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## SENATE BILL NO. 295

## AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Transportation  
on February 10, 2016)

(Patrons Prior to Substitute—Senators Lucas, Locke [SB 334], Vogel [SB 405], and McPike [SB 516])

A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 33.2-309, 33.2-500, 33.2-503, 46.2-208, 46.2-819.1, 46.2-819.3, 46.2-819.3:1, and 46.2-819.6 of the Code of Virginia; to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 1 of Title 33.2 a section numbered 33.2-118, by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 33.2 a section numbered 33.2-255.1, and by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 46.2 a section numbered 46.2-819.8; and to repeal § 46.2-819.7 of the Code of Virginia and the eleventh enactment of Chapter 766 of the Acts of Assembly of 2013, relating to limitations on tolling; toll collection fees and penalties; period of nonpayment; notice of nonpayment.*

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

1. That §§ 33.2-309, 33.2-500, 33.2-503, 46.2-208, 46.2-819.1, 46.2-819.3, 46.2-819.3:1, 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 Chapter 1 of Title 33.2 a section numbered 33.2-118, by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 33.2 a section numbered 33.2-255.1, and by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 46.2 a section numbered 46.2-819.8 as follows:

**§ 33.2-118. Limitation on tolling.**

A. For purposes of this section, "auxiliary lane" means the portion of the roadway adjoining the traveled way for speed change, turning, weaving, truck climbing, or maneuvering of entering and leaving traffic.

B. Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, no toll may be imposed or collected on un-tolled lanes or components of a highway, bridge, or tunnel without approval from the General Assembly. However, such prohibition shall not apply to (i) reconstruction with additional lanes of a highway, provided that the number of un-tolled, non-high-occupancy vehicle lanes, excluding auxiliary lanes, after the reconstruction is not less than the number of un-tolled, non-high-occupancy vehicle lanes, excluding auxiliary lanes, prior to such reconstruction; (ii) new construction that is opened to the public as a tolled facility; (iii) new construction that is opened to the public as high-occupancy vehicle lanes or existing high-occupancy vehicle lanes; (iv) auxiliary lanes; or (v) an existing lane of traffic on a segment of highway between an interchange and an interchange or an interchange and a bridge where the highway has or will have toll lanes on the portions of the highway adjacent to such segment, provided that (a) the number of general purpose lanes after such conversion on the segment is equal to the number of general purpose lanes on the highway adjacent to such segment and (b) the length of such segment does not exceed 10 miles.

C. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection B, prior approval of the General Assembly shall be required prior to the imposition and collection of any toll for use of all or any portion of (i) a non-limited access highway except for a bridge, tunnel, or the approaches to a bridge or tunnel or (ii) Interstate 81.

**§ 33.2-255.1. Electronic notification of toll violations.**

For the purpose of electronic notification of unpaid tolls, the Department shall request email addresses and personal cell phone numbers from all holders of an account for an electronic toll collection device that is property of the Commonwealth.

The Department shall electronically notify within 108 hours of an unpaid toll a holder of an account for an electronic toll collection device that is property of the Commonwealth of each unpaid toll associated with the account and each unpaid toll for a vehicle whose license plate is associated with an account. The Department shall provide a second electronic notification on the eighth day after the unpaid toll. Such notification requirements shall only apply to accounts where the account holder has provided the Department with an email address or cell phone number. Such notification shall be for informational purposes only and the notice, or lack thereof, shall not alter or amend the requirement that an owner or operator pay all required tolls, fines, penalties, and fees.

All toll operators in the Commonwealth shall notify the Department of an unpaid toll on a facility it operates related to an account for an electronic toll collection device that is the property of the Commonwealth within 96 hours of such violation.

**§ 33.2-309. Tolls for use of Interstate System components.**

A. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this title Subject to the limitations provided in § 33.2-118 and in accordance with all applicable federal and state statutes and requirements, the Board may impose and collect tolls from all classes of vehicles in amounts established by the Board for the use of any component of the Interstate System within the Commonwealth. ~~However, prior approval of~~

60 the General Assembly shall be required prior to the imposition and collection of any toll for use of all  
61 or any portion of Interstate 81. Prior approval of the General Assembly shall also be required prior to  
62 the imposition or collection of any toll for use of Interstate 95 south of Fredericksburg pursuant to the  
63 Interstate System Reconstruction or Rehabilitation Pilot Program. Such funds so collected shall be  
64 deposited into the Transportation Trust Fund established pursuant to § 33.2-1524, subject to allocation  
65 by the Board as provided in this section.

