

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 46.2-1702 of the Code of Virginia, relating to approval of driver*
3 *education instructors by the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles.*

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5 Approved

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6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That § 46.2-1702 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 **§ 46.2-1702. Certification of driver education courses by Commissioner.**

9 *The Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Commissioner shall have the authority to*
10 *approve as a driver education course satisfying the requirements of § 46.2-334 any course which is*
11 *offered by any driver training school licensed under the provisions of this chapter if he finds that the*
12 *course is of comparable content and quality to that offered in the Commonwealth's public schools. In*
13 *making such finding, the Commissioner shall not require that the instructors of any driver training*
14 *school meet the certification requirements of teachers in the Commonwealth's public schools.*

15 *Any community college within the Virginia Community College System shall have the authority to*
16 *offer the courses required by the Virginia Board of Education to become a certified driver education*
17 *instructor in Virginia on a not-for-credit basis so long as the courses include the same content and*
18 *curriculum required by the Department of Education, enabling individuals who complete those courses*
19 *to then teach driver's education in Virginia driver education training schools upon official certification*
20 *by the Department of Motor Vehicles. The Virginia Department of Education shall provide the*
21 *curriculum, content, and other information regarding the courses required to become certified driver*
22 *education instructors in Virginia to any community college within the Virginia Community College*
23 *System. The content of each course must be accurate and rigorous and must meet the requirements for*
24 *the Department of Education's Curriculum and Administrative Guide for Driver's Education, which*
25 *includes the Board of Education's standards of learning.*

26 *The Commissioner shall have authority to approve any driver education course offered by any Class*
27 *A licensee if he finds the course meets the requirements for such courses as set forth in this chapter and*
28 *as otherwise established by the Department. Driver education courses offered by any Class B licensee*
29 *shall be based on the driver education curriculum currently approved by the Department of Education*
30 *and the Department.*

31 *The Commissioner may accept 20 years' service with the Virginia Department of State Police by a*
32 *person who retired or resigned while in good standing from such Department in lieu of requirements*
33 *established by the Department of Education for instructor qualification.*

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