO. 1070

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Appropriations
on February 12, 2016)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Jones)

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 33.2-503, 33.2-504, 46.2-208, 46.2-819, 46.2-819.1, 46.2-819.3, 46.2-819.3:1, 46.2-819.5, and 46.2-819.6 of the Code of Virginia, to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1.1 of Chapter 8 of Title 46.2 sections numbered 46.2-819.8 and 46.2-819.9, and to repeal § 46.2-819.7 of the Code of Virginia, relating to toll collection procedures for in-state and out-of-state drivers; fees and penalties; reciprocity agreements for toll collection and enforcement.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 33.2-503, 33.2-504, 46.2-208, 46.2-819, 46.2-819.1, 46.2-819.3, 46.2-819.3:1, 46.2-819.5, and 46.2-819.6 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1.1 of Chapter 8 of Title 46.2 sections numbered 46.2-819.8 and 46.2-819.9 as follows:

§ 33.2-503. HOT lanes enforcement.

Any person operating a motor vehicle on designated HOT lanes shall make arrangements with the HOT lanes operator for payment of the required toll prior to entering such HOT lanes. The ~~driver~~ operator of a vehicle who enters the HOT lanes in an unauthorized vehicle, in violation of the conditions for use of such HOT lanes established pursuant to § 33.2-502, without payment of the required toll or without having made arrangements with the HOT lanes operator for payment of the required toll shall have committed a violation of this section, which may be enforced in the following manner:

1. On a form prescribed by the Supreme Court, a summons for ~~each~~ a violation of this section may be executed by a law-enforcement officer, when such violation is observed by such officer. The form shall contain the option for the ~~driver~~ operator of the vehicle to prepay the unpaid toll and all penalties, administrative fees, and costs.

2. a. A HOT lanes operator shall install and operate, or cause to be installed or operated, a photo-enforcement system at locations where tolls are collected for the use of such HOT lanes.

b. A summons for ~~each~~ a violation of this section may be executed pursuant to this subdivision, when such violation is evidenced by information obtained from a photo-enforcement system as defined in this chapter. A certificate, sworn to or affirmed by a technician employed or authorized by the HOT lanes operator, or a facsimile of such a certificate, based on inspection of photographs, microphotographs, videotapes, or other recorded images produced by a photo-enforcement system, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts contained therein. Any photographs, microphotographs, videotape, or other recorded images evidencing such a violation shall be available for inspection in any proceeding to adjudicate the liability for such violation under this subdivision. Any vehicle rental or vehicle leasing company, if named in a summons, shall be released as a party to the action if it provides to the HOT lanes operator a copy of the vehicle rental agreement or lease or an affidavit identifying the renter or lessee prior to the date of hearing set forth in the summons. Upon receipt of such rental agreement, lease, or affidavit, a summons shall be issued for the renter or lessee identified therein. Release of this information shall not be deemed a violation of any provision of the Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act (§ 2.2-3800 et seq.) or the Insurance Information and Privacy Protection Act (§ 38.2-600 et seq.).

c. On a form prescribed by the Supreme Court, a summons issued under this subdivision may be executed ~~pursuant to as provided in § 19.2-76.2~~. Such form shall contain the option for the ~~driver or~~ registered owner or operator to prepay the unpaid toll and all penalties, administrative fees, and costs. A summons for a violation of this subdivision may set forth multiple violations occurring within one jurisdiction in one summons. HOT lanes operator personnel or their agents mailing such summons shall be considered conservators of the peace for the ~~sole and limited~~ purpose of mailing such summons, which shall be signed either originally or by electronic signature as authorized by the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (§ 59.1-479 et seq.). Notwithstanding the provisions of § 19.2-76, a summons for a violation of this section may be executed by mailing by first-class mail a copy thereof to the address of the owner of the vehicle as shown on the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles or the equivalent agency in another state or, if the registered owner has named and provided a valid address for the operator of the vehicle at the time of the violation in an affidavit executed pursuant to this ~~subdivision~~ subsection, such named operator of the vehicle. If the summoned person fails to appear on the date of return set out in the summons mailed pursuant to this section, the summons shall be executed in the manner set out in § 19.2-76.3.

60 *d. No summons may be issued by a HOT lanes operator for a violation of this section unless the*
61 *HOT lanes operator can demonstrate that (i) there was an attempt to collect the unpaid tolls and*
62 *applicable administrative fees through debt collection not less than 30 days prior to issuance of the*
63 *summons and (ii) 120 days have elapsed since the violation or, in a summons for multiple violations,*
64 *that 120 days have elapsed since the most recent violation. For purposes of this subdivision, "debt*
65 *collection" means (a) retention of a third-party debt collector or (b) collection practices undertaken by*
66 *employees of a HOT lanes operator that are materially similar to a third-party debt collector, to collect*
67 *the unpaid tolls and applicable administrative fees.*

68 ~~d.~~ *e. The registered owner of such vehicle shall be given reasonable notice by way of a summons as*
69 *provided in this subdivision subsection that his vehicle had been used in violation of this section, and*
70 *such owner shall be given notice of the time and place of the hearing and notice of the civil penalty and*
71 *costs for such offense.*

72 *Upon the filing of an affidavit with the court at least 14 days prior to the hearing date by the*
73 *registered owner of the vehicle stating that he was not the driver of the vehicle on the date of the*
74 *violation and providing the legal name and address of the driver of the vehicle at the time of the*
75 *violation, a summons will also be issued to the alleged driver of the vehicle at the time of the offense.*
76 *The affidavit shall constitute prima facie evidence that the person named in the affidavit was driving the*
77 *vehicle at all the relevant times relating to the matter named in the affidavit.*

78 *Records obtained from the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to § 33.2-504 and certified in*
79 *accordance with § 46.2-215 identifying the registered owner of such vehicle shall give rise to a*
80 *rebuttable presumption that the registered owner of the vehicle is the person named in the summons.*

81 *If the registered owner of the vehicle produces a certified copy of a police report showing that the*
82 *vehicle had been reported to the police as stolen prior to the time of the alleged offense and remained*
83 *stolen at the time of the alleged offense, then the court shall dismiss the summons issued to the*
84 *registered owner of the vehicle.*

85 *3. a. The HOT lanes operator may impose and collect an administrative fee in addition to the unpaid*
86 *toll so as to recover the expenses of collecting the unpaid toll, which administrative fee shall be*
87 *reasonably related to the actual cost of collecting the unpaid toll and not exceed \$100 per violation. The*
88 *operator of the vehicle shall pay the unpaid tolls and any administrative fee detailed in a notice or*
89 *invoice issued by a HOT lanes operator. If paid within 30 days of notification, the administrative fee*
90 *shall not exceed \$25. The HOT lanes operator shall notify the registered owner of the vehicle of any*
91 *unpaid tolls and administrative fees by mailing an invoice pursuant to § 46.2-819.6.*

92 *b. Upon a finding by a court of competent jurisdiction that the driver of the vehicle observed by a*
93 *law-enforcement officer under subdivision 1 or the vehicle described in the summons for ~~civil~~ a*
94 *violation issued pursuant to evidence obtained by a photo-enforcement system under subdivision 2 was*
95 *in violation of this section, the court shall impose a civil penalty upon the driver of such vehicle issued*
96 *a summons under subdivision 1, or upon the driver or registered owner of such vehicle issued a*
97 *summons under subdivision 2, payable to the HOT lanes operator as follows: for a first offense, \$50; for*
98 *a second offense, \$250; for a third offense within a period of two years of the second offense, \$500;*
99 *and for a fourth and subsequent offense within a period of three years of the second offense, \$1,000,*
100 *together with, in each case, the unpaid toll, all accrued administrative fees imposed by the HOT lanes*
101 *operator as authorized by this section, and applicable court costs. The court shall remand penalties, the*
102 *unpaid toll, and administrative fees assessed for violation of this section to the treasurer or director of*
103 *finance of the county or city in which the violation occurred for payment to the HOT lanes operator for*
104 *expenses associated with operation of the HOT lanes and payments against any bonds or other liens*
105 *issued as a result of the construction of the HOT lanes. No person shall be subject to prosecution under*
106 *both subdivisions 1 and 2 for actions arising out of the same transaction or occurrence.*

107 *c. Upon a finding by a court that a ~~person~~ resident of the Commonwealth has violated this section, in*
108 *the event such person fails to pay the required penalties, fees, and costs, the court shall notify the*
109 *Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, who shall suspend all of the registration certificates*
110 *and license plates issued for any motor vehicles registered solely in the name of such person and shall*
111 *not issue any registration certificate or license plate for any other vehicle that such person seeks to*
112 *register solely in his name until the court has notified the Commissioner of the Department of Motor*
113 *Vehicles that such penalties, fees, and costs have been paid. Upon a finding by a court that a*
114 *nonresident of the Commonwealth has violated this section, in the event that such person fails to pay the*
115 *required penalties, fees, and costs, the court shall notify the Commissioner of the Department of Motor*
116 *Vehicles, who shall, when the vehicle is registered in a state with which the Commonwealth has entered*
117 *into an agreement to enforce tolling violations pursuant to § 46.2-819.8, provide to the entity authorized*
118 *to issue vehicle registration certificates or license plates in the state in which the vehicle is registered*
119 *sufficient evidence of the court's finding to take action against the vehicle registration certificate or*
120 *license plates in accordance with the terms of the agreement, until the court has notified the*
121 *Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles that such penalties, fees, and costs have been paid.*

Upon receipt of such notification from the court, the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles shall notify the state where the vehicle is registered of such payment. The HOT lanes operator and the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles may enter into an agreement whereby the HOT lanes operator may reimburse the Department of Motor Vehicles for its reasonable costs to develop, implement, and maintain this enforcement mechanism, and that specifies that the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles shall have an obligation to suspend such registration certificates or to provide notice to such entities in other states so long as the HOT lanes operator makes the required reimbursements in a timely manner in accordance with the agreement.

d. An action brought under subdivision 1 or 2 shall be commenced within two years of the commission of the offense and shall be considered a traffic infraction. Except as provided in subdivisions 4 and 5, imposition of a civil penalty pursuant to this section shall not be deemed a conviction as an operator of a motor vehicle under Title 46.2 and shall not be made part of the driving record of the person upon whom such civil penalty is imposed, nor shall it be used for insurance purposes in the provision of motor vehicle insurance coverage. The provisions of § 46.2-395 shall not be applicable to any civil penalty, fee, unpaid toll, fine, or cost imposed or ordered paid under this section for a violation of subdivision 1 or 2.

4. a. The HOT lanes operator may restrict the usage of the HOT lanes to designated vehicle classifications pursuant to an interim or final comprehensive agreement executed pursuant to § 33.2-1808 or 33.2-1809. Notice of any such vehicle classification restrictions shall be provided through the placement of signs or other markers prior to and at all HOT lanes entrances.

b. Any person driving an unauthorized vehicle on the designated HOT lanes is guilty of a traffic infraction, which shall not be a moving violation, and shall be punishable as follows: for a first offense, by a fine of \$125; for a second offense within a period of five years from a first offense, by a fine of \$250; for a third offense within a period of five years from a first offense, by a fine of \$500; and for a fourth and subsequent offense within a period of five years from a first offense, by a fine of \$1,000.

Upon a conviction under this subdivision, the court shall furnish to the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, in accordance with § 46.2-383, an abstract of the record of such conviction, which shall become a part of the person's driving record. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 46.2-492, no driver demerit points shall be assessed for any violation of this subdivision, except that persons convicted of a second, third, fourth, or subsequent violation within five years of a first offense shall be assessed three demerit points for each such violation.

5. The driver of a vehicle who enters the HOT lanes by crossing through any barrier, buffer, or other area separating the HOT lanes from other lanes of travel is guilty of a violation of § 46.2-852, unless the vehicle is a state or local law-enforcement vehicle, firefighting truck, or emergency medical services vehicle used in the performance of its official duties. No person shall be subject to prosecution both under this subdivision and under subdivision 1, 2, or 4 for actions arising out of the same transaction or occurrence.

