

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 46.2-646 of the Code of Virginia, relating to expiration and renewal of*
3 *vehicle registrations.*

4 [H 1485]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 46.2-646 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 46.2-646. Expiration and renewal of registration.**

9 A. Every registration under this title, unless otherwise provided, shall expire on the last day of the
10 twelfth month next succeeding the date of registration. Every registration, unless otherwise provided,
11 shall be renewed annually on application by the owner and by payment of the fees required by law, the
12 renewal to take effect on the first day of the month succeeding the date of expiration. *Notwithstanding*
13 *these limitations, the Commissioner may extend the validity period of an expiring registration if (i) the*
14 *Department is unable to process an application for renewal due to circumstances beyond its control,*
15 *and (ii) the extension has been authorized under a directive from the Governor. However, in no event*
16 *shall the validity period be extended more than 90 days per occurrence of such conditions.*

17 B. All motor vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers registered in the Commonwealth shall, at the
18 discretion of the Commissioner, be placed in a system of registration on a monthly basis to distribute
19 the work of registering motor vehicles as uniformly as practicable throughout the twelve months of the
20 year. All such motor vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers, unless otherwise provided, shall be registered for
21 a period of twelve months. The registration shall be extended, at the discretion of the Commissioner, on
22 receipt of appropriate prorated fees, as required by law, for a period of not less than one month nor
23 more than eleven months as is necessary to distribute the registrations as equally as practicable on a
24 monthly basis. The Commissioner shall, on request, assign to any owner or owners of two or more
25 motor vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers the same registration period. The expiration date shall be the last
26 day of the twelfth month or the last day of the designated month. Except for motor vehicles, trailers,
27 and semitrailers registered for more than one year under subsection C of this section, every registration
28 shall be renewed annually on application by the owner and by payment of fees required by law, the
29 renewal to take effect on the first day of the succeeding month.

30 C. The Commissioner may offer, at his discretion, an optional multi-year registration for all motor
31 vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers except for (i) those registered under the International Registration Plan
32 and (ii) those registered as uninsured motor vehicles. When this option is offered and chosen by the
33 registrant, all annual and twelve-month fees due at the time of registration shall be multiplied by the
34 number of years or fraction thereof that the vehicle will be registered.

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