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## **HOUSE BILL NO. 746**

Offered January 25, 1994

A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-600 of the Code of Virginia, relating to titling and registration of motor vehicles.

Patrons—Tata, Callahan, Griffith, Katzen, Marshall, May, McClure, Purkey, Ruff, Wagner and Wardrup

Referred to Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 46.2-600 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-600. Owner to secure registration and certificate of title or certificate of ownership; proof of safety inspection approval required.

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter every person who owns a motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer, or his authorized attorney-in-fact, shall, before it is operated on any highway in the Commonwealth, register with the Department and obtain from the Department the registration card and certificate of title for the vehicle. Every application for a title or initial registration shall be accompanied by a receipt or other evidence acceptable to the commissioner indicating that the vehicle to be titled or initially registered had undergone and passed a safety inspection, as provided for in Article 21 (§ 46.2-1157 et seq.) of Chapter 10 of this title, no more than ninety days prior to the application. No such evidence of inspection, however, shall be required for any renewal of a registration. Persons applying for registration shall provide the Department with either the home or business street address of the owner of the motor vehicle being registered.

Unless he has previously applied for registration and a certificate of title or he is exempted under §§ 46.2-619, 46.2-631, and 46.2-1206, every person residing in the Commonwealth who owns a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, or his duly authorized attorney-in-fact, shall, within thirty days of the purchase or transfer, apply to the Department for a certificate of ownership.