Upon a conviction under this subdivision, the court shall furnish to the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles in accordance with § 46.2-383 an abstract of the record of such conviction, which shall become a part of the convicted person's driving record.

6. No person shall be subject to prosecution both under this section and under § 33.2-501, 46.2-819, or 46.2-819.1 for actions arising out of the same transaction or occurrence.

7. Any action under this section shall be brought in the general district court of the county or city in which the violation occurred.

§ 33.2-504. Release of personal information to or by HOT lanes operators; penalty.

A. The HOT lanes operator may enter into an agreement with the Department of Motor Vehicles, in accordance with the provisions of subdivision B 21 of § 46.2-208, to obtain vehicle owner information regarding the registered owners of vehicles that use HOT lanes and with the Department of Transportation to obtain any information that is necessary to conduct electronic toll collection and otherwise operate HOT lanes. Such agreement may include any information that may be obtained by the Department of Motor Vehicles in accordance with any agreement entered into pursuant to § 46.2-819.8. No HOT lanes operator shall disclose or release any personal information received from the Department of Motor Vehicles or the Department of Transportation to any third party, except in the issuance of a summons and institution of court proceedings in accordance with § 33.2-503. Information in the possession of a HOT lanes operator under this section shall be exempt from disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.).

B. Information collected by a photo-enforcement system shall be limited exclusively to that information that is necessary for the collection of unpaid tolls. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all photographs, microphotographs, electronic images, or other data collected by a photo-enforcement system shall be used exclusively for the collection of unpaid tolls and shall not be (i) open to the public; (ii) sold or used for sales, solicitation, or marketing purposes; (iii) disclosed to any

other entity except as may be necessary for the collection of unpaid tolls or to a vehicle owner or operator as part of a challenge to the imposition of a toll; or (iv) used in a court in a pending action or proceeding unless the action or proceeding relates to a violation of § 33.2-503 or upon order from a court of competent jurisdiction. Information collected under this section shall be purged and not retained later than 30 days after the collection and reconciliation of any unpaid tolls, administrative fees, or civil penalties. Any entity operating a photo-enforcement system shall annually certify compliance with this section and make all records pertaining to such system available for inspection and audit by the Commissioner of Highways or the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles or their designee. Any violation of this subsection constitutes a Class 1 misdemeanor. In addition to any fines or other penalties provided for by law, any money or other thing of value obtained as a result of a violation of this section shall be forfeited to the Commonwealth.

§ 46.2-208. Records of Department; when open for inspection; release of privileged information.

A. All records in the office of the Department containing the specific classes of information outlined below shall be considered privileged records:

1. Personal information, including all data defined as "personal information" in § 2.2-3801;
2. Driver information, including all data that relates to driver's license status and driver activity; and
3. Vehicle information, including all descriptive vehicle data and title, registration, and vehicle activity data.

B. The Commissioner shall release such information only under the following conditions:

1. Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, medical data included in personal data shall be released only to a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner as provided in § 46.2-322.

2. Insurance data may be released as specified in §§ 46.2-372, 46.2-380, and 46.2-706.

3. Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, information disclosed or furnished shall be assessed a fee as specified in § 46.2-214.

4. When the person requesting the information is (i) the subject of the information, (ii) the parent or guardian of the subject of the information, (iii) the authorized representative of the subject of the information, or (iv) the owner of the vehicle that is the subject of the information, the Commissioner shall provide him with the requested information and a complete explanation of it. Requests for such information need not be made in writing or in person and may be made orally or by telephone, provided that the Department is satisfied that there is adequate verification of the requester's identity. When so requested in writing by (a) the subject of the information, (b) the parent or guardian of the subject of the information, (c) the authorized representative of the subject of the information, or (d) the owner of the vehicle that is the subject of the information, the Commissioner shall verify and, if necessary, correct the personal information provided and furnish driver and vehicle information in the form of an abstract of the record.

5. On the written request of any insurance carrier, surety, or representative of an insurance carrier or surety, the Commissioner shall furnish such insurance carrier, surety, or representative an abstract of the record of any person subject to the provisions of this title. The abstract shall include any record of any conviction of a violation of any provision of any statute or ordinance relating to the operation or ownership of a motor vehicle or of any injury or damage in which he was involved and a report of which is required by § 46.2-372. No such report of any conviction or accident shall be made after 60 months from the date of the conviction or accident unless the Commissioner or court used the conviction or accident as a reason for the suspension or revocation of a driver's license or driving privilege, in which case the revocation or suspension and any conviction or accident pertaining thereto shall not be reported after 60 months from the date that the driver's license or driving privilege has been reinstated. This abstract shall not be admissible in evidence in any court proceedings.

6. On the written request of any business organization or its agent, in the conduct of its business, the Commissioner shall compare personal information supplied by the business organization or agent with that contained in the Department's records and, when the information supplied by the business organization or agent is different from that contained in the Department's records, provide the business organization or agent with correct information as contained in the Department's records. Personal information provided under this subdivision shall be used solely for the purpose of pursuing remedies that require locating an individual.

7. The Commissioner shall provide vehicle information to any business organization or agent on such business' or agent's written request. Disclosures made under this subdivision shall not include any personal information and shall not be subject to the limitations contained in subdivision 6.

8. On the written request of any motor vehicle rental or leasing company or its designated agent, the Commissioner shall (i) compare personal information supplied by the company or agent with that contained in the Department's records and, when the information supplied by the company or agent is different from that contained in the Department's records, provide the company or agent with correct information as contained in the Department's records and (ii) provide the company or agent with driver information in the form of an abstract of any person subject to the provisions of this title. Such abstract

shall include any record of any conviction of a violation of any provision of any statute or ordinance relating to the operation or ownership of a motor vehicle or of any injury or damage in which the subject of the abstract was involved and a report of which is required by § 46.2-372. No such abstract shall include any record of any conviction or accident more than 60 months after the date of such conviction or accident unless the Commissioner or court used the conviction or accident as a reason for the suspension or revocation of a driver's license or driving privilege, in which case the revocation or suspension and any conviction or accident pertaining thereto shall cease to be included in such abstract after 60 months from the date on which the driver's license or driving privilege was reinstated. No abstract released under this subdivision shall be admissible in evidence in any court proceedings.

9. On the request of any federal, state, or local governmental entity, local government group self-insurance pool, law-enforcement officer, attorney for the Commonwealth, court, or the authorized agent of any of the foregoing, the Commissioner shall (i) compare personal information supplied by the governmental entity, local government group self-insurance pool, law-enforcement officer, attorney for the Commonwealth, court, or the authorized agent of any of the foregoing, with that contained in the Department's records and, when the information supplied by the governmental entity, local government group self-insurance pool, law-enforcement officer, attorney for the Commonwealth, court, or the authorized agent of any of the foregoing, is different from that contained in the Department's records, provide the governmental entity, local government group self-insurance pool, law-enforcement officer, attorney for the Commonwealth, court, or the authorized agent of any of the foregoing, with correct information as contained in the Department's records and (ii) provide driver and vehicle information in the form of an abstract of the record showing all convictions, accidents, driver's license suspensions or revocations, and other appropriate information as the governmental entity, local government group self-insurance pool, law-enforcement officer, attorney for the Commonwealth, court, or the authorized agent of any of the foregoing, may require in order to carry out its official functions. The abstract shall be provided free of charge.

10. On request of the driver licensing authority in any other state or foreign country, the Commissioner shall provide whatever classes of information the requesting authority shall require in order to carry out its official functions. The information shall be provided free of charge.

11. On the written request of any employer, prospective employer, or authorized agent of either, and with the written consent of the individual concerned, the Commissioner shall (i) compare personal information supplied by the employer, prospective employer, or agent with that contained in the Department's records and, when the information supplied by the employer, prospective employer, or agent is different from that contained in the Department's records, provide the employer, prospective employer, or agent with correct information as contained in the Department's records and (ii) provide the employer, prospective employer, or agent with driver information in the form of an abstract of an individual's record showing all convictions, accidents, driver's license suspensions or revocations, and any type of driver's license that the individual currently possesses, provided that the individual's position or the position that the individual is being considered for involves the operation of a motor vehicle.

12. On the written request of any member of or applicant for membership in a volunteer fire company or any volunteer emergency medical services personnel or applicant to serve as volunteer emergency medical services personnel, the Commissioner shall (i) compare personal information supplied by the volunteer fire company or volunteer emergency medical services agency with that contained in the Department's records and, when the information supplied by the volunteer fire company or volunteer emergency medical services agency is different from that contained in the Department's records, provide the volunteer fire company or volunteer emergency medical services agency with correct information as contained in the Department's records and (ii) provide driver information in the form of an abstract of the member's, personnel, or applicant's record showing all convictions, accidents, license suspensions or revocations, and any type of driver's license that the individual currently possesses. Such abstract shall be provided free of charge if the request is accompanied by appropriate written evidence that the person is a member of or applicant for membership in a volunteer fire company or a volunteer emergency medical services agency to serve as a member of a volunteer emergency medical services agency and the abstract is needed by a volunteer fire company or volunteer emergency medical services agency to establish the qualifications of the member, volunteer, or applicant to operate equipment owned by the volunteer fire company or volunteer emergency medical services agency.

13. On the written request of any person who has applied to be a volunteer with a Virginia affiliate of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America, the Commissioner shall (i) compare personal information supplied by a Virginia affiliate of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America with that contained in the Department's records and, when the information supplied by a Virginia affiliate of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America is different from that contained in the Department's records, provide the Virginia affiliate of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America with correct information as contained in the

306 Department's records and (ii) provide driver information in the form of an abstract of the applicant's
307 record showing all convictions, accidents, license suspensions or revocations, and any type of driver's
308 license that the individual currently possesses. Such abstract shall be provided at a fee that is one-half
309 the normal charge if the request is accompanied by appropriate written evidence that the person has
310 applied to be a volunteer with a Virginia affiliate of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America.

311 14. On the written request of any person who has applied to be a volunteer with a court-appointed
312 special advocate program pursuant to § 9.1-153, the Commissioner shall provide an abstract of the
313 applicant's record showing all convictions, accidents, license suspensions or revocations, and any type of
314 driver's license that the individual currently possesses. Such abstract shall be provided free of charge if
315 the request is accompanied by appropriate written evidence that the person has applied to be a volunteer
316 with a court-appointed special advocate program pursuant to § 9.1-153.

317 15. Upon the request of any employer, prospective employer, or authorized representative of either,
318 the Commissioner shall (i) compare personal information supplied by the employer, prospective
319 employer, or agent with that contained in the Department's records and, when the information supplied
320 by the employer, prospective employer, or agent is different from that contained in the Department's
321 records, provide the employer, prospective employer, or agent with correct information as contained in
322 the Department's records and (ii) provide driver information in the form of an abstract of the driving
323 record of any individual who has been issued a commercial driver's license, provided that the
324 individual's position or the position that the individual is being considered for involves the operation of
325 a commercial motor vehicle. Such abstract shall show all convictions, accidents, license suspensions,
326 revocations, or disqualifications, and any type of driver's license that the individual currently possesses.

327 16. Upon the receipt of a completed application and payment of applicable processing fees, the
328 Commissioner may enter into an agreement with any governmental authority or business to exchange
329 information specified in this section by electronic or other means.

330 17. Upon the request of an attorney representing a person in a motor vehicle accident, the
331 Commissioner shall provide vehicle information, including the owner's name and address, to the
332 attorney.

333 18. Upon the request, in the course of business, of any authorized representative of an insurance
334 company or of any not-for-profit entity organized to prevent and detect insurance fraud, or perform
335 rating and underwriting activities, the Commissioner shall provide to such person (i) all vehicle
336 information, including the owner's name and address, descriptive data and title, registration, and vehicle
337 activity data as requested or (ii) all driver information including name, license number and classification,
338 date of birth, and address information for each driver under the age of 22 licensed in the
339 Commonwealth of Virginia meeting the request criteria designated by such person, with such request
340 criteria consisting of driver's license number or address information. No such information shall be used
341 for solicitation of sales, marketing, or other commercial purposes.

