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SENATE BILL NO. 687

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Transportation
on January 16, 2020)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Vogel)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-839 of the Code of Virginia, relating to bicycles; signage.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 46.2-839 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-839. Passing bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, moped, animal, or animal-drawn vehicle.

A. Any driver of any vehicle overtaking a bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, moped, animal, or animal-drawn vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall pass at a reasonable speed at least three feet to the left of the overtaken bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, moped, animal, or animal-drawn vehicle and shall not again proceed to the right side of the highway until safely clear of such overtaken bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, moped, animal, or animal-drawn vehicle.

B. The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain signs on those portions of highways that the Department of Transportation determines to have high pedestrian, bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, moped, animal, or animal-drawn vehicle traffic volume. Such signs shall include the language "Share the Road" and language or images indicating the requirement in subsection A that a vehicle shall pass at least three feet to the left.