

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 46.2-336 of the Code of Virginia, relating to issuing original driver's*  
3 *licenses to minors.*

4 [H 1241]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 46.2-336 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 46.2-336. Manner of issuing original driver's licenses to minors.**

9 The Department shall forward all original driver's licenses issued to persons under the age of 18  
10 years to the judge of the juvenile and domestic relations court in the city or county in which the  
11 licensee resides. The judge or a substitute judge shall issue to each person to be licensed the license so  
12 forwarded, and shall, at the time of issuance, conduct a formal, appropriate ceremony, in which he shall  
13 illustrate to the licensee the responsibility attendant on the privilege of driving a motor vehicle. *The*  
14 *attorney for the Commonwealth who serves the jurisdiction in which the ceremony is to be conducted*  
15 *may request in writing in advance of such ceremony an opportunity to participate in the ceremony. Any*  
16 *judge who presides over such ceremony shall, upon request, afford the attorney for the Commonwealth*  
17 *the opportunity to participate in such ceremony and to address the prospective licensees and the persons*  
18 *enumerated below who may be accompanying the prospective licensees as to matters of enforcement,*  
19 *prosecutions, applicable punishments, and the responsibility of drivers generally.* If the licensee is under  
20 the age of 18 years at the time his ceremony is held, he shall be accompanied at the ceremony by a  
21 parent, his guardian, spouse, or other person in loco parentis. However, the judge, for good cause  
22 shown, may mail or otherwise deliver the driver's license to any person who is a student at any  
23 educational institution outside of the Commonwealth of Virginia at the time such license is received by  
24 the judge as prescribed in this section.

25 The provisions of this section shall not apply to the issuance of Virginia driver's licenses to persons  
26 who hold valid driver's licenses issued by other states.

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