342 19. Upon the request of an officer authorized to issue criminal warrants, for the purpose of issuing a
343 warrant for arrest for unlawful disposal of trash or refuse in violation of § 33.2-802 the Commissioner
344 shall provide vehicle information, including the owner's name and address.

345 20. Upon written request of the compliance agent of a private security services business, as defined
346 in § 9.1-138, which is licensed by the Department of Criminal Justice Services, the Commissioner shall
347 provide the name and address of the owner of the vehicle under procedures determined by the
348 Commissioner.

349 21. Upon the request of the operator of a toll facility or traffic light photo-monitoring system acting
350 on behalf of a government entity, or of the Dulles Access Highway, or an authorized agent or employee
351 of a toll facility operator or traffic light photo-monitoring system operator acting on behalf of a
352 government entity or the Dulles Access Highway, for the purpose of obtaining vehicle owner data under
353 subsection E or M of § 46.2-819.1 or subsection H of § 15.2-968.1 or subsection N of § 46.2-819.5.
354 Information released pursuant to this subdivision shall be limited to the name and address of the
355 registered owner of the vehicle having failed to pay a toll or having failed to comply with a traffic light
356 signal or having improperly used the Dulles Access Highway and the vehicle information, including all
357 descriptive vehicle data and title and registration data of the same vehicle.

358 22. On the written request of any person who has applied to be a volunteer with a Virginia affiliate
359 of Compeer, the Commissioner shall (i) compare personal information supplied by a Virginia affiliate of
360 Compeer with that contained in the Department's records and, when the information supplied by a
361 Virginia affiliate of Compeer is different from that contained in the Department's records, provide the
362 Virginia affiliate of Compeer with correct information as contained in the Department's records and (ii)
363 provide driver information in the form of an abstract of the applicant's record showing all convictions,
364 accidents, license suspensions or revocations, and any type of driver's license that the individual
365 currently possesses. Such abstract shall be provided at a fee that is one-half the normal charge if the
366 request is accompanied by appropriate written evidence that the person has applied to be a volunteer
367 with a Virginia affiliate of Compeer.

23. Upon the request of the Department of Environmental Quality for the purpose of obtaining vehicle owner data in connection with enforcement actions involving on-road testing of motor vehicles, pursuant to § 46.2-1178.1.

24. On the written request of any person who has applied to be a volunteer vehicle operator with a Virginia chapter of the American Red Cross, the Commissioner shall (i) compare personal information supplied by a Virginia chapter of the American Red Cross with that contained in the Department's records and, when the information supplied by a Virginia chapter of the American Red Cross is different from that contained in the Department's records, provide the Virginia chapter of the American Red Cross with correct information as contained in the Department's records and (ii) provide driver information in the form of an abstract of the applicant's record showing all convictions, accidents, license suspensions or revocations, and any type of driver's license that the individual currently possesses. Such abstract shall be provided at a fee that is one-half the normal charge if the request is accompanied by appropriate written evidence that the person has applied to be a volunteer vehicle operator with a Virginia chapter of the American Red Cross.

25. On the written request of any person who has applied to be a volunteer vehicle operator with a Virginia chapter of the Civil Air Patrol, the Commissioner shall (i) compare personal information supplied by a Virginia chapter of the Civil Air Patrol with that contained in the Department's records and, when the information supplied by a Virginia chapter of the Civil Air Patrol is different from that contained in the Department's records, provide the Virginia chapter of the Civil Air Patrol with correct information as contained in the Department's records and (ii) provide driver information in the form of an abstract of the applicant's record showing all convictions, accidents, license suspensions or revocations, and any type of driver's license that the individual currently possesses. Such abstract shall be provided at a fee that is one-half the normal charge if the request is accompanied by appropriate written evidence that the person has applied to be a volunteer vehicle operator with a Virginia chapter of the Civil Air Patrol.

26. On the written request of any person who has applied to be a volunteer vehicle operator with Faith in Action, the Commissioner shall (i) compare personal information supplied by Faith in Action with that contained in the Department's records and, when the information supplied by Faith in Action is different from that contained in the Department's records, provide Faith in Action with correct information as contained in the Department's records and (ii) provide driver information in the form of an abstract of the applicant's record showing all convictions, accidents, license suspensions or revocations, and any type of driver's license that the individual currently possesses. Such abstract shall be provided at a fee that is one-half the normal charge if the request is accompanied by appropriate written evidence that the person has applied to be a volunteer vehicle operator with Faith in Action.

27. On the written request of the surviving spouse or child of a deceased person or the executor or administrator of a deceased person's estate, the Department shall, if the deceased person had been issued a driver's license or special identification card by the Department, supply the requestor with a hard copy image of any photograph of the deceased person kept in the Department's records.

28. On the written request of any person who has applied to be a volunteer with a Virginia Council of the Girl Scouts of the USA, the Commissioner shall (i) compare personal information supplied by a Virginia Council of the Girl Scouts of the USA with that contained in the Department's records and, when the information supplied by a Virginia Council of the Girl Scouts of the USA is different from that contained in the Department's records, provide a Virginia Council of the Girl Scouts of the USA with correct information as contained in the Department's records and (ii) provide driver information in the form of an abstract of the applicant's record showing all convictions, accidents, license suspensions or revocations, and any type of driver's license that the individual currently possesses. Such abstract shall be provided at a fee that is one-half the normal charge if the request is accompanied by appropriate written evidence that the person has applied to be a volunteer with the Virginia Council of the Girl Scouts of the USA.

C. Whenever the Commissioner issues an order to suspend or revoke the driver's license or driving privilege of any individual, he may notify the National Driver Register Service operated by the United States Department of Transportation and any similar national driver information system and provide whatever classes of information the authority may require.

D. Accident reports may be inspected under the provisions of §§ 46.2-379 and 46.2-380.

E. Whenever the Commissioner takes any licensing action pursuant to the provisions of the Virginia Commercial Driver's License Act (§ 46.2-341.1 et seq.), he may provide information to the Commercial Driver License Information System, or any similar national commercial driver information system, regarding such action.

F. In addition to the foregoing provisions of this section, vehicle information may also be inspected under the provisions of §§ 46.2-633, 46.2-644.02, 46.2-644.03, and §§ 46.2-1200.1 through 46.2-1237.

G. The Department may promulgate regulations to govern the means by which personal, vehicle, and

429 driver information is requested and disseminated.

430 H. Driving records of any person accused of an offense involving the operation of a motor vehicle
431 shall be provided by the Commissioner upon request to any person acting as counsel for the accused. If
432 such counsel is from the public defender's office or has been appointed by the court, such records shall
433 be provided free of charge.

434 I. The Department shall maintain the records of persons convicted of violations of § 18.2-36.2,
435 subsection B of § 29.1-738, and §§ 29.1-738.02, 29.1-738.2, and 29.1-738.4 which shall be forwarded by
436 every general district court or circuit court or the clerk thereof, pursuant to § 46.2-383. Such records
437 shall be electronically available to any law-enforcement officer as provided for under clause (ii) of
438 subdivision B 9.

439 J. Whenever the Commissioner issues a certificate of title for a motor vehicle, he may notify the
440 National Motor Vehicle Title Information System, or any other nationally recognized system providing
441 similar information, or any entity contracted to collect information for such system, and may provide
442 whatever classes of information are required by such system.

443 *Article 1.1.*

444 *Toll Violations and Enforcement.*

445 **§ 46.2-819. Use of toll facility without payment of toll; circumstances to be considered in**
446 **assessing penalty.**

447 Except for those permitted free use of toll facilities under § 33.2-613, it ~~shall be~~ *is* unlawful for the
448 driver of a motor vehicle to use a toll facility without payment of the specified toll.

449 However, in considering the case of anyone accused of violating this section, the court shall take into
450 consideration (i) except for lanes equipped for payment of tolls through an automatic vehicle
451 identification system, whether the toll booth or collection facility at which the defendant failed to pay
452 the toll was manned at the time; (ii) whether the defendant was required to pay the toll with the exact
453 amount in change; (iii) whether the defendant had *the exact* change to make the payment; and (iv)
454 whether the defendant had been afforded appropriate advance notice, by signs or other means, that he
455 would be required to pay a toll and pay it with the exact change. No person shall be subject to both
456 prosecution under this section and to the provisions of § 46.2-819.1 or § 46.2-819.3 for actions arising
457 out of the same transaction or occurrence.

458 **§ 46.2-819.1. Installation and use of photo-monitoring system or automatic vehicle identification**
459 **system in conjunction with electronic or manual toll facilities; penalty.**

460 A. *For purposes of this section:*

461 "Automatic vehicle identification device" means an electronic device that communicates by wireless
462 transmission with an automatic vehicle identification system.

463 "Automatic vehicle identification system" means an electronic vehicle identification system installed
464 to work in conjunction with a toll collection device that automatically produces an electronic record of
465 each vehicle equipped with an automatic vehicle identification device that uses a toll facility.

466 "Debt collection" means (i) retention of a third-party debt collector or (ii) collection practices
467 undertaken by employees of a toll facility operator that are materially similar to a third-party debt
468 collector, to collect the unpaid toll and applicable administrative fee.

469 "Operator of a toll facility other than the Department of Transportation" means any agency, political
470 subdivision, authority, or other entity that operates a toll facility.

471 "Owner" means the registered owner of a vehicle on record with the Department of Motor Vehicles
472 or on record with the entity authorized to issue vehicle registrations in a state with which the
473 Commonwealth has entered into an agreement to enforce tolling violations pursuant to § 46.2-819.8.
474 "Owner" does not include a vehicle rental or vehicle leasing company.

475 "Photo-monitoring system" means a vehicle sensor installed to work in conjunction with a toll
476 collection device that automatically produces one or more photographs, one or more microphotographs,
477 a videotape, or other recorded images of each vehicle at the time it is used or operated in violation of
478 this section.

479 B. The operator of any toll facility or the locality within which such toll facility is located may
480 install and operate or cause to be installed and operated a photo-monitoring system or automatic vehicle
481 identification system, or both, at locations where tolls are collected for the use of such toll facility. The
482 operator of a toll facility shall send an invoice or bill for unpaid tolls to the registered owner of a
483 vehicle as part of an electronic or manual toll collection process, pursuant to § 46.2-819.6 prior to
484 seeking remedies under this section.

485 B. C. Information collected by a photo-monitoring system or automatic vehicle identification system
486 installed and operated pursuant to subsection A B shall be limited exclusively to that information that is
487 necessary for the collection of unpaid tolls. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all photographs,
488 microphotographs, electronic images, or other data collected by a photo-monitoring system or automatic
489 vehicle identification system shall be used exclusively for the collection of unpaid tolls and shall not (i)
490 be open to the public; (ii) be sold and/or used for sales, solicitation, or marketing purposes; (iii) be

disclosed to any other entity except as may be necessary for the collection of unpaid tolls or to a vehicle owner or operator as part of a challenge to the imposition of a toll; and (iv) be used in a court in a pending action or proceeding unless the action or proceeding relates to a violation of this section or upon order from a court of competent jurisdiction. Information collected under this section shall be purged and not retained later than 30 days after the collection and reconciliation of any unpaid tolls, administrative fees, and/or civil penalties. Any entity operating a photo-monitoring system or automatic vehicle identification system shall annually certify compliance with this section and make all records pertaining to such system available for inspection and audit by the Commissioner of Highways or the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles or their designee. Any violation of this subsection shall constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor. In addition to any fines or other penalties provided for by law, any money or other thing of value obtained as a result of a violation of this section shall be forfeited to the Commonwealth.

