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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-838.1, relating to lane filtering; motorcycles.*

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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 46.2-838.1 as follows:

§ 46.2-838.1. Lane filtering; motorcycles.

A. For the purposes of this section, the term "lane filtering" means the act of overtaking and passing another vehicle that is stopped or traveling at a speed not in excess of 10 miles per hour in the same direction of travel and in the same lane.

B. An operator of a two-wheeled motorcycle may engage in lane filtering when:

1. The operator is on a divided highway with at least two lanes of travel in each direction;

2. The overtaking motorcycle is not operated at a speed in excess of 20 miles per hour when overtaking the stopped or slow moving vehicle; and

3. Such lane filtering may be made safely.

C. Nothing in this section shall (i) prohibit passing otherwise authorized pursuant to this chapter or (ii) authorize the passing of a stopped school bus as prohibited in §§ 46.2-844 and 46.2-859.

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