18103164D **HOUSE BILL NO. 426** 1 2 3 4 5 Offered January 10, 2018 Prefiled January 6, 2018 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; penalty. 6 Patron—Levine 7 8 Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice 9 10 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: 11 § 46.2-816.1. Careless driving and infliction of injury on vulnerable road users; penalty. 12 A. As used in this section, "vulnerable road user" means a pedestrian or a person operating a 13 bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, wheel chair or wheel 14 **15** chair conveyance, 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 16 17 distracted manner and causes of serious bodily injury to a vulnerable road user who is lawfully present

on the highway at the time of injury.

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