The toll facility operator may impose and collect an administrative fee in addition to the unpaid toll so as to recover the expenses of collecting the unpaid toll, which administrative fee shall be reasonably related to the actual cost of collecting the unpaid toll and not exceed \$100 per violation. Such fee may be levied upon the operator of the vehicle after the first unpaid toll has been documented. The operator of the vehicle shall pay the unpaid toll and any administrative fee detailed in an invoice for the unpaid toll issued by a toll facility operator. If paid within 30 days of notification, the administrative fee shall not exceed \$25.

C. D. If the matter proceeds to court, the registered owner or operator of a vehicle shall be liable for a civil penalty as follows: for a first offense, \$50; for a second offense within one year from the first offense, \$100; for a third offense within two years from the second offense, \$250; and for a fourth and any subsequent offense within three years from the second offense, \$500 plus, in each case, the unpaid toll, all accrued administrative fees imposed by the toll facility operator, and applicable court costs if the vehicle is found, as evidenced by information obtained from a photo-monitoring system or automatic vehicle identification system as provided in this section, to have used such a toll facility without payment of the required toll.

E. No summons may be issued by a toll facility operator for a violation of this section unless the toll facility operator can demonstrate that (i) there was an attempt to collect the unpaid tolls and applicable administrative fees through debt collection not less than 30 days prior to issuance of the summons and (ii) 120 days have elapsed since the violation or, in a summons for multiple violations, that 120 days have elapsed since the most recent violation.

D. F. Any action under this section shall be brought in the ~~General District Court~~ *general district court* of the ~~city or county or city~~ *city or county or city* in which the toll facility is located *and shall be commenced within two years of the commission of the offense.* Such action shall be considered a traffic infraction ~~but shall be tried as a civil case.~~ The attorney for the Commonwealth may represent the interests of the toll facility operator. Any authorized agent or employee of a toll facility operator acting on behalf of a governmental entity shall be allowed the privileges accorded by § 16.1-88.03 in such cases.

E. G. Proof of a violation of this section shall be evidenced by information obtained from a photo-monitoring system or automatic vehicle identification system as provided in this section. A certificate, sworn to or affirmed by a technician employed or authorized by the operator of a toll facility or by the locality wherein the toll facility is located, or a facsimile of such a certificate, based on inspection of photographs, microphotographs, videotapes, or other recorded images produced by a photo-monitoring system, or of electronic data collected by an automatic vehicle identification system, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts contained therein. Any photographs, microphotographs, videotape, or other recorded images or electronic data evidencing such a violation shall be available for inspection in any proceeding to adjudicate the liability for such violation under this section. A record of communication by an automatic vehicle identification device with the automatic vehicle identification system at the time of a violation of this section shall be prima facie evidence that the automatic vehicle identification device was located in the vehicle registered to use such device in the records of the ~~Virginia~~ Department of Transportation.

H. On a form prescribed by the Supreme Court, a summons for a violation of this section may be executed as provided in § 19.2-76.2. A summons for a violation of this subdivision may set forth multiple violations occurring within one jurisdiction in one summons. Toll facility personnel or their agents mailing such summons shall be considered conservators of the peace for the sole and limited purpose of mailing such summons. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 19.2-76, a summons for a violation of this section may be executed by mailing by first-class mail a copy thereof to the address of the owner of the vehicle as shown on the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles or, if the registered owner has named and provided a valid address for the operator of the vehicle at the time of the violation in an affidavit executed pursuant to subsection I, such named operator of the vehicle. If the summoned person fails to appear on the date of return set out in the summons mailed pursuant to this section, the

552 *summons shall be executed in the manner set out in § 19.2-76.3.*

553 ~~¶ I.~~ It shall be prima facie evidence that the vehicle described in the summons issued pursuant to
554 subsection ~~K~~ H was operated in violation of this section.

555 Upon a finding by a court of competent jurisdiction that the vehicle described in the summons issued
556 pursuant to subsection ~~K~~ H was in violation of this section, the court shall impose a civil penalty upon
557 the registered owner or operator of such vehicle in accordance with the amounts specified in subsection
558 ~~C~~ D, together with applicable court costs, the operator's administrative fee and the toll due. Penalties
559 assessed as the result of action initiated by the ~~Virginia~~ Department of Transportation shall be remanded
560 by the clerk of the court which adjudicated the action to the ~~Virginia~~ Department of Transportation's
561 Toll Facilities Revolving Account. Penalties assessed as the result of action initiated by an operator of a
562 toll facility other than the ~~Virginia~~ Department of Transportation shall be remanded by the clerk of the
563 court which adjudicated the action to the treasurer or director of finance of the county or city in which
564 the violation occurred for payment to the toll facility operator.

565 The registered owner of such vehicle shall be given reasonable notice by way of a summons as
566 provided in subsection ~~K~~ H that his vehicle had been used in violation of this section and such owner
567 shall be given notice of the time and place of the hearing as well as the civil penalty and costs for such
568 offense. The toll facility operator may offer to the owner an option to pay the unpaid toll and fees plus
569 a reduced civil penalty of \$25 for a first or second offense or \$50 for a third, fourth, or subsequent
570 offense, as specified on the summons, provided the owner actually pays to the toll facility operator the
571 entire amount so calculated at least 14 days prior to the hearing date specified on the summons. If the
572 owner accepts such offer and such amount is actually received by the toll facility operator at least 14
573 days prior to the hearing date specified on the summons, the toll facility operator shall move the court
574 at least five business days prior to the date set for trial to dismiss the summons issued to the registered
575 owner of the vehicle, and the court shall dismiss upon such motion.

576 Upon either (i) the filing of an affidavit with the toll facility operator within 14 days of receipt of an
577 invoice for an unpaid toll from the toll facility operator or (ii) the filing of an affidavit with the court at
578 least 14 days prior to the hearing date by the registered owner of the vehicle stating that he was not the
579 ~~driver~~ operator of the vehicle on the date of the violation and providing the legal name and address of
580 the operator of the vehicle at the time of the violation, an invoice and/or summons, as appropriate, will
581 also be issued to the alleged operator of the vehicle at the time of the offense.

582 In any action against a vehicle operator, an affidavit made by the registered owner providing the
583 name and address of the vehicle operator at the time of the violation shall constitute prima facie
584 evidence that the person named in the affidavit was operating the vehicle at all the relevant times
585 relating to the matter named in the affidavit.

586 If the registered owner of the vehicle produces for the toll facility operator or the court a certified
587 copy of a police report showing that the vehicle had been reported to the police as stolen prior to the
588 time of the alleged offense and remained stolen at the time of the alleged offense, then the toll facility
589 operator shall not pursue the owner for the unpaid toll and, if a summons has been issued, the court
590 shall dismiss the summons issued to the registered owner of the vehicle.

591 ~~G. J.~~ Upon a finding by a court that a person has two or more unpaid tolls and such person fails to
592 pay the required penalties, fees, and unpaid tolls, the court shall notify the Commissioner of the
593 Department of Motor Vehicles, who shall refuse to issue or renew any vehicle registration certificate of
594 any applicant or the license plate issued for the vehicle driven in the commission of the offense *or,*
595 *when the vehicle is registered in a state with which the Commonwealth has entered into an agreement*
596 *to enforce tolling violations pursuant to § 46.2-819.8, who shall provide to the entity authorized to issue*
597 *vehicle registration certificates or license plates in the state in which the vehicle is registered sufficient*
598 *evidence of the court's finding to take action against the vehicle registration certificate or license plates*
599 *in accordance with the terms of the agreement, until the court has notified the Commissioner that such*
600 *penalties, fees, and unpaid tolls have been paid. Upon receipt of such notification from the court, the*
601 *Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles shall notify the state where the vehicle is registered*
602 *of such payment.* If it is proven that the vehicle owner was not the operator at the time of the offense
603 and upon a finding by a court that the person identified in an affidavit pursuant to subsection ~~¶ I~~ as the
604 operator violated this section and such person fails to pay the required penalties, fees, and unpaid tolls,
605 the court shall notify the Commissioner, who shall refuse to issue or renew any vehicle registration
606 certificate of any applicant or the license plate issued for any vehicle owned or co-owned by such
607 person *or, when such vehicle is registered in a state with which the Commonwealth has entered into an*
608 *agreement to enforce tolling violations pursuant to § 46.2-819.8, who shall provide to the entity*
609 *authorized to issue vehicle registration certificates or license plates in the state in which the vehicle is*
610 *registered sufficient evidence of the court's finding to take action against the vehicle registration*
611 *certificate or license plates in accordance with the terms of the agreement, until the court has notified*
612 the Commissioner that such penalties, fees, and unpaid tolls have been paid. *Upon receipt of such*
613 *notification from the court, the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles shall notify the state*

where the vehicle is registered of such payment. Such funds representing payment of unpaid tolls and all administrative fees of the toll facility operator shall be transferred from the court to the Virginia Department of Transportation's Toll Facilities Revolving Account or, in the case of an action initiated by an operator of a toll facility other than the Virginia Department of Transportation, to the treasurer or director of finance of the county or city in which the violation occurred for payment to the toll facility operator. The Commissioner shall collect a \$40 administrative fee from the registered owner or operator of the vehicle to defray the cost of processing and removing an order to deny registration or registration renewal.

H. For purposes of this section, "operator of a toll facility other than the Virginia Department of Transportation" means any agency, political subdivision, authority, or other entity that operates a toll facility; "owner" means the registered owner of a vehicle on record with the Department of Motor Vehicles. For purposes of this section, "owner" does not mean a vehicle rental or vehicle leasing company; "photo-monitoring system" means a vehicle sensor installed to work in conjunction with a toll collection device that automatically produces one or more photographs, one or more microphotographs, a videotape, or other recorded images of each vehicle at the time it is used or operated in violation of this section; "automatic vehicle identification system" means an electronic vehicle identification system installed to work in conjunction with a toll collection device that automatically produces an electronic record of each vehicle equipped with an automatic vehicle identification device that uses a toll facility; and "automatic vehicle identification device" means an electronic device that communicates by wireless transmission with an automatic vehicle identification system.

I. K. Any vehicle rental or vehicle leasing company, if it receives an invoice or is named in a summons, shall be released as a party to the action if it provides the operator of the toll facility a copy of the vehicle rental agreement or lease or an affidavit identifying the renter or lessee within 30 days of receipt of the invoice or at least 14 days prior to the date of hearing set forth in the summons. Upon receipt of such rental agreement, lease, or affidavit, a notice shall be mailed to the renter or lessee identified therein. Release of this information shall not be deemed a violation of any provision of the Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act (§ 2.2-3800 et seq.) or the Insurance Information and Privacy Protection Act (§ 38.2-600 et seq.). The toll facility operator shall allow at least 30 days from the date of such mailing before pursuing other remedies under this section. In any action against the vehicle operator, a copy of the vehicle rental agreement, lease, or affidavit identifying the renter or lessee of the vehicle at the time of the violation is prima facie evidence that the person named in the rental agreement, lease, or affidavit was operating the vehicle at all the relevant times relating to the matter named in the summons.

J. L. Imposition of a civil penalty pursuant to this section shall not be deemed a conviction as an operator and shall not be made part of the driving record of the person upon whom such civil penalty is imposed nor shall it be used for insurance purposes in the provision of motor vehicle insurance coverage. The provisions of § 46.2-395 shall not be applicable to any civil penalty, fee, unpaid toll, fine or cost imposed or ordered paid under this section for a violation of this section.

K. On a form prescribed by the Supreme Court, a summons for a violation of this section may be executed pursuant to § 19.2-76.2. Toll facility personnel or their agents mailing such summons shall be considered conservators of the peace for the sole and limited purpose of mailing such summons. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 19.2-76, a summons for a violation of this section may be executed by mailing by first-class mail a copy thereof to the address of the owner of the vehicle as shown on the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles or, if the registered owner has named and provided a valid address for the operator of the vehicle at the time of the violation in an affidavit executed pursuant to subsection F, such named operator of the vehicle. If the summoned person fails to appear on the date of return set out in the summons mailed pursuant to this section, the summons shall be executed in the manner set out in § 19.2-76.3.