66 B. The toll facilities authorized by this section shall be subject to the provisions of federal law for  
67 the purpose of tolling motor vehicles to finance interstate construction and reconstruction, promote  
68 efficiency in the use of highways, reduce traffic congestion, and improve air quality and for such other  
69 purposes as may be permitted by federal law.

70 C. In order to mitigate traffic congestion in the vicinity of the toll facilities, no toll facility shall be  
71 operated without high-speed automated toll collection technology designed to allow motorists to travel  
72 through the toll facilities without stopping to make payments. Nothing in this subsection shall be  
73 construed to prohibit a toll facility from retaining means of nonautomated toll collection in some lanes  
74 of the facility. The Board shall also consider traffic congestion and mitigation thereof and the impact on  
75 local traffic movement as factors in determining the location of the toll facilities authorized pursuant to  
76 this section.

77 D. The revenues collected from each toll facility established pursuant to this section shall be  
78 deposited into segregated subaccounts in the Transportation Trust Fund and may be allocated by the  
79 Board as the Board deems appropriate to:

80 1. Pay or finance all or part of the costs of programs or projects, including the costs of planning,  
81 operation, maintenance, and improvements incurred in connection with the toll facility, provided that  
82 such allocations shall be limited to programs and projects that are reasonably related to or benefit the  
83 users of the toll facility. The priorities of metropolitan planning organizations, planning district  
84 commissions, local governments, and transportation corridors shall be considered by the Board in  
85 making project allocations from such revenues deposited into the Transportation Trust Fund.

86 2. Repay funds from the Toll Facilities Revolving Account or the Transportation Partnership  
87 Opportunity Fund.

88 3. Pay the Board's reasonable costs and expenses incurred in the administration and management of  
89 the toll facility.

90 **§ 33.2-500. Definitions.**

91 As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

92 "High-occupancy requirement" means the number of persons required to be traveling in a vehicle for  
93 the vehicle to use HOT lanes without the payment of a toll. Emergency vehicles, law-enforcement  
94 vehicles being used in HOT lanes in the performance of law-enforcement duties, which shall not include  
95 the use of such vehicles for commuting to and from the workplace or for any purpose other than  
96 responding to an emergency incident, patrolling HOT lanes pursuant to an agreement by a state agency  
97 with the HOT lanes operator, or the time-sensitive investigation, active surveillance, or actual pursuit of  
98 persons known or suspected to be engaged in or with knowledge of criminal activity, and mass transit  
99 vehicles and commuter buses shall meet the high-occupancy requirement for HOT lanes, regardless of  
100 the number of occupants in the vehicle.

101 "High-occupancy toll lanes" or "HOT lanes" means a *highway or* portion of a highway containing  
102 one or more travel lanes separated from other lanes that has an electronic toll collection system,  
103 provides for free passage by vehicles that meet the high-occupancy requirement, *including mass transit*  
104 *vehicles and commuter buses*, and contains a photo-enforcement system for use in such electronic toll  
105 collection. HOT lanes shall not be a "toll facility" or "HOV lanes" for the purposes of any other  
106 provision of law or regulation.

107 "High-occupancy vehicle lanes" or "HOV lanes" means a *highway or* portion of a highway  
108 containing one or more travel lanes for the travel of high-occupancy vehicles or buses as designated  
109 pursuant to § 33.2-501.

110 "HOT lanes operator" means the operator of the facility containing HOT lanes, which may include  
111 the Department of Transportation or some other entity.

112 "Mass transit vehicles" and "commuter buses" means vehicles providing a scheduled transportation  
113 service to the general public. Such vehicles shall comprise nonprofit, publicly or privately owned or  
114 operated transportation services, programs, or systems that may be funded pursuant to § 58.1-638.

115 "Owner" means the registered owner of a vehicle on record with the Department of Motor Vehicles  
116 or with the equivalent agency in another state. "Owner" does not mean a vehicle rental or vehicle  
117 leasing company.

