

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2012 RECONVENED SESSION

CHAPTER 828

An Act to amend and reenact § 46.2-885 of the Code of Virginia, relating to stopping of vehicles at railroad grade crossings.

[S 595]

Approved April 18, 2012

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 46.2-885 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-885. When vehicles to stop at railroad grade crossings.

A. Except in cities or towns, whenever any person driving a vehicle approaches a railroad grade crossing under any of the circumstances stated in this section, the driver of the vehicle shall stop within ~~fifty~~ 50 feet but not less than ~~fifteen~~ 15 feet from the nearest rail of such railroad, and shall not proceed until he can do so safely. The foregoing requirements shall apply when:

1. A clearly visible electric or mechanical signal device gives warning of the immediate approach of a train;

2. A crossing gate is lowered or a flagman gives or continues to give a signal of the approach or passage of a train;

3. A train approaching such crossing gives the signals required by § 56-414;

4. An approaching train *or any self-propelled machinery or automobile type vehicle traveling on a railroad track* is plainly visible and is in hazardous proximity to such crossing, *regardless of whether a clearly visible electric or mechanical signal device or flagman gives warning.*

B. No person shall drive any vehicle through, around, or under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad crossing while such gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed.