

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1995 SESSION

CHAPTER 46

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 46.2-711 and 46.2-724 of the Code of Virginia, relating to display of license plates on vehicles.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 46.2-711 and 46.2-724 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-711. Furnishing number and design of plates; displaying on vehicles required.

A. The Department shall furnish one license plate for every registered motorcycle, tractor truck, semitrailer, or trailer, and two license plates for every other registered motor vehicle, except to licensed motor vehicle dealers and persons delivering unladen vehicles who shall be furnished one license plate. The license plates for trailers, semitrailers, commercial vehicles, and trucks, other than license plates for dealers, may be of such design as to prevent removal without mutilating some part of the indicia forming a part of the license plate, when secured to the bracket.

B. The Department shall issue appropriately designated license plates for:

1. Passenger-carrying vehicles for rent or hire for the transportation of passengers for private trips;
2. Taxicabs;
3. Executive sedans as defined in § 56-338.104;
4. Limousines as defined in § 56-338.104;
5. Passenger-carrying vehicles operated by common carriers or restricted common carriers;
6. Property-carrying *motor* vehicles to applicants who operate as private carriers only;
7. Applicants who operate *motor vehicles* as carriers for rent or hire; ~~and~~
8. Motor vehicles held for rental as defined in § 58.1-2401; *and*
9. *Trailers and semitrailers.*

C. No vehicles shall be operated on the highways in the Commonwealth without displaying the license plates required by this chapter.

D. Pickup or panel trucks are exempt from the provisions of subsection B of this section with reference to displaying for-hire license plates when operated as a carrier for rent or hire.

§ 46.2-724. Operation for hire of certain vehicles displaying not-for-hire plates; penalty.

If a *motor* vehicle of over 10,000 pounds registered gross weight displaying license plates entitling it to be operated exclusively not-for-hire is operated for-hire, the licensee shall be guilty of a traffic infraction. This penalty shall be in addition to the penalty prescribed by § 46.2-704.