118 "Photo-enforcement system" means a sensor installed in conjunction with a toll collection device to  
119 detect the presence of a vehicle that automatically produces one or more photographs, one or more  
120 microphotographs, a videotape, or other recorded images of each vehicle's license plate at the time it is  
121 detected by the toll collection device.

"Unauthorized vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is restricted from use of the HOT lanes pursuant to subdivision 4 a of § 33.2-503 *or does not meet the high-occupancy requirement and indicates with its electronic toll collection device that it meets the applicable high-occupancy requirements.*

**§ 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 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 civil 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 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 civil 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 to prepay the unpaid toll and all penalties, administrative fees, and costs. 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. 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 this subdivision, 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.

d. The registered owner of such vehicle shall be given reasonable notice by way of a summons as provided in this subdivision 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 and notice of the civil penalty and costs for such offense.

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

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

3. a. The HOT lanes 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. The operator of the vehicle shall pay the unpaid tolls and any administrative fee detailed in a notice or invoice issued by a HOT lanes operator. If paid within ~~30~~ 60 days of notification, the administrative fee

183 shall not exceed \$25.

184 b. Upon a finding by a court of competent jurisdiction that the driver of the vehicle observed by a  
185 law-enforcement officer under subdivision 1 or the vehicle described in the summons for civil violation  
186 issued pursuant to evidence obtained by a photo-enforcement system under subdivision 2 was in  
187 violation of this section, the court shall impose a civil penalty upon the driver of such vehicle issued a  
188 summons under subdivision 1, or upon the driver or registered owner of such vehicle issued a summons  
189 under subdivision 2, payable to the HOT lanes operator as follows: for a first offense, \$50; for a second  
190 offense, ~~\$250~~ \$100; for a third offense within a period of two years of the second offense, ~~\$500~~ \$250;  
191 and for a fourth and subsequent offense within a period of three years of the second offense, ~~\$1,000~~  
192 \$500, together with, in each case, the unpaid toll, all accrued administrative fees imposed by the HOT  
193 lanes operator as authorized by this section, and applicable court costs. The court shall remand penalties,  
194 the unpaid toll, and administrative fees assessed for violation of this section to the treasurer or director  
195 of finance of the county or city in which the violation occurred for payment to the HOT lanes operator  
196 for expenses associated with operation of the HOT lanes and payments against any bonds or other liens  
197 issued as a result of the construction of the HOT lanes. No person shall be subject to prosecution under  
198 both subdivisions 1 and 2 for actions arising out of the same transaction or occurrence.

199 c. *Notwithstanding subdivisions a and b, for a first conviction of a driver or registered owner of a*  
200 *vehicle under this section the total amount for the first conviction shall not exceed \$2,200, including*  
201 *civil penalties and administrative fees regardless of the total number of offenses the driver or registered*  
202 *owner of a vehicle is convicted of on that date.*

203 d. Upon a finding by a court that a person has violated this section, in the event such person fails to  
204 pay the required penalties, fees, and costs, the court shall notify the Commissioner of the Department of  
205 Motor Vehicles, who shall suspend all of the registration certificates and license plates issued for any  
206 motor vehicles registered solely in the name of such person and shall not issue any registration  
207 certificate or license plate for any other vehicle that such person seeks to register solely in his name  
208 until the court has notified the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles that such penalties,  
209 fees, and costs have been paid. The HOT lanes operator and the Commissioner of the Department of  
210 Motor Vehicles may enter into an agreement whereby the HOT lanes operator may reimburse the  
211 Department of Motor Vehicles for its reasonable costs to develop, implement, and maintain this  
212 enforcement mechanism, and that specifies that the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles  
213 shall have an obligation to suspend such registration certificates so long as the HOT lanes operator  
214 makes the required reimbursements in a timely manner in accordance with the agreement.

215 ~~d. e.~~ Except as provided in subdivisions 4 and 5, imposition of a civil penalty pursuant to this  
216 section shall not be deemed a conviction as an operator of a motor vehicle under Title 46.2 and shall  
217 not be made part of the driving record of the person upon whom such civil penalty is imposed, nor shall  
218 it be used for insurance purposes in the provision of motor vehicle insurance coverage.

