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**HOUSE BILL NO. 178**

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-803.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to commercial motor vehicle lane restrictions on Interstate 64; penalty.*

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

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

**1. That § 46.2-803.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 46.2-803.1. Commercial motor vehicles limited to use of certain lanes of certain interstate highways; penalty.**

Except where the posted speed limit is less than 65 miles per hour, no person shall drive any commercial motor vehicle, as defined in § 46.2-341.4, on the left-most lane of any interstate highway having more than two lanes in each direction.

~~Furthermore, within the Eighth~~ In Planning District 8 and on Interstate Route 81, no person shall drive any commercial motor vehicle, as defined in § 46.2-341.4, on the left-most lane of any interstate highway having more than two lanes in each direction, regardless of the posted speed limit. Every commercial motor vehicle shall keep to the right-most lane when operating at a speed of 15 miles per hour or more below the posted speed limit on an interstate highway with no more than two lanes in each direction.

*On Interstate 64 in the Counties of Albemarle, Augusta, and Nelson, commercial motor vehicles, as defined in § 46.2-341.4, may travel in the left-most lane except while in the area commonly known as Afton Mountain. The operator of a commercial motor vehicle who travels in the left-most lane while in the area commonly known as Afton Mountain is guilty of reckless driving punishable as provided in subsection A of § 46.2-868 and shall include a mandatory minimum fine of \$500.*

The provisions of this section shall not apply to (i) buses or school buses or (ii) other commercial vehicles when (a) preparing to exit a highway via a left exit or (b) being used to perform maintenance or construction work on an interstate highway.

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