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**HOUSE BILL NO. 426**

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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; penalty.*

Patron—Levine

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 operating a bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, wheel chair or wheel 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 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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