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HOUSE BILL NO. 567

Offered January 19, 1996

A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-1081 of the Code of Virginia, relating to slow-moving vehicle emblems.

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Patrons—Landes, Albo, Baker, Bryant, Cox, Drake, Dudley, Hargrove, Katzen, Orrock, Purkey, Reid, Wardrup, Way, Weatherholtz and Wilkins; Senator: Hanger

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §46.2-1081 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-1081. Slow-moving vehicle emblems.

A. Every farm tractor, self-propelled unit of farm equipment or implement of husbandry, and any other vehicle designed for operation at speeds not in excess of twenty-five miles per hour or normally operated at speeds not in excess of twenty-five miles per hour, shall display a triangular slow-moving vehicle emblem on the rear of the vehicle when traveling on a public highway at any time of the day or night.

B. Should a slow-moving vehicle tow a unit on a public highway, then the towing vehicle or the towed unit shall be equipped with the slow-moving vehicle emblem as follows:

1. If the towed unit or any load thereon obscures the slow-moving vehicle emblem on the towing vehicle, the towed unit shall be equipped with a slow-moving vehicle emblem, in which case the towing vehicle need not display such emblem.

2. If the slow-moving vehicle emblem on the towing vehicle is not obscured by the towed unit or any load thereon, then either or both such vehicles may be equipped with such emblem.

C. The ~~Department of State Police shall adopt~~ standards and specifications for the slow-moving vehicle emblem and the position of mounting of the emblem ~~to correlate with and, so far as possible,~~ *shall* conform ~~with those~~ *to standards and specifications* adopted by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers*, the Society of Automotive Engineers, the American National Standards Institute, Inc., or the federal Department of Transportation*.

D. The use of the slow-moving vehicle emblem shall be restricted to the uses specified in this title.