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SENATE BILL NO. 919

Offered January 19, 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.*

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

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 2 misdemeanor who operates a motor vehicle in a careless or distracted manner and causes serious bodily injury to a vulnerable road user who is lawfully present on the highway at the time of injury.

C. The court may suspend the driver's license of a person convicted of a violation of subsection B for a period of not more than six months. If the court suspends a person's driver's license for a violation of subsection B, the court shall order the surrender of the license, to be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of § 46.2-398.

D. A violation of this section shall constitute a separate and distinct offense. The provisions of this section shall not preclude prosecution under any other statute.

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