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SENATE BILL NO. 1339

Senate Amendments in [] — January 30, 2017

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-816.1, relating to careless driving and infliction of injury on vulnerable road users.

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Senator Surovell

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 46.2-816.1 as follows:

§ 46.2-816.1. Careless driving and infliction of injury on vulnerable road users; penalty.

A. As used in this section, "vulnerable road user" means a pedestrian or a person operating a bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric-powered assisted bicycle, wheelchair, skateboard, roller or in-line skates, foot-scooter, animal, or animal-drawn vehicle.

B. [A person is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor who operates No person shall operate] a motor vehicle in a careless or distracted manner [and that] is the proximate cause of serious bodily injury as defined in § 18.2-369 to a vulnerable road user who is lawfully present on the highway at the time of injury.

[C. The court shall suspend the driver's license of a person convicted of a violation of subsection B for up to one year and shall order the surrender of the license, to be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of § 46.2-398.]

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