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HOUSE BILL NO. 2254

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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 46.2-1021 and 46.2-1088.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to ice cream trucks; lights.

Patron—Pogge (By Request)

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 46.2-1021 and 46.2-1088.2 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

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

A. 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.

B. 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.

C. In addition to other lights authorized by this article, any self-propelled vehicle used to sell ice cream, snacks, and similar products at retail directly from the vehicle in residential neighborhoods may be equipped with amber warning lights, provided that such lights remain unlit unless the vehicle is (i) stationary or (ii) being operated on a highway with a speed limit that does not exceed 25 miles per hour. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to vehicles commonly known as "concession trailers" or "special events trailers" or similar equipment used to sell or dispense food, soft drinks, bottled water, fruit drinks, wine, or malt beverages directly to consumers.

§ 46.2-1088.2. Warning devices required on certain vehicles.

Any self-propelled vehicle used to sell ice cream, snacks and similar products at retail directly from the vehicle in residential neighborhoods shall be equipped with a device or devices, of a type approved by the Superintendent of State Police, in good working order, that, whenever the vehicle is operated in reverse gear, automatically display a light signal and emit an audible alarm signal. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to authorize such vehicles to be equipped with red, blue, or amber warning lights *except as provided in § 46.2-1021 and unless otherwise authorized under Article 3 (§ 46.2-1010 et seq.) of this chapter.*

The provisions of this section shall not apply to vehicles commonly known as "concession trailers," or "special events trailers" ~~and~~ or similar equipment used to sell or dispense food, soft drinks, bottled water, fruit drinks, wine, or malt beverages directly to consumers.

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