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SENATE BILL NO. 863

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-1054 of the Code of Virginia, relating to operating a motor vehicle; obstructed view; secondary offense.*

Patron—Surovell_____
Referred to Committee on Transportation**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 46.2-1054 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 46.2-1054. Suspension of objects or alteration of vehicle so as to obstruct driver's view.**

It ~~shall be~~ *is* unlawful for any person to drive a motor vehicle on a highway in the Commonwealth with any object or objects, other than a rear view mirror, sun visor, or other equipment of the motor vehicle approved by the Superintendent, suspended from any part of the motor vehicle in such a manner as to obstruct the driver's clear view of the highway through the windshield, the front side windows, or the rear window, or to alter a passenger-carrying vehicle in such a manner as to obstruct the driver's view through the windshield. However, this section shall not apply (i) when the driver's clear view of the highway through the rear window is obstructed if such motor vehicle is equipped with a mirror on each side, so located as to reflect to the driver a view of the highway for at least 200 feet to the rear of such vehicle; (ii) to safety devices installed on the windshields of vehicles owned by private waste haulers or local governments and used to transport solid waste; or (iii) to bicycle racks installed on the front of any bus operated by any city, county, transit authority, or transit or transportation district.

No citation for a violation of this section shall be issued unless the officer issuing such citation has cause to stop or arrest the driver of such motor vehicle for the violation of some other provision of this Code or local ordinance relating to the operation, ownership, or maintenance of a motor vehicle or any criminal statute.

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