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HOUSE BILL NO. 2399

Offered January 17, 2011

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 46.2 a section numbered 46.2-819.6, relating to removal of accumulated snow and ice from motor vehicles; penalty.

Patron—Ward

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 46.2 a section numbered 46.2-819.6 as follows:

§ 46.2-819.6. Removal of snow and ice; penalty.

Any operator of a motor vehicle on any highway shall remove all accumulated ice and snow from the vehicle, including the hood, trunk, and roof of the vehicle. Any operator of a motor vehicle who violates this section may be stopped by a law-enforcement officer if the officer believes the accumulated ice or snow may pose a threat to persons or property. Any person who violates this section shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$75 for each offense regardless of whether any snow or ice is dislodged from the vehicle.

When snow or ice is dislodged from a moving vehicle and strikes another vehicle or pedestrian causing injury or property damage, the following penalties shall apply: (i) the operator of a noncommercial motor vehicle shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$1,000 for each offense and (ii) the operator of a commercial motor vehicle shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,500 for each offense.

This section shall not apply to any driver of a motor vehicle operated during a snow or ice storm that began and continued for the duration of the motor vehicle's operation nor to any operator of a motor vehicle while it is parked.

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