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SENATE BILL NO. 117

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Transportation

on January 27, 2016)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Petersen)

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

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

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

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

*No operator shall open the door of a parked motor vehicle on the side adjacent to moving vehicular traffic unless it is reasonably safe to do so.*

*A violation of this section shall constitute a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of not more than \$50. No demerit points shall be awarded by the Commissioner for a violation of this section.*

*The provisions of this section shall not apply to any law-enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel engaged in the performance of his duties.*

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