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HOUSE BILL NO. 1633

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-816.1, relating to careless driving and infliction of injury on vulnerable road users.

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Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 46.2-816.1 as follows:

§ 46.2-816.1. Careless driving and infliction of injury on vulnerable road users; penalty.

A. As used in this section, "vulnerable road user" means a pedestrian or a person riding a bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, wheelchair, skateboard, roller or in-line skates, foot-scooter, animal, or animal-drawn vehicle.

B. A person is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor who operates a motor vehicle in a careless or distracted manner and is the proximate cause of serious physical injury to a vulnerable road user.

C. Upon conviction, the court shall suspend the driver's license of such person for a period of not less than one year or more than three years and shall order the surrender of the license to be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of § 46.2-398.

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