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

223 b. Any person driving an unauthorized vehicle on the designated HOT lanes is guilty of a traffic  
224 infraction, which shall not be a moving violation, and shall be punishable as follows: for a first offense,  
225 by a fine of \$125; for a second offense within a period of five years from a first offense, by a fine of  
226 \$250; for a third offense within a period of five years from a first offense, by a fine of \$500; and for a  
227 fourth and subsequent offense within a period of five years from a first offense, by a fine of \$1,000. *No*  
228 *person shall be subject to prosecution under both this subdivision and subdivision 1 or 2 for actions*  
229 *arising out of the same transaction or occurrence.*

230 Upon a conviction under this subdivision, the court shall furnish to the Commissioner of the  
231 Department of Motor Vehicles, in accordance with § 46.2-383, an abstract of the record of such  
232 conviction, which shall become a part of the person's driving record. Notwithstanding the provisions of  
233 § 46.2-492, no driver demerit points shall be assessed for any violation of this subdivision, except that  
234 persons convicted of a second, third, fourth, or subsequent violation within five years of a first offense  
235 shall be assessed three demerit points for each such violation.

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

242 Upon a conviction under this subdivision, the court shall furnish to the Commissioner of the  
243 Department of Motor Vehicles in accordance with § 46.2-383 an abstract of the record of such  
244 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.

**§ 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 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 a Virginia affiliate of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America.

14. On the written request of any person who has applied to be a volunteer with a court-appointed special advocate program pursuant to § 9.1-153, the Commissioner shall provide 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 free of charge if the request is accompanied by appropriate written evidence that the person has applied to be a volunteer with a court-appointed special advocate program pursuant to § 9.1-153.

15. Upon the request of any employer, prospective employer, or authorized representative of either, 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 driver information in the form of an abstract of the driving record of any individual who has been issued a commercial driver's license, provided that the individual's position or the position that the individual is being considered for involves the operation of a commercial motor vehicle. Such abstract shall show all convictions, accidents, license suspensions, revocations, or disqualifications, and any type of driver's license that the individual currently possesses.

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

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

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

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

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

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

22. On the written request of any person who has applied to be a volunteer with a Virginia affiliate of Compeer, the Commissioner shall (i) compare personal information supplied by a Virginia affiliate of Compeer with that contained in the Department's records and, when the information supplied by a Virginia affiliate of Compeer is different from that contained in the Department's records, provide the Virginia affiliate of Compeer 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 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~~ U.S. 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 driver information is requested and disseminated.

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

I. The Department shall maintain the records of persons convicted of violations of § 18.2-36.2, 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



every general district court or circuit court or the clerk thereof, pursuant to § 46.2-383. Such records shall be electronically available to any law-enforcement officer as provided for under clause (ii) of subdivision B 9.

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

**§ 46.2-819.1. Installation and use of photo-monitoring system or automatic vehicle identification system in conjunction with electronic or manual 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.

"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 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.

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

~~B.~~ C. Information collected by a photo-monitoring system or automatic vehicle identification system installed and operated pursuant to subsection A B 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-monitoring system or automatic vehicle identification system shall be used exclusively for the collection of unpaid tolls and shall not (i) 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~~ 60 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

552 payment of the required toll.

553 *E. Notwithstanding subsections C and D, for a first conviction of a driver or registered owner of a*  
554 *vehicle under this section the total amount for the first conviction shall not exceed \$2,200, including*  
555 *civil penalties and administrative fees regardless of the total number of offenses the driver or registered*  
556 *owner of a vehicle is convicted of on that date.*

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

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

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

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

588 The registered owner of such vehicle shall be given reasonable notice by way of a summons as  
589 provided in subsection ~~K~~ *L* that his vehicle had been used in violation of this section and such owner  
590 shall be given notice of the time and place of the hearing as well as the civil penalty and costs for such  
591 offense. The toll facility operator may offer to the owner an option to pay the unpaid toll and fees plus  
592 a reduced civil penalty of \$25 for a first or second offense or \$50 for a third, fourth, or subsequent  
593 offense, as specified on the summons, provided the owner actually pays to the toll facility operator the  
594 entire amount so calculated at least 14 days prior to the hearing date specified on the summons. If the  
595 owner accepts such offer and such amount is actually received by the toll facility operator at least 14  
596 days prior to the hearing date specified on the summons, the toll facility operator shall move the court  
597 at least five business days prior to the date set for trial to dismiss the summons issued to the registered  
598 owner of the vehicle, and the court shall dismiss upon such motion.