L. M. The operator of a toll facility may enter into an agreement with the Department of Motor Vehicles, in accordance with the provisions of subdivision B 21 of subsection B of § 46.2-208, to obtain vehicle owner information regarding the registered owners of vehicles that fail to pay tolls required for the use of toll facilities and with the Virginia Department of Transportation to obtain any information that is necessary to conduct electronic toll collection. Such agreement may include any information that may be obtained by the Department of Motor Vehicles in accordance with any agreement entered into pursuant to § 46.2-819.8. Information provided to the operator of a toll facility shall only be used for the collection of unpaid tolls and the operator of the toll facility shall be subject to the same conditions and penalties regarding release of the information as contained in subsection B C.

M. N. No person shall be subject to both the provisions of this section and to prosecution under § 46.2-819 for actions arising out of the same transaction or occurrence.

§ 46.2-819.3. Use of toll facility without payment of toll; enforcement; penalty.

A. For purposes of this section:

675 *"Debt collection" means (i) retention of a third-party debt collector or (ii) collection practices*
676 *undertaken by employees of a toll facility operator that are materially similar to a third-party debt*
677 *collector, to collect the unpaid toll and applicable administrative fee.*

678 *"Operator of a toll facility other than the Department of Transportation" means any agency, political*
679 *subdivision, authority, or other entity that operates a toll facility.*

680 *"Owner" means the registered owner of a vehicle on record with the Department of Motor Vehicles.*
681 *For purposes of this section, "owner" does not include a vehicle rental or vehicle leasing company.*

682 B. The toll facility operator may impose and collect an administrative fee in addition to the unpaid
683 toll so as to recover the expenses of collecting the unpaid toll, which administrative fee shall be
684 reasonably related to the actual cost of collecting the unpaid toll and not exceed \$100 per violation.
685 Such fee shall not be levied on a first unpaid toll unless the written promise to pay executed pursuant to
686 subsection E remains unpaid after 30 days. The person who executed the written promise to pay
687 pursuant to subsection E shall pay the unpaid toll and any administrative fee detailed in an invoice or
688 bill issued by a toll facility operator. If paid within 30 days of notification, the administrative fee shall
689 not exceed \$25.

690 B. C. If the matter proceeds to court, the *registered* owner or operator of the vehicle shall be liable
691 for a civil penalty as follows: for a first offense, \$50; for a second offense within one year from the first
692 offense, \$100; for a third offense within two years from the second offense, \$250; and for a fourth and
693 any subsequent offense within three years from the second offense, \$500 plus, in each case, the unpaid
694 toll, all accrued administrative fees imposed by the toll facility operator and applicable court costs if the
695 vehicle operator is found, as evidenced by information obtained from the toll facility operator, to have
696 used such a toll facility without payment of the required toll.

697 D. No summons may be issued by a toll facility operator for a violation of this section unless the toll
698 facility operator can demonstrate that (i) there was an attempt to collect the unpaid tolls and applicable
699 administrative fees through debt collection not less than 30 days prior to issuance of the summons and
700 (ii) 120 days have elapsed since the violation or, in a summons for multiple violations, that 120 days
701 have elapsed since the most recent violation.

702 C. E. A written promise to pay an unpaid toll within a specified period of time executed by the
703 ~~driver~~ operator of a motor vehicle, accompanied by a certificate sworn to or affirmed by an authorized
704 agent of the toll facility that the unpaid toll was not paid within such specified period, shall be prima
705 facie evidence of the facts contained therein.

706 D. F. The operator of a toll facility ~~may~~ shall send an invoice or bill to the ~~driver~~ registered owner
707 of a motor vehicle using a toll facility without payment of the specified toll as part of an electronic or
708 manual toll collection process pursuant to § 46.2-819.6, prior to seeking remedies under this section.
709 Any action under this section shall be brought in the general district court of the ~~city or county or city~~
710 in which the toll facility is located and shall be commenced within two years of the commission of the
711 offense. Such an action shall be considered a traffic infraction but shall be tried as a civil case. The
712 attorney for the Commonwealth may represent the interests of the toll facility operator. Any authorized
713 agent or employee of a toll facility operator acting on behalf of a governmental entity shall be allowed
714 the privileges accorded by § 16.1-88.03 in such cases.

715 E. G. Upon a finding by a court of competent jurisdiction that the ~~driver~~ operator of a motor vehicle
716 identified in the summons issued pursuant to subsection I K was in violation of this section, the court
717 shall impose a civil penalty upon the ~~driver~~ operator of a motor vehicle in accordance with the amounts
718 specified in subsection B C, together with applicable court costs, the operator's administrative fee, and
719 the toll due. Penalties assessed as the result of action initiated by the ~~Virginia~~ Department of
720 Transportation shall be remanded by the clerk of the court which adjudicated the action to the ~~Virginia~~
721 Department of Transportation's Toll Facilities Revolving Account. Penalties assessed as the result of
722 action initiated by an operator of a toll facility other than the ~~Virginia~~ Department of Transportation
723 shall be remanded by the clerk of the court which adjudicated the action to the treasurer or director of
724 finance of the county or city in which the violation occurred for payment to the toll facility operator.

725 F. H. The toll facility operator may offer to the *registered* owner an option to pay the unpaid toll
726 and fees plus a reduced civil penalty of *not more than* \$25 for a first or second offense or *not more*
727 *than* \$50 for a third, fourth, or subsequent offense, as specified on the summons, provided the owner
728 actually pays to the toll facility operator the entire amount so calculated at least 14 days prior to the
729 hearing date specified on the summons. If the owner accepts such offer and such amount is actually
730 received by the toll facility operator at least 14 days prior to the hearing date specified on the summons,
731 the toll facility operator shall move the court at least five business days prior to the date set for trial to
732 dismiss the summons issued to the registered owner of the vehicle, and the court shall dismiss upon
733 such motion.

734 I. A summons for a violation of this section may be executed as provided in § 19.2-76.2. A summons
735 for a violation of this subdivision may set forth multiple violations occurring within one jurisdiction in
736 one summons. Toll facility personnel or their agents mailing such summons shall be considered

conservators of the peace for the sole and limited purpose of mailing such summons. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 19.2-76, a summons for a violation of this section may be executed by mailing by first-class mail a copy thereof to the address of the driver of a motor vehicle as shown on the written promise to pay executed pursuant to subsection E or records of the Department of Motor Vehicles. If the summoned person fails to appear on the date of return set out in the summons mailed pursuant to this section, the summons shall be executed in the manner set out in § 19.2-76.3.

G. J. Upon a finding by a court that a person has three or more unpaid tolls and such person fails to pay the required penalties, fees, and unpaid tolls, the court shall notify the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, who shall refuse to issue or renew any vehicle registration certificate of any applicant or the license plate issued for any vehicle owned or co-owned by the offender or, when the vehicle is registered in a state with which the Commonwealth has entered into an agreement to enforce tolling violations pursuant to § 46.2-819.8, who shall provide to the entity authorized to issue vehicle registration certificates or license plates in the state in which the vehicle is registered sufficient evidence of the court's finding to take action against the vehicle registration certificate or license plates in accordance with the terms of the agreement. Upon receipt of such notification from the court, the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles shall notify the state where the vehicle is registered of such payment. The Commissioner shall collect a \$40 administrative fee from the registered owner or operator of the vehicle to defray the cost of processing and removing an order to deny registration or registration renewal.

H. For purposes of this section, "operator of a toll facility other than the Virginia Department of Transportation" means any agency, political subdivision, authority, or other entity that operates a toll facility.

I. K. Imposition of a civil penalty pursuant to this section shall not be deemed a conviction as an operator and shall not be made part of the driving record of the person upon whom such civil penalty is imposed nor shall it be used for insurance purposes in the provision of motor vehicle insurance coverage. The provisions of § 46.2-395 shall not be applicable to any civil penalty, fee, unpaid toll, fine or cost imposed or ordered paid under this section for a violation of this section.

J. A summons for a violation of this section may be executed pursuant to ~~§ 19.2-76.2~~. Toll facility personnel or their agents mailing such summons shall be considered conservators of the peace for the sole and limited purpose of mailing such summons. Notwithstanding the provisions of ~~§ 19.2-76~~, a summons for a violation of this section may be executed by mailing by first-class mail a copy thereof to the address of the driver of a motor vehicle as shown on the written promise to pay executed pursuant to subsection C or records of the Department of Motor Vehicles. If the summoned person fails to appear on the date of return set out in the summons mailed pursuant to this section, the summons shall be executed in the manner set out in ~~§ 19.2-76.3~~.

~~K. L.~~ No person shall be subject to both the provisions of this section and to prosecution under § 46.2-819 for actions arising out of the same transaction or occurrence.

§ 46.2-819.3:1. Installation and use of video-monitoring system and automatic vehicle identification system in conjunction with all-electronic toll facilities; penalty.

A. For purposes of this section:

"Automatic vehicle identification device" means an electronic device that communicates by wireless transmission with an automatic vehicle identification system.

"Automatic vehicle identification system" means an electronic vehicle identification system installed to work in conjunction with a toll collection device that automatically produces an electronic record of each vehicle equipped with an automatic vehicle identification device that uses a toll facility.

"Debt collection" means (i) retention of a third-party debt collector or (ii) collection practices undertaken by employees of a toll facility operator that are materially similar to a third-party debt collector, to collect the unpaid toll and applicable administrative fee.

"Operator" means a person who was driving a vehicle that was the subject of a toll violation but who is not the owner of the vehicle.

"Operator of a toll facility other than the Department of Transportation" means any agency, political subdivision, authority, or other entity that operates a toll facility.

"Owner" means the registered owner of a vehicle on record with the Department or on record with the entity authorized to issue vehicle registrations in a state with which the Commonwealth has entered into an agreement to enforce tolling violations pursuant to § 46.2-819.8 or, in the case of a vehicle where the owner of the vehicle is a vehicle leasing entity, the lessee. "Owner" does not include a vehicle rental or vehicle leasing company.

"Video-monitoring system" means a vehicle sensor installed to work in conjunction with a toll collection device that automatically produces one or more photographs, one or more microphotographs, a videotape, or other recorded images of each vehicle at the time it is used or operated in violation of this section.

798 B. The operator of any toll facility or the locality within which such toll facility is located may
799 install and operate or cause to be installed and operated a video-monitoring system in conjunction with
800 an automatic vehicle identification system on facilities for which tolls are collected for the use of such
801 toll facility and that do not offer manual toll collection. A video-monitoring system shall include, but
802 not be limited to, electronic systems that monitor and capture images of vehicles using a toll facility to
803 enable toll collection for vehicles that do not pay using a toll collection device. The operator of a toll
804 facility shall send an invoice for unpaid tolls in accordance with the requirements of § 46.2-819.6 to the
805 registered owner of a vehicle as part of a video-monitoring toll collection process, prior to seeking
806 remedies under this section.

807 B. C. Information collected by a video-monitoring system in conjunction with an automatic vehicle
808 identification system installed and operated pursuant to subsection A B shall be limited exclusively to
809 that information that is necessary for the collection of unpaid tolls and establishing when violations
810 occur, including use in any proceeding to determine whether a violation occurred. Notwithstanding any
811 other provision of law, all images or other data collected by a video-monitoring system in conjunction
812 with an automatic vehicle identification system shall be protected in a database with security comparable
813 to that of the Department of Motor Vehicles' system and used exclusively for the collection of unpaid
814 tolls and for efforts to pursue violators of this section and shall not (i) be open to the public; (ii) be sold
815 and/or used for sales, solicitation, or marketing purposes other than those of the toll facility operator to
816 facilitate toll payment; (iii) be disclosed to any other entity except as may be necessary for the
817 collection of unpaid tolls or to a vehicle owner or operator as part of a challenge to the imposition of a
818 toll; and/or (iv) be used in a court in a pending action or proceeding unless the action or proceeding
819 relates to a violation of this section or upon order from a court of competent jurisdiction. Except as
820 provided above, information collected under this section shall be purged and not retained later than 30
821 days after the collection and reconciliation of any unpaid tolls, administrative fees, and/or civil penalties.
822 Any entity operating a video-monitoring system in conjunction with an automatic vehicle identification
823 system shall annually certify compliance with this section and make all records pertaining to such
824 system available for inspection and audit by the Commissioner of Highways or the Commissioner of the
825 Department of Motor Vehicles or their designee. Any violation of this subsection shall constitute a Class
826 1 misdemeanor. In addition to any fines or other penalties provided for by law, any money or other
827 thing of value obtained as a result of a violation of this section shall be forfeited to the Commonwealth.

