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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 1644**
2 Offered January 16, 2020
3 *A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-924 of the Code of Virginia, relating to vehicles stopped at*
4 *crosswalks; prohibition on passing.*
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7 Referred to Committee on Transportation
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9 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**
10 **1. That § 46.2-924 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**
11 **§ 46.2-924. Drivers to stop for pedestrians; installation of certain signs; penalty.**
12 A. The driver of any vehicle on a highway shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian crossing
13 such highway:
14 1. At any clearly marked crosswalk, whether at mid-block or at the end of any block;
15 2. At any regular pedestrian crossing included in the prolongation of the lateral boundary lines of the
16 adjacent sidewalk at the end of a block;
17 3. At any intersection when the driver is approaching on a highway or street where the legal
18 maximum speed does not exceed 35 miles per hour.
19 B. *When a vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk to permit a pedestrian to cross the highway, the*
20 *driver of any other vehicle approaching the marked crosswalk from an adjacent lane or from behind the*
21 *stopped vehicle shall not overtake and pass such stopped vehicle.*
22 *C.* Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A, at intersections or crosswalks where the
23 movement of traffic is being regulated by law-enforcement officers or traffic control devices, the driver
24 shall yield according to the direction of the law-enforcement officer or device.
25 *D.* No pedestrian shall enter or cross an intersection in disregard of approaching traffic.
26 *E.* The drivers of vehicles entering, crossing, or turning at intersections shall change their course,
27 slow down, or stop if necessary to permit pedestrians to cross such intersections safely and
28 expeditiously.
29 *F.* Pedestrians crossing highways at intersections shall at all times have the right-of-way over
30 vehicles making turns into the highways being crossed by the pedestrians.
31 C. *G.* The governing body of Arlington County, Fairfax County, Loudoun County and any town
32 therein, the City of Alexandria, the City of Fairfax, and the City of Falls Church may by ordinance
33 provide for the installation and maintenance of highway signs at marked crosswalks specifically
34 requiring operators of motor vehicles, at the locations where such signs are installed, to yield the
35 right-of-way to pedestrians crossing or attempting to cross the highway. Any operator of a motor vehicle
36 who fails at such locations to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians as required by such signs shall be
37 guilty of a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of no less than $100 or more than $500. The
38 Department of Transportation shall develop criteria for the design, location, and installation of such
39 signs. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any limited access highway.
40 D. *H.* Where a shared-use path crosses a highway at a clearly marked crosswalk and there are no
41 traffic control signals at such crossing, the local governing body may by ordinance require pedestrians,
42 cyclists, and any other users of such shared-used path to come to a complete stop prior to entering such
43 crosswalk. Such local ordinance may provide for a fine not to exceed $100 for violations. Any locality
44 adopting such an ordinance shall install and maintain stop signs, consistent with standards adopted by
45 the Commonwealth Transportation Board and to the extent necessary in coordination with the
46 Department of Transportation. At such crosswalks, no user of such shared-use path shall enter the
47 crosswalk in disregard of approaching traffic.
48 E. *I.* A locality adopting an ordinance under subsection D *H* shall coordinate the enforcement and
49 placement of any stop signs affecting a shared-use path owned and operated by a park authority formed
50 under Chapter 57 (§ 15.2-5700 et seq.) of Title 15.2 with such authority.

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