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HOUSE BILL NO. 2045

Offered January 23, 1995

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-334.1, relating to driver's licenses for persons under eighteen.

Patrons—Puller, Almand, Armstrong, Behm, Bennett, Brickley, Christian, Clement, Cooper, Crittenden, Cunningham, Darner, Davies, Grayson, Guest, Hamilton, Harris, Keating, Plum, Rollison, Scott and Van Landingham; Senators: Howell, Saslaw and Woods

Referred to Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 46.2-334.1 as follows:

§ 46.2-334.1. Licenses issued to persons under eighteen subject to certain restrictions.

A. No driver's license issued on or after July 1, 1995, to any person under the age of eighteen years shall permit the licensee to operate a motor vehicle between the hours of midnight and 5:00 a.m. except when (i) driving to or from a place of business where he is regularly employed or (ii) when accompanied by a licensed driver eighteen years of age or older who is actually occupying a seat beside him.

- B. However, upon attaining the age of seventeen, a licensee may apply for a license not subject to the foregoing limitation contained in subsection A of this section. The Commissioner shall issue such unrestricted license if, at the time of such application, the applicant:
- 1. Has successfully completed a driver education course either (i) approved by the State Department of Education or (ii) offered by a commercial driver training school licensed under Chapter 17 (§ 46.2-1700 et seq.) of this title; and
- 2. Has not been found guilty of violating any law, ordinance, or regulation relating to the operation of a motor vehicle.
- C. If, at any time prior to attaining the age of eighteen years, the holder of any unrestricted license issued under subsection B of this section is found to have violated any law, ordinance, or regulation relating to the operation of a motor vehicle, in addition to any other penalties imposed, his unrestricted license shall be revoked and any license issued to him prior to his attaining the age of eighteen years shall be subject to the limitation contained in subsection A.