828 If a vehicle uses a toll facility without paying the toll, the *registered* owner or operator shall be in
829 violation of this section if he refuses to pay the toll within 30 days of notification. The toll facility
830 operator may impose and collect an administrative fee in addition to the unpaid toll so as to recover the
831 expenses of collecting the unpaid toll, which administrative fee shall be reasonably related to the actual
832 cost of collecting the unpaid toll and not exceed \$100 per violation. Such fee shall not be levied upon
833 the owner or operator of the vehicle unless the toll has not been paid by the owner or operator within
834 30 days after receipt of the invoice for the unpaid toll, which nonpayment for 30 days shall constitute
835 the violation of this section. Once such a violation has occurred, the owner or operator of the vehicle
836 shall pay the unpaid tolls and any administrative fee detailed in the invoice for the unpaid toll issued by
837 a toll facility operator. If paid within 30 days of the toll violation, the administrative fee shall not
838 exceed \$25.

839 The toll facility operator may levy charges for the direct cost of use of and processing for a
840 video-monitoring system and to cover the cost of the invoice, which are in addition to the toll and may
841 not exceed double the amount of the base toll, provided that potential toll facility users are provided
842 notice before entering the facility by conspicuous signs that clearly indicate that the toll for use of the
843 facility could be tripled for any vehicle that does not have an active, functioning automatic vehicle
844 identification device registered for and in use in the vehicle using the toll facility, and such signs are
845 posted at a location where the driver can still choose to avoid the use of the toll facility if he chooses
846 not to pay the toll.

847 A person receiving an invoice for an unpaid toll under this section may (a) pay the toll and
848 administrative fees directly to the toll facility operator or (b) file with the toll facility operator a notice,
849 on a form provided by the toll facility operator as required under subsection B of § 46.2-819.6, to
850 contest liability for a toll violation. The notice to contest liability for a toll violation may be filed by
851 any person receiving an invoice for an unpaid toll by mailing or delivering the notice to the toll facility
852 operator within 60 days of receiving such invoice for unpaid toll. Upon receipt of such notice, the toll
853 facility operator may issue a summons pursuant to subsection K H and may not seek withholding of
854 registration or renewal thereof under subsection G J until a court of competent jurisdiction has found the
855 alleged violator liable for tolls under this section.

856 C. D. If the matter proceeds to court, the registered owner or operator of a vehicle shall be liable for
857 a civil penalty as follows: for a first offense, \$50; for a second offense within one year from the first
858 offense, \$100; for a third offense within two years from the second offense, \$250; and for a fourth and
859 any subsequent offense within three years from the second offense, \$500; plus, in each case, the unpaid

toll, all accrued administrative fees imposed by the toll facility operator, and applicable court costs if the vehicle is found, as evidenced by information obtained from a video-monitoring system in conjunction with an automatic vehicle identification system as provided in this section, to have used such a toll facility without payment of the required toll within 30 days of receipt of the invoice for the toll.

E. No summons may be issued by a toll facility operator for a violation of this section unless the toll facility operator can demonstrate that (i) there was an attempt to collect the unpaid tolls and applicable administrative fees through debt collection not less than 30 days prior to issuance of the summons and (ii) 120 days have elapsed since the date of the transaction or, in a summons for multiple violations, that 120 days have elapsed since the most recent date of the transaction.

~~D.~~ *F. Any action under this section shall be brought in the general district court of the city or county or city in which the toll facility is located and shall be commenced within two years of the commission of the offense.* Such action shall be considered a traffic infraction ~~but shall be tried as a civil case~~. The attorney for the Commonwealth may represent the interests of the toll facility operator. Any authorized agent or employee of a toll facility operator acting on behalf of a governmental entity shall be allowed the privileges accorded by § 16.1-88.03 in such cases.

~~E.~~ *G. Proof of a violation of this section shall be evidenced by information obtained from a video-monitoring system or automatic vehicle identification system as provided in this section. A certificate, sworn to or affirmed by a technician employed or authorized by the operator of a toll facility or by the locality wherein the toll facility is located, or a facsimile of such a certificate, based on inspection of photographs, microphotographs, videotapes, or other recorded images produced by a video-monitoring system or of electronic data collected by an automatic vehicle identification system, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts contained therein. Any photographs, microphotographs, videotape, or other recorded images or electronic data evidencing such a violation shall be available for inspection in any proceeding to adjudicate the liability for such violation under this section. A record of communication by an automatic vehicle identification device with the automatic vehicle identification system at the time of a violation of this section shall be prima facie evidence that the automatic vehicle identification device was located in the vehicle registered to use such device in the records of the Virginia Department of Transportation.*

H. On a form prescribed by the Supreme Court, a summons for a violation of this section may be executed as provided in § 19.2-76.2. A summons for a violation of this subdivision may set forth multiple violations occurring within one jurisdiction in one summons. Toll facility personnel or their agents mailing such summons shall be considered conservators of the peace for the sole and limited purpose of mailing such summons. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 19.2-76, a summons for a violation of unpaid tolls may be executed by mailing by first-class mail a copy thereof to the address of the owner of the vehicle as shown on the records of the Department or, if the registered owner has named and provided a valid address for the operator of the vehicle at the time of the violation in an affidavit executed pursuant to subsection I, such named operator of the vehicle. If the summoned person fails to appear on the date of return set out in the summons mailed pursuant to this section, the summons shall be executed in the manner set out in § 19.2-76.3.

~~F.~~ *I. It shall be prima facie evidence that the vehicle described in the summons issued pursuant to subsection K H was operated in violation of this section.*

Upon a finding by a court of competent jurisdiction that the vehicle described in the summons issued pursuant to subsection ~~K~~ H was in violation of this section, the court shall impose a civil penalty upon the registered owner or operator of such vehicle in accordance with the amounts specified in subsection ~~E~~ D, together with applicable court costs, the operator's administrative fee, and the toll due. Penalties assessed as the result of action initiated by the Virginia Department of Transportation shall be remanded by the clerk of the court that adjudicated the action to the Virginia Department of Transportation's Toll Facilities Revolving Account. Penalties assessed as the result of action initiated by an operator of a toll facility other than the Virginia Department of Transportation shall be remanded by the clerk of the court that adjudicated the action to the treasurer or director of finance of the county or city in which the violation occurred for payment to the toll facility operator.

The registered owner of such vehicle shall be given reasonable notice by way of a summons as provided in subsection ~~K~~ H that his vehicle had been used in violation of this section, and such owner shall be given notice of the time and place of the hearing as well as the civil penalty and costs for such offense.

Upon the filing of an affidavit by the registered owner of the vehicle with the toll facility operator within 14 days of receipt of an invoice for unpaid toll or a summons stating that such owner was not the driver of the vehicle on the date of the violation and providing the legal name and address of the operator of the vehicle at the time of the violation, an invoice for unpaid toll or summons, whichever the case may be, will also be issued to the alleged operator of the vehicle at the time of the offense.

In any action against a vehicle operator, an affidavit made by the registered owner providing the

921 name and address of the vehicle operator at the time of the violation shall constitute prima facie
922 evidence that the person named in the affidavit was operating the vehicle at all the relevant times
923 relating to the matter named in the affidavit.

924 If the registered owner of the vehicle produces for the toll facility operator or the court a certified
925 copy of a police report showing that the vehicle had been reported to the police as stolen prior to the
926 time of the alleged offense and remained stolen at the time of the alleged offense, then the toll facility
927 operator shall not pursue the owner for the unpaid toll contained in the invoice for unpaid toll or the
928 court shall dismiss the summons issued to the registered owner of the vehicle.

929 G. J. 1. Upon a finding by a court that a person has two or more unpaid tolls and such person fails
930 to pay the required penalties, fees, and unpaid tolls, then the court or toll facility operator shall notify
931 the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, who shall refuse to issue or renew any vehicle
932 registration certificate of any applicant or the license plate issued for the vehicle driven in the
933 commission of the offense *or, when the vehicle is registered in a state with which the Commonwealth*
934 *has entered into an agreement to enforce tolling violations pursuant to § 46.2-819.8, who shall provide*
935 *to the entity authorized to issue vehicle registration certificates or license plates in the state in which*
936 *the vehicle is registered sufficient evidence of the court's finding to take action against the vehicle*
937 *registration certificate or license plates in accordance with the terms of the agreement, until the court*
938 *has notified the Commissioner that such penalties, fees, and unpaid tolls have been paid. Upon receipt of*
939 *such notification from the court, the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles shall notify the*
940 *state where the vehicle is registered of such payment.* If it is proven that the vehicle owner was not the
941 operator at the time of the offense and upon a finding by a court that the person identified in an
942 affidavit pursuant to subsection F 1 as the operator violated this section and such person fails to pay the
943 required penalties, fees, and unpaid tolls, the court shall notify the Commissioner, who shall refuse to
944 issue or renew any vehicle registration certificate of any applicant or the license plate issued for any
945 vehicle owned or co-owned by such person *or, when such vehicle is registered in a state with which the*
946 *Commonwealth has entered into an agreement to enforce tolling violations pursuant to § 46.2-819.8,*
947 *who shall provide to the entity authorized to issue vehicle registration certificates or license plates in*
948 *the state in which the vehicle is registered sufficient evidence of the court's finding to take action*
949 *against the vehicle registration certificate or license plates in accordance with the terms of the*
950 *agreement, until the court has notified the Commissioner that such penalties, fees, and unpaid tolls have*
951 *been paid. Upon receipt of such notification from the court, the Commissioner of the Department of*
952 *Motor Vehicles shall notify the state where the vehicle is registered of such payment.* Such funds
953 representing payment of unpaid tolls and all administrative fees of the toll facility operator shall be
954 transferred from the court to the ~~Virginia~~ Department of Transportation's Toll Facilities Revolving
955 Account or, in the case of an action initiated by an operator of a toll facility other than the ~~Virginia~~
956 Department of Transportation, to the treasurer or director of finance of the county or city in which the
957 violation occurred for payment to the toll facility operator. The Commissioner shall collect a \$40
958 administrative fee from the registered owner or operator of the vehicle to defray the cost of processing
959 and removing an order to deny registration or registration renewal.

960 2. If an owner of a vehicle has received at least one invoice for two or more unpaid tolls in
961 accordance with § 46.2-819.6 by certified mail and has (i) failed to pay the unpaid tolls and
962 administrative fees and (ii) failed to file a notice to contest liability for a toll violation, then the toll
963 facility operator may notify the Commissioner, who shall, if no form contesting liability has been timely
964 filed with the toll facility operator pursuant to this section, refuse to issue or renew the vehicle
965 registration certificate of any applicant therefor or the license plate issued for any vehicle driven in the
966 commission of the offense until the toll facility operator has notified the Commissioner that such fees
967 and unpaid tolls have been paid.

968 If the vehicle owner was not the operator at the time of the offense and the person identified in an
969 affidavit pursuant to subsection F 1 as the operator has received at least one invoice for two or more
970 unpaid tolls in accordance with § 46.2-819.6 by certified mail and such person has ~~(i)~~ (a) failed to pay
971 the unpaid tolls and administrative fees and ~~(ii)~~ (b) failed to file a notice to contest liability for a toll
972 violation, then the toll facility operator may notify the Commissioner, who shall, if no form contesting
973 liability has been timely filed with the toll facility operator pursuant to this section, refuse to issue or
974 renew any vehicle registration certificate of any applicant therefor or the license plate issued for any
975 vehicle owned or co-owned by such person until the toll facility operator has notified the Commissioner
976 that such fees and unpaid tolls have been paid.

