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## SENATE BILL NO. 163

Offered January 13, 2016

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-800.3, relating to local regulation driving in flooded areas; no wake.*

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Patron—Locke

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

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

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 46.2-800.3 as follows:

#### ***§ 46.2-800.3. Driving in flooded areas prohibited.***

*The governing body of any locality may by ordinance prohibit any person from operating a motor vehicle or watercraft on a flooded highway, street, alley, or parking lot, regardless of whether such highway, street, alley, or parking lot is publicly or privately owned in such a manner as to increase the level of floodwaters to a level that causes or could reasonably be expected to cause damage to any real or personal property.*

*Such ordinance shall not apply to any law-enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel engaged in the performance of his duties nor to the operator of any vehicle owned or controlled by the Department of Transportation.*

*A violation of such ordinance shall constitute a Class 4 misdemeanor.*

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