

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1998 SESSION

## CHAPTER 411

*An Act to amend and reenact § 46.2-892 of the Code of Virginia, relating to rural mail carriers.*

[H 498]

Approved April 12, 1998

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 46.2-892 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 46.2-892. Rural mail carriers stopping on highways.

The provisions of § 46.2-888 shall not apply to any rural mail carrier stopping on the highway while ~~loading or unloading~~ *collecting or delivering the United States* mail at a mailbox, provided there is lettered on the back of the vehicle operated by such rural mail carrier, or lettered on a sign securely attached to and displayed at the rear of such vehicle, in letters at least four inches in height:

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Additionally, the provisions of § 46.2-888 shall not apply to such rural mail carrier so stopping if, in lieu of such sign, the vehicle has, and is using, supplemental turn signals mounted at each side of the roof of the vehicle. Between the lights on the assembly shall be mounted a sign with the words "U.S. Mail." The sign shall be yellow with black letters at least four inches in height, and the lights shall be of the type approved by the Superintendent of State Police. The lettered sign shall be ~~folded down out of vision prior to the first stop on the route and following the last stop on the route~~ *displayed only when the vehicle is engaged in the collection or delivery of the United States mail.*

Nothing in this section shall be construed to relieve any such mail carrier from civil liability for such stopping on any highway if he is negligent in so doing, and if the negligence proximately contributes to any personal injury or property damage resulting therefrom.