977 The Commissioner may only refuse to issue or renew any vehicle registration pursuant to this
978 subsection upon the request of a toll facility operator if such toll facility operator has entered into an
979 agreement with the Commissioner whereby the Commissioner will refuse to issue or renew any vehicle
980 registration of any applicant therefor who owes unpaid tolls and administrative fees to the toll facility
981 operator. The toll facility operator seeking to collect unpaid tolls and administrative fees through the
982 withholding of registration or renewal thereof by the Commissioner as provided for in this subsection

shall notify the Commissioner in the manner provided for in his agreement with the Commissioner and supply to the Commissioner information necessary to identify the violator whose registration or renewal is to be denied. The Commissioner shall charge a \$40 fee to defray the cost of processing and withholding the registration or registration renewal, and the toll facility operator may add this fee to the amount of the unpaid tolls and administrative fees. Any agreement entered into pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall provide for the Department to send the violator notice of the intent to deny renewal of registration at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of a current vehicle registration and such notice shall include a form, as required under subsection B of § 46.2-819.6, to contest liability of the underlying toll violation. The notice provided by the Commissioner shall include instructions for filing the form to contest liability with the toll facility operator within 21 days after the date of mailing of the Commissioner's notice. Upon timely receipt of the form, the toll facility operator shall notify the Commissioner, who shall refrain from withholding the registration or renewal thereof, after which the toll facility operator may proceed to issue a summons for unpaid toll. For the purposes of this subsection, notice by first-class mail to the registrant's address as maintained in the records of the Department shall be deemed sufficient.

H. For purposes of this section, "operator" means a person who was driving a vehicle that was the subject of a toll violation but who is not the owner of the vehicle; "operator of a toll facility other than the Virginia Department of Transportation" means any agency, political subdivision, authority, or other entity that operates a toll facility; "owner" means the registered owner of a vehicle on record with the Department or, in the case of a vehicle where the owner of the vehicle is a vehicle leasing entity, the lessee. For purposes of this section, "owner" does not mean a vehicle rental or vehicle leasing company; "video-monitoring system" means a vehicle sensor installed to work in conjunction with a toll collection device that automatically produces one or more photographs, one or more microphotographs, a videotape, or other recorded images of each vehicle at the time it is used or operated in violation of this section; "automatic vehicle identification system" means an electronic vehicle identification system installed to work in conjunction with a toll collection device that automatically produces an electronic record of each vehicle equipped with an automatic vehicle identification device that uses a toll facility; and "automatic vehicle identification device" means an electronic device that communicates by wireless transmission with an automatic vehicle identification system.

I. K. Any vehicle rental or vehicle leasing company, if it receives an invoice for unpaid toll or is named in a summons, shall be released as a party to the action if it provides the operator of the toll facility a copy of the vehicle rental agreement or lease or an affidavit identifying the renter or lessee within 30 days of receipt of the invoice or summons. Upon receipt of such rental agreement, lease, or affidavit, an invoice for unpaid toll shall be mailed to the renter or lessee identified therein. Release of this information shall not be deemed a violation of any provision of the Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act (§ 2.2-3800 et seq.) or the Insurance Information and Privacy Protection Act (§ 38.2-600 et seq.). The toll facility operator shall allow at least 30 days from the date of such mailing before pursuing other remedies under this section. In any action against the vehicle operator, a copy of the vehicle rental agreement, lease, or affidavit identifying the renter or lessee of the vehicle at the time of the violation is prima facie evidence that the person named in the rental agreement, lease, or affidavit was operating the vehicle at all the relevant times relating to the matter named in the summons.

J. L. Imposition of a civil penalty pursuant to this section shall not be deemed a conviction as an operator and shall not be made part of the driving record of the person upon whom such civil penalty is imposed, nor shall it be used for insurance purposes in the provision of motor vehicle insurance coverage. The provisions of § 46.2-395 shall not be applicable to any civil penalty, fee, unpaid toll, fine, or cost imposed or ordered paid under this section for a violation of this section.

K. On a form prescribed by the Supreme Court, a summons for a violation of this section may be executed pursuant to § 19.2-76.2. Toll facility personnel or their agents mailing such summons shall be considered conservators of the peace for the sole and limited purpose of mailing such summons. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 19.2-76, a summons or summonses for a violation of unpaid tolls may be executed by mailing by first-class mail a copy thereof to the address of the owner of the vehicle as shown on the records of the Department or, if the registered owner has named and provided a valid address for the operator of the vehicle at the time of the violation in an affidavit executed pursuant to subsection F, such named operator of the vehicle. If the summoned person fails to appear on the date of return set out in the summons mailed pursuant to this section, the summons shall be executed in the manner set out in § 19.2-76.3.

L. M. The toll facility operator may offer to the owner an option to pay the unpaid toll and fees plus a reduced civil penalty of \$25 for a first or second offense or \$50 for a third, fourth, or subsequent offense, as specified on the summons, provided the owner actually pays to the toll facility operator the entire amount so calculated at least 14 days prior to the hearing date specified on the summons. If the owner accepts such offer and such amount is actually received by the toll facility operator at least 14

days prior to the hearing date specified on the summons, the toll facility operator shall move the court at least five business days prior to the date set for trial to dismiss the summons issued to the registered owner of the vehicle, and the court shall dismiss upon such motion.

~~M. N.~~ The operator of a toll facility may enter into an agreement with the Department, in accordance with the provisions of subdivision B 21 of § 46.2-208, to obtain vehicle owner information regarding the registered owners of vehicles that fail to pay tolls required for the use of toll facilities and with the Virginia Department of Transportation to obtain any information that is necessary to conduct electronic toll collection. *Such agreement may include any information that may be obtained by the Department of Motor Vehicles in accordance with any agreement entered into pursuant to § 46.2-819.8.* Information provided to the operator of a toll facility shall be used only for the collection of unpaid tolls, and the operator of the toll facility shall be subject to the same conditions and penalties regarding release of the information as contained in subsection ~~B C~~.

~~N. O.~~ No person shall be subject to both the provisions of this section and to prosecution under § 46.2-819 for actions arising out of the same transaction or occurrence.

§ 46.2-819.5. Enforcement through use of photo-monitoring system or automatic vehicle identification system in conjunction with usage of Dulles Access Highway.

A. For purposes of this section:

"Automatic vehicle identification device" means an electronic device that communicates by wireless transmission with an automatic vehicle identification system.

"Automatic vehicle identification system" means an electronic vehicle identification system that automatically produces an electronic record of each vehicle equipped with an automatic vehicle identification device that uses monitored portions of the Dulles Access Highway.

"Operator of the Dulles Access Highway" means the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (§ 5.1-152 et seq.).

"Owner" means the registered owner of a vehicle on record with the Department of Motor Vehicles.

"Photo-monitoring system" means equipment that produces one or more photographs, microphotographs, videotapes, or other recorded images of vehicles at the time they are used or operated in violation of the Authority regulation governing the use of the Dulles Access Highway.

B. A photo-monitoring system or automatic vehicle identification system established at locations along the Dulles Access Highway, in order to identify vehicles that are using the Dulles Access Highway in violation of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (Authority) regulation regarding usage, which makes violations of the regulation subject to civil penalties, shall be administered in accordance with this section. The civil penalties for violations of such regulation may not exceed the following: \$50 for the first violation; \$100 for a second violation within one year from the first violation; \$250 for a third violation within two years from the second violation; and \$500 for a fourth and any subsequent violation within three years from the second violation. In the event a violation of the Authority regulation is identified via the photo-monitoring system or automatic vehicle identification system, the operator of the Dulles Access Highway shall send a notice of the violation, of the applicable civil penalty and of any administrative fee calculated in accordance with subsection ~~C D~~ to the registered owner of the vehicle identified by the system prior to seeking further remedies under this section. Upon receipt of the notice, the registered owner of the vehicle may elect to avoid any action by the operator to enforce the violation in court by waiving his right to a court hearing, pleading guilty to the violation, and paying a reduced civil penalty along with any applicable administrative fee to the operator. Should the recipient of the notice make such an election, the amount of the reduced civil penalty shall be as follows: \$30 for the first violation; \$50 for a second violation within one year from the first violation; \$125 for a third violation within two years from the second violation; and \$250 for a fourth and any subsequent violations within three years from the second violation.

B. C. Information collected by the photo-monitoring system or automatic vehicle identification system referenced in subsection ~~A B~~ shall be limited exclusively to that information that is necessary for identifying those ~~drivers operators~~ who improperly use the Dulles Access Highway in violation of the Authority regulation. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all photographs, microphotographs, electronic images, or other data collected by a photo-monitoring system or automatic vehicle identification system shall be used exclusively for the identification of violators and shall not (i) be open to the public; (ii) be sold or used for sales, solicitation, or marketing purposes; (iii) be disclosed to any other entity except as may be necessary for the identification of violators or to a vehicle owner or operator as part of a challenge to the imposition of a civil penalty; or (iv) be used in a court in a pending action or proceeding unless the action or proceeding relates to a violation of the Authority regulation governing usage of the Dulles Access Highway or upon order from a court of competent jurisdiction. Information collected by the system shall be protected in a database with security comparable to that of the Department of Motor Vehicles' system, and be purged and not retained later than 30 days after the collection and reconciliation of any civil penalties and administrative fees. The operator of the Dulles Access Highway shall annually certify compliance with this subsection and make

all records pertaining to such system available for inspection and audit by the Commissioner of Highways or the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles or their designee. Any violation of this subsection shall constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor. In addition to any fines or other penalties provided for by law, any money or other thing of value obtained as a result of a violation of this subsection shall be forfeited to the Commonwealth.

€. *D.* The operator of the Dulles Access Highway may impose and collect an administrative fee, in addition to the civil penalty established by regulation, so as to recover the expenses of collecting the civil penalty, which administrative fee shall be reasonably related to the actual cost of collecting the civil penalty and shall not exceed \$100 per violation. Such fee shall not be levied upon the operator of the vehicle until a second violation has been documented within 12 months of an initial violation, in which case the fee shall apply to such second violation and to any additional violation occurring thereafter. If the recipient of the notice referenced in subsection A B makes the election provided by that subsection, the administrative fee shall not exceed \$25.

Ð. *E.* If the election provided for in subsection A B is not made, the operator of the Dulles Access Highway may proceed to enforce the violation in court. If the matter proceeds to court, the registered owner or operator of a vehicle shall be liable for the civil penalty set out in the Authority regulation governing usage of the Dulles Access Highway, any applicable administrative fees calculated in accordance with subsection € D and applicable court costs if the vehicle is found, as evidenced by information obtained from a photo-monitoring system or automatic vehicle identification system as provided in this section, to have used the Dulles Access Highway in violation of the Authority regulation; provided, that the civil penalty may not exceed the amount of the penalty identified in subsection A B.

Ê. *F.* Any action under this section shall be brought in the ~~General District Court~~ *general district court* of the county or city in which the violation occurred *and shall be commenced within two years from the commission of the offense. Such action shall be considered a traffic infraction.*

Ë. *G.* Proof of a violation of the Authority regulation governing the use of the Dulles Access Highway shall be evidenced by information obtained from the photo-monitoring system or automatic vehicle identification system referenced in subsection A B. A certificate, sworn to or affirmed by a technician employed or authorized by the operator of the Dulles Access Highway, or a facsimile of such a certificate, that is based on inspection of photographs, microphotographs, videotapes, or other recorded images or electronic data produced by the photo-monitoring system shall be prima facie evidence of the facts contained therein. Any photographs, microphotographs, videotape, or other recorded images or electronic data evidencing such a violation shall be available for inspection in any proceeding to adjudicate the liability for such violation under this section.

Ï. *H.* A summons issued under this section, which describes a vehicle that, on the basis of a certificate referenced in subsection Ë G, is alleged to have been operated in violation of the Authority regulation governing usage of the Dulles Access Highway, shall be prima facie evidence that such vehicle was operated in violation of the Authority regulation.

