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## SENATE BILL NO. 9

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-1116 of the Code of Virginia, relating to vehicles drawing trailers and semitrailers.*

Patron—Trumbo

Referred to Committee on Transportation

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

#### 1. That § 46.2-1116 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-1116. Vehicles having more than one trailer, etc., attached thereto; exceptions.

Except as provided in this section and § 46.2-1117, no motor vehicle shall be driven on a highway while drawing or having attached thereto more than one motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer unless such vehicle is being operated under a special permit from the Commonwealth Transportation Board. This limitation, however, shall not apply between:

1. Between sunrise and sunset to farm trailers or semitrailers being moved from one farm to another farm owned or operated by the same person within a radius of ten miles: ~~This limitation also shall not apply to~~

2. To a combination of vehicles coupled together by a saddle mount device used to transport motor vehicles in a drive-away service when not more than two saddle mounts are used; or

3. To a combination of vehicles consisting of no more than two trailers or semitrailers drawn by a tractor truck or pickup truck when (a) no trailer or semitrailer in the combination is transporting any cargo, (b) no trailer or semitrailer in the combination weighs more than 3,200 pounds, and (c) the trailers or semitrailers are being transported from a manufacturer located in Virginia to a Virginia dealer licensed under Chapter 15 (§ 46.2-1500 et seq.), Chapter 19 (§ 46.2-1900 et seq.), Chapter 19.1 (§ 46.2-1992 et seq.), or Chapter 19.2 (§ 46.2-1993 et seq.) of this title for resale.

Vehicles coupled together by not more than three saddle mounts shall not exceed seventy-five feet when operated on any interstate highway or any primary highway as designated by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. Use of saddle mounts as provided in this section shall be in conformity with safety regulations adopted by the federal Department of Transportation.

The Commonwealth Transportation Board shall designate reasonable access to terminals and facilities for food, fuel, repairs, and rest.

The governing body of any city may by ordinance permit motor vehicles to be driven on the highways of their respective cities while drawing or having attached thereto more than one other vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer.

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