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

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

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

G. I. Upon a finding by a court that a person has two 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 the vehicle driven in the commission of the offense until the court has notified the Commissioner that such penalties, fees, and unpaid tolls have been paid. If it is proven that the vehicle owner was not the operator at the time of the offense and upon a finding by a court that the person identified in an affidavit pursuant to subsection F H as the operator violated this section and such person fails to pay the required penalties, fees, and unpaid tolls, the court shall notify the Commissioner, 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 such person until the court has notified the Commissioner that such penalties, fees, and unpaid tolls have been paid. 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. J. 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. 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.

K. L. On a form prescribed by the Supreme Court, a summons for a violation of this section may be executed pursuant to as provided in § 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 H, 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. 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:*

*"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 of Motor Vehicles. For purposes of this section, "owner" does not mean a vehicle rental or vehicle leasing company.*

*B.* 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 shall not be levied on a first unpaid toll unless the written promise to pay executed pursuant to subsection ~~C~~ E remains unpaid after 30 days. The person who executed the written promise to pay pursuant to subsection ~~C~~ E shall pay the unpaid toll and any administrative fee detailed in an invoice or bill issued by a toll facility operator. If paid within ~~30~~ 60 days of notification, the administrative fee shall not exceed \$25.

*B. C.* If the matter proceeds to court, the owner or operator of the 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 operator is found, as evidenced by information obtained from the toll facility operator, to have used such a toll facility without payment of the required toll.

*D. Notwithstanding subsections B and C, for a first conviction of a driver or registered owner of a vehicle under this section the total amount for the first conviction shall not exceed \$2,200, including civil penalties and administrative fees regardless of the total number of offenses the driver or registered owner of a vehicle is convicted of on that date.*

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

~~D. F.~~ The operator of a toll facility may send an invoice or bill to the driver of a motor vehicle using a toll facility without payment of the specified toll as part of an electronic or manual toll collection process prior to seeking remedies under this section. 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. Such an 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.~~ Upon a finding by a court of competent jurisdiction that the driver of a motor vehicle identified in the summons issued pursuant to subsection ~~I~~ K was in violation of this section, the court shall impose a civil penalty upon the driver of a motor vehicle in accordance with the amounts specified in subsection ~~B~~ C, 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 which 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 which 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.

~~F. H.~~ 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.

G. I. 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. The Commissioner shall collect a \$40 administrative fee from the 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. J. 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. K. A summons for a violation of this section may be executed pursuant to as provided in § 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 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.

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.

"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, 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.

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

C. Information collected by a video-monitoring system in conjunction with an automatic vehicle identification system installed and operated pursuant to subsection A B shall be limited exclusively to that information that is necessary for the collection of unpaid tolls and establishing when violations occur, including use in any proceeding to determine whether a violation occurred. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all images or other data collected by a video-monitoring system in conjunction with an automatic vehicle identification system shall be protected in a database with security comparable to that of the Department of Motor Vehicles' system and used exclusively for the collection of unpaid tolls and for efforts to pursue violators of this section and shall not (i) be open to the public; (ii) be sold and/or used for sales, solicitation, or marketing purposes other than those of the toll facility operator to

798 facilitate toll payment; (iii) be disclosed to any other entity except as may be necessary for the  
799 collection of unpaid tolls or to a vehicle owner or operator as part of a challenge to the imposition of a  
800 toll; and/or (iv) be used in a court in a pending action or proceeding unless the action or proceeding  
801 relates to a violation of this section or upon order from a court of competent jurisdiction. Except as  
802 provided above, information collected under this section shall be purged and not retained later than 30  
803 days after the collection and reconciliation of any unpaid tolls, administrative fees, and/or civil penalties.  
804 Any entity operating a video-monitoring system in conjunction with an automatic vehicle identification  
805 system shall annually certify compliance with this section and make all records pertaining to such  
806 system available for inspection and audit by the Commissioner of Highways or the Commissioner of the  
807 Department of Motor Vehicles or their designee. Any violation of this subsection shall constitute a Class  
808 1 misdemeanor. In addition to any fines or other penalties provided for by law, any money or other  
809 thing of value obtained as a result of a violation of this section shall be forfeited to the Commonwealth.