I. On a form prescribed by the Supreme Court, a summons for a violation of the Authority regulation governing the use of the Dulles Access Highway may be executed as provided in § 19.2-76.2. The operator of the Dulles Access Highway or its personnel or agents mailing such summons shall be considered conservators of the peace for the sole and limited purpose of mailing such summons. As provided in § 19.2-76.2, the summons for a violation of the Authority regulation governing usage of the Dulles Access Highway may be executed by mailing by first-class mail a copy thereof to the address of the owner of the vehicle as shown on the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles or, if the registered owner or rental or leasing company has named and provided a valid address for the operator of the vehicle at the time of the violation as provided in this section, to the address of such named operator of the vehicle. If the summoned person fails to appear on the date of return set out in the summons mailed pursuant to this section, the summons shall be executed in the manner set out in § 19.2-76.3.

Ï. *J.* Upon a finding by a court that the vehicle described in the summons issued under this section was in violation of the Authority regulation, the court shall impose a civil penalty upon the registered owner or operator of such vehicle in accordance with the penalty amounts specified in subsection Ð E, together with any applicable court costs and applicable administrative fees calculated in accordance with subsection € D. Civil penalties and administrative fees assessed as a result of an action initiated under this section and collected by the court shall be remanded by the clerk of the court that adjudicated the action to the treasurer or director of finance of the county or city in which the violation occurred for payment to the operator of the Dulles Access Highway.

The registered owner of a vehicle shall be given reasonable notice of an enforcement action in court by way of a summons that informs the owner that his vehicle has been used in violation of the Authority regulation governing the use of the Dulles Access Highway and of the time and place of the

1167 court hearing, as well as of the civil penalty and court costs for the violation. Upon the filing of an
1168 affidavit with the court at least 14 days prior to the hearing date by the registered owner of the vehicle
1169 stating that he was not the ~~driver~~ operator of the vehicle on the date of the violation and providing the
1170 legal name and address of the operator of the vehicle at the time of the violation, a summons shall be
1171 issued to such alleged operator of the vehicle.

1172 In any action against such a vehicle operator, an affidavit made by the registered owner providing
1173 the name and address of the vehicle operator at the time of the violation shall constitute prima facie
1174 evidence that the person named in the affidavit was operating the vehicle at all the relevant times
1175 relating to the matter addressed in the affidavit.

1176 If the registered owner of the vehicle produces a certified copy of a police report showing that the
1177 vehicle had been reported to the police as stolen prior to the time of the alleged offense and remained
1178 stolen at the time of the alleged offense, then the court shall dismiss the summons issued to the
1179 registered owner of the vehicle.

1180 ~~I.~~ K. Upon a finding by a court that a person has three or more violations of the Authority regulation
1181 governing the use of the Dulles Access Highway and has failed to pay the required civil penalties,
1182 administrative fees and court costs into the court, the court shall notify the Commissioner of the
1183 Department of Motor Vehicles, who shall refuse to issue or renew any vehicle registration certificate to
1184 or for such person or the license plate for the vehicle owned by such person until the court has notified
1185 the Commissioner that such civil penalties, fees, and costs have been paid. The Commissioner shall
1186 collect a \$40 administrative fee from such person to defray the cost of responding to court notices given
1187 pursuant to this subsection.

1188 ~~J.~~ For purposes of this section, "operator of the Dulles Access Highway" means the Metropolitan
1189 Washington Airports Authority; "owner" means the registered owner of a vehicle on record with the
1190 Department of Motor Vehicles; "photo-monitoring system" means equipment that produces one or more
1191 photographs, microphotographs, videotapes, or other recorded images of vehicles at the time they are
1192 used or operated in violation of the Authority regulation governing the use of the Dulles Access
1193 Highway; "automatic vehicle identification system" means an electronic vehicle identification system that
1194 automatically produces an electronic record of each vehicle equipped with an automatic vehicle
1195 identification device that uses monitored portions of the Dulles Access Highway; and "automatic vehicle
1196 identification device" means an electronic device that communicates by wireless transmission with an
1197 automatic vehicle identification system.

1198 ~~K.~~ L. Any vehicle rental or vehicle leasing company, if named in a summons, shall be released as a
1199 party to the action if it provides the operator of the Dulles Access Highway with a copy of the vehicle
1200 rental agreement or lease, or an affidavit that identifies the renter or lessee, prior to the date of hearing
1201 set forth in the summons. Upon receipt of such rental agreement, lease, or affidavit, a summons shall be
1202 issued to such renter or lessee. Release of this information shall not be deemed a violation of any
1203 provision of the Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act (§ 2.2-3800 et seq.) or the
1204 Insurance Information and Privacy Protection Act (§ 38.2-600 et seq.). In any action against the renter or
1205 lessee, a copy of the vehicle rental agreement, lease, or affidavit identifying the renter or lessee of the
1206 vehicle at the time of the violation shall be prima facie evidence that the person named in the rental
1207 agreement, lease, or affidavit was operating the vehicle at all the relevant times relating to the matter
1208 named in the summons.

1209 ~~L.~~ M. Imposition of a civil penalty pursuant to this section shall not be deemed a conviction as an
1210 operator and shall not be made a part of the driving record of the person upon whom such civil penalty
1211 is imposed, nor shall it be used for insurance purposes in the provision of motor vehicle insurance
1212 coverage. The provisions of § 46.2-395 shall not be applicable to any civil penalty, administrative fee, or
1213 cost imposed or ordered paid under this section.

1214 M. On a form prescribed by the Supreme Court, a summons for a violation of the Authority
1215 regulation governing the use of the Dulles Access Highway may be executed pursuant to § 19.2-76.2.
1216 The operator of the Dulles Access Highway or its personnel or agents mailing such summons shall be
1217 considered conservators of the peace for the sole and limited purpose of mailing such summons.
1218 Pursuant to § 19.2-76.2, the summons for a violation of the Authority regulation governing usage of the
1219 Dulles Access Highway may be executed by mailing by first-class mail a copy thereof to the address of
1220 the owner of the vehicle as shown on the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles or, if the
1221 registered owner or rental or leasing company has named and provided a valid address for the operator
1222 of the vehicle at the time of the violation as provided in this section, to the address of such named
1223 operator of the vehicle. If the summoned person fails to appear on the date of return set out in the
1224 summons mailed pursuant to this section, the summons shall be executed in the manner set out in
1225 § 19.2-76.3.

1226 N. The operator of the Dulles Access Highway may enter into an agreement with the Department of
1227 Motor Vehicles, in accordance with the provisions of subdivision B 21 of § 46.2-208, to obtain vehicle
1228 owner information regarding the registered owners of vehicles that improperly use the Dulles Access

Highway. Information provided to the operator of the Dulles Access Highway shall only be used in the enforcement of the Authority regulation governing use of the Dulles Access Highway, and the operator shall be subject to the same conditions and penalties regarding release of the information as contained in subsection B C.

O. Should other vehicle recognition technology become available that is appropriate to be used for the purpose of monitoring improper usage of the Dulles Access Highway, the operator of the Dulles Access Highway shall be permitted to use any such technology that has been approved for use by the Virginia State Police, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or any of its localities.

P. All civil penalties paid to the operator of the Dulles Access Highway pursuant to this section shall be used by the operator of the Dulles Access Highway only for the operation and improvement of the Dulles Corridor, including the Dulles Toll Road.

§ 46.2-819.6. Invoice for unpaid toll.

A. The operator of a toll facility shall send an invoice for the unpaid toll pursuant to ~~§ 46.2-819.7 subsection C~~ to the registered owner of the vehicle. An invoice for the unpaid toll shall contain the following:

1. The name and address of the registered owner alleged to be liable under this section;
2. The registration number of the motor vehicle involved in such violation or information obtained from an automatic vehicle identification system if the vehicle is identified by an automatic vehicle identification system for the purpose of violation detection;
3. The location where such violation took place;
4. The date and time of such violation;
5. The amount of the toll not paid;
6. The amount of the administrative fee;
7. The date by which the toll and administrative fee must be paid;
8. The statutory defenses available under this chapter;
9. A warning describing the penalties for nonpayment of the invoice for the unpaid toll or failure to file a notice to contest liability for the toll violation; and
10. The procedures and time limits for filing a notice to contest liability for a toll violation as provided in subsection B C of § 46.2-819.3:1.

B. The toll facility operator shall include with the invoice a form to be used by the registered owner or operator of the vehicle to contest liability for a toll violation. This form shall include the mailing address to which it should be sent.

C. *Whenever an invoice for an unpaid toll is to be provided to any person by the toll facility operator, it may be executed by mailing by first-class mail a copy of the invoice to the address of the owner of the vehicle as shown on the records of the Department.*

§ 46.2-819.8. Agreements for enforcement of tolling violations against nonresidents.

A. *The Governor or his designee may enter into an agreement on behalf of the Commonwealth with another state that provides for reciprocal enforcement of HOT lanes violations or toll violations, in accordance with this article and Chapter 5 (§ 33.2-500 et seq.) of Title 33.2, between the Commonwealth and the other state.*

B. *Any agreement made under this section shall provide that drivers and vehicles licensed or registered in the Commonwealth, while operating on the highways and bridges of another state, shall receive benefits, privileges, and exemptions of a similar kind with regard to toll enforcement as are extended to the drivers and vehicles licensed or registered in the other state while they are operating on the highways and bridges of the Commonwealth.*

C. *Any agreement made under this section shall provide for enforcement of HOT lanes violations or toll violations by refusal or suspension of the registration of the owner's or operator's motor vehicle in accordance with the provisions of this article and Chapter 5 (§ 33.2-500 et seq.) of Title 33.2 for Virginia residents and enforcement of HOT lanes violations or toll violations in accordance with the laws of the state in which the vehicle is registered for nonresidents. Furthermore, such agreement shall provide that any notice required to be sent between the Commonwealth and the other state for enforcement under the provisions of the agreement shall be sent via electronic means.*

D. *Any agreement made under this section shall provide that any vehicle owner or operator identified as a violator pursuant to the terms of the agreement shall be afforded the opportunity to challenge or otherwise contest liability for the unpaid toll in accordance with the laws or regulations of the state in which the violation occurred.*

§ 46.2-819.9. Withholding of vehicle registration for enforcement of out-of-state toll violations.

A. *Upon receipt of notice from a state that has entered into an agreement with the Commonwealth pursuant to § 46.2-819.8 that a resident of Virginia owes unpaid tolls, administrative fees, or penalties to that state, the Commissioner shall refuse to issue or renew the vehicle registration certificate or the license plate issued for a vehicle or vehicles owned by such resident in accordance with this section*

1290 *until such state has notified the Commissioner that such tolls, fees, or penalties have been paid.*

1291 *If the resident is the owner and operator of the vehicle used in the commission of the offense, the*
1292 *Commissioner shall refuse to issue or renew the vehicle registration certificate or the license plate*
1293 *issued for that vehicle. If the resident was the operator of the vehicle, but not the owner, the*
1294 *Commissioner shall refuse to issue or renew any vehicle registration certificate or license plates for any*
1295 *vehicle owned by the resident.*

1296 *B. The Department shall send each resident identified pursuant to subsection A notice of the intent to*
1297 *deny renewal of registration at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of a current vehicle*
1298 *registration. Such notice shall include instructions for contacting the state to which the unpaid tolls,*
1299 *administrative fees, or penalties are owed by the resident and indicate that such contact information is*
1300 *provided for the purpose of payment of the amounts owed.*

1301 *C. Upon receipt of notice from the applicable state that the resident has satisfied all outstanding*
1302 *obligations to that state, the Commissioner shall release the hold on the vehicle registrations and permit*
1303 *the same to be issued or renewed.*

1304 *D. The Commissioner shall charge a \$40 fee to defray the cost of processing and withholding the*
1305 *registration or registration renewal under this section.*

1306 **2. That § 46.2-819.7 of the Code of Virginia is repealed.**