

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 46.2-1054 of the Code of Virginia, relating to objects obstructing*  
3 *driver's view; dashboard cameras allowed.*

4 [S 1058]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 46.2-1054 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 46.2-1054. Suspension of objects or alteration of vehicle so as to obstruct driver's view.**

9 A. It shall be unlawful for any person (i) to drive a motor vehicle on a highway in the  
10 Commonwealth with any object or objects, other than a rear view mirror, sun visor, or other equipment  
11 of the motor vehicle approved by the Superintendent, suspended from any part of the motor vehicle in  
12 such a manner as to substantially obstruct the driver's clear view of the highway through the windshield,  
13 the front side windows, or the rear window or (ii) to alter a passenger-carrying vehicle in such a manner  
14 as to obstruct the driver's view through the windshield. However, this section shall not apply (a) when  
15 the driver's clear view of the highway through the rear window is obstructed if such motor vehicle is  
16 equipped with a mirror on each side, so located as to reflect to the driver a view of the highway for at  
17 least 200 feet to the rear of such vehicle, (b) to safety devices installed on the windshields of vehicles  
18 owned by private waste haulers or local governments and used to transport solid waste, or (c) to bicycle  
19 racks installed on the front of any bus operated by any city, county, transit authority, or transit or  
20 transportation district. The provisions of clause (ii) shall not apply to the lawful immobilization of  
21 vehicles pursuant to § 46.2-1216 or 46.2-1231.

22 B. No law-enforcement officer shall stop a motor vehicle for a violation of this section. No evidence  
23 discovered or obtained as the result of a stop in violation of this subsection, including evidence  
24 discovered or obtained with the operator's consent, shall be admissible in any trial, hearing, or other  
25 proceeding.

26 C. *The provisions of this section shall not be construed to prohibit the suspension and use of any*  
27 *dashboard camera and any accompanying wires or attachments in or on a motor vehicle provided that*  
28 *(i) such suspension and use are not otherwise prohibited by the provisions of Title 49 of the Code of*  
29 *Federal Regulations and (ii) such camera, wires, and attachments are wholly or mostly concealed*  
30 *behind the rear view mirror without any additional obstruction to the driver's view.*