810 If a vehicle uses a toll facility without paying the toll, the owner or operator shall be in violation of  
811 this section if he refuses to pay the toll within 30 days of notification. The toll facility operator may  
812 impose and collect an administrative fee in addition to the unpaid toll so as to recover the expenses of  
813 collecting the unpaid toll, which administrative fee shall be reasonably related to the actual cost of  
814 collecting the unpaid toll and not exceed \$100 per violation. Such fee shall not be levied upon the  
815 owner or operator of the vehicle unless the toll has not been paid by the owner or operator within 30  
816 days after receipt of the invoice for the unpaid toll, which nonpayment for 30 days shall constitute the  
817 violation of this section. Once such a violation has occurred, the owner or operator of the vehicle shall  
818 pay the unpaid tolls and any administrative fee detailed in the invoice for the unpaid toll issued by a toll  
819 facility operator. If paid within ~~30~~ 60 days of the toll violation, the administrative fee shall not exceed  
820 \$25.

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

829 A person receiving an invoice for an unpaid toll under this section may (a) pay the toll and  
830 administrative fees directly to the toll facility operator or (b) file with the toll facility operator a notice,  
831 on a form provided by the toll facility operator as required under subsection B of § 46.2-819.6, to  
832 contest liability for a toll violation. The notice to contest liability for a toll violation may be filed by  
833 any person receiving an invoice for an unpaid toll by mailing or delivering the notice to the toll facility  
834 operator within 60 days of receiving such invoice for unpaid toll. Upon receipt of such notice, the toll  
835 facility operator may issue a summons pursuant to subsection ~~K~~ L and may not seek withholding of  
836 registration or renewal thereof under subsection ~~G~~ I until a court of competent jurisdiction has found the  
837 alleged violator liable for tolls under this section.

838 *C. D.* If the matter proceeds to court, the registered owner or operator of a vehicle shall be liable for  
839 a civil penalty as follows: for a first offense, \$50; for a second offense within one year from the first  
840 offense, \$100; for a third offense within two years from the second offense, \$250; and for a fourth and  
841 any subsequent offense within three years from the second offense, \$500; plus, in each case, the unpaid  
842 toll, all accrued administrative fees imposed by the toll facility operator, and applicable court costs if the  
843 vehicle is found, as evidenced by information obtained from a video-monitoring system in conjunction  
844 with an automatic vehicle identification system as provided in this section, to have used such a toll  
845 facility without payment of the required toll within 30 days of receipt of the invoice for the toll.

846 *E. Notwithstanding subsections C and D, for a first conviction of a driver or registered owner of a*  
847 *vehicle under this section the total amount for the first conviction shall not exceed \$2,200, including*  
848 *civil penalties and administrative fees regardless of the total number of offenses the driver or registered*  
849 *owner of a vehicle is convicted of on that date.*

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

855 *E. G.* Proof of a violation of this section shall be evidenced by information obtained from a  
856 video-monitoring system or automatic vehicle identification system as provided in this section. A  
857 certificate, sworn to or affirmed by a technician employed or authorized by the operator of a toll facility  
858 or by the locality wherein the toll facility is located, or a facsimile of such a certificate, based on  
859 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.

*F. H.* It shall be prima facie evidence that the vehicle described in the summons issued pursuant to subsection *K L* 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 L* 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 L* 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 name and address of the vehicle operator at the time of the violation shall constitute prima facie evidence that the person named in the affidavit was operating the vehicle at all the relevant times relating to the matter named in the affidavit.

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

*G. I. 1.* Upon a finding by a court that a person has two or more unpaid tolls and such person fails to pay the required penalties, fees, and unpaid tolls, then the court or toll facility operator 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 the vehicle driven in the commission of the offense until the court has notified the Commissioner that such penalties, fees, and unpaid tolls have been paid. If it is proven that the vehicle owner was not the operator at the time of the offense and upon a finding by a court that the person identified in an affidavit pursuant to subsection *F H* as the operator violated this section and such person fails to pay the required penalties, fees, and unpaid tolls, the court shall notify the Commissioner, 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 such person until the court has notified the Commissioner that such penalties, fees, and unpaid tolls have been paid. 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.

