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SENATE BILL NO. 1568

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Transportation
on February 1, 2017)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Reeves)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-1021 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-2059.2, relating to digital advertisements on buses and taxicabs.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 46.2-1021 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 46.2-2059.2 as follows:

§ 46.2-1021. Additional lights permitted on certain commercial vehicles.

In addition to other lights permitted in this article, buses operated as public carriers, taxicabs as defined in § 46.2-2000, and commercial motor vehicles as defined in § 52-8.4 may be equipped with (i) illuminated vacant or destination signs and (ii) single steady-burning white lights, emitting a diffused light of such intensity as not to project a glaring or dazzling light, for the nighttime illumination of exterior advertising.

In addition to other lights authorized by this article, buses operated as public carriers may be equipped with flashing white warning lights of types authorized by the Superintendent of State Police. These warning lights shall be installed in a manner authorized by the Superintendent and shall be lighted while the bus is transporting passengers during periods of reduced visibility caused by atmospheric conditions other than darkness. These warning lights may also be lighted at other times while the bus is transporting passengers.

In addition to lights authorized by this article, digital advertisements may be displayed on buses operated as public carriers. The illumination level of such advertisements shall not exceed 85 percent from sunrise to sunset and shall not exceed 35 percent from sunset to sunrise.

§ 46.2-2059.2. Digital advertisements.

In addition to any roof sign required, digital advertisements may be displayed on the roof of any taxicab. The illumination level of such advertisements shall not exceed 85 percent from sunrise to sunset and shall not exceed 35 percent from sunset to sunrise.