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## HOUSE BILL NO. 2245

Offered January 23, 1995

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 20 of Chapter 10 of Title 46.2 a section numbered 46.2-1156.1, relating to transportation of certain persons in the beds of certain pickup trucks; penalty.

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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 in Article 20 of Chapter 10 of Title 46.2 a section numbered 46.2-1156.1 as follows:

§ 46.2-1156.1. Transportation of certain passengers in certain pickup truck beds prohibited; exception; penalty.

No person under the age of sixteen shall be transported in the open bed of any pickup truck being operated on any highway in the interstate highway system. This section shall not apply when persons being transported in the open bed of a pickup truck are seated in permanently installed seats and restrained either by a safety belt system as provided for in Article 12 (§ 46.2-1091 et seq.) or, if the passenger is under the age of four, by a child restraint device as provided for in Article 13 (§ 46.2-1095 et seq.).

The driver of any pickup truck transporting a person in violation of this section shall be guilty of a traffic infraction.