2. If an owner of a vehicle has received at least one invoice for two or more unpaid tolls in accordance with § 46.2-819.6 by certified mail and has (i) failed to pay the unpaid tolls and administrative fees and (ii) failed to file a notice to contest liability for a toll violation, then the toll facility operator may notify the Commissioner, who shall, if no form contesting liability has been timely filed with the toll facility operator pursuant to this section, refuse to issue or renew the vehicle

921 registration certificate of any applicant therefor or the license plate issued for any vehicle driven in the  
922 commission of the offense until the toll facility operator has notified the Commissioner that such fees  
923 and unpaid tolls have been paid.

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

933 The Commissioner may only refuse to issue or renew any vehicle registration pursuant to this  
934 subsection upon the request of a toll facility operator if such toll facility operator has entered into an  
935 agreement with the Commissioner whereby the Commissioner will refuse to issue or renew any vehicle  
936 registration of any applicant therefor who owes unpaid tolls and administrative fees to the toll facility  
937 operator. The toll facility operator seeking to collect unpaid tolls and administrative fees through the  
938 withholding of registration or renewal thereof by the Commissioner as provided for in this subsection  
939 shall notify the Commissioner in the manner provided for in his agreement with the Commissioner and  
940 supply to the Commissioner information necessary to identify the violator whose registration or renewal  
941 is to be denied. The Commissioner shall charge a \$40 fee to defray the cost of processing and  
942 withholding the registration or registration renewal, and the toll facility operator may add this fee to the  
943 amount of the unpaid tolls and administrative fees. Any agreement entered into pursuant to the  
944 provisions of this subsection shall provide for the Department to send the violator notice of the intent to  
945 deny renewal of registration at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of a current vehicle registration  
946 and such notice shall include a form, as required under subsection B of § 46.2-819.6, to contest liability  
947 of the underlying toll violation. The notice provided by the Commissioner shall include instructions for  
948 filing the form to contest liability with the toll facility operator within 21 days after the date of mailing  
949 of the Commissioner's notice. Upon timely receipt of the form, the toll facility operator shall notify the  
950 Commissioner, who shall refrain from withholding the registration or renewal thereof, after which the  
951 toll facility operator may proceed to issue a summons for unpaid toll. For the purposes of this  
952 subsection, notice by first-class mail to the registrant's address as maintained in the records of the  
953 Department shall be deemed sufficient.

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

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

980 J. K. Imposition of a civil penalty pursuant to this section shall not be deemed a conviction as an  
981 operator and shall not be made part of the driving record of the person upon whom such civil penalty is  
982 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. L.~~ On a form prescribed by the Supreme Court, a summons for a violation of this section may be executed ~~pursuant to~~ *as provided in* § 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 H~~, 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. 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.

**§ 46.2-819.6. 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. Toll grace period.**

*No registered owner or operator of a vehicle that has an electronic toll collection device that is property of the Commonwealth whose vehicle is associated with such device has been used in violation of § 33.2-503, 46.2-819.1, 46.2-819.3, or 46.2-819.3:1 shall owe any penalties, fees, or costs in addition to the unpaid toll unless the toll operator or HOT lanes operator has attempted to process the collection of the toll through the Commonwealth's electronic toll account system at least twice. A toll operator shall make an attempt to process and collect an unpaid toll on the sixth day after the unpaid toll and shall make an additional attempt on the tenth day after the unpaid toll if earlier attempts to process and*

1044 *collect the unpaid toll were unsuccessful.*

1045 **2. That the provisions of § 33.2-255.1 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act, shall become**  
1046 **effective on January 1, 2017.**

1047 **3. That § 46.2-819.7 of the Code of Virginia is repealed.**

1048 **4. That the eleventh enactment of Chapter 766 of the Acts of Assembly of 2013 is repealed.**

1049 **5. That the provisions of this act shall apply to violations that occur on or after July 1, 2016.**