



# Virginia Association for Pupil Transportation

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# 2011 Session Statistics



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LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION SYSTEM



Type	<u>Introduced</u>	<u>Passed House</u>	<u>Passed Senate</u>	<u>Passed Both</u>	<u>Cont.</u>	<u>Failed</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Vetoed</u>
H.B.	1135	597	507	505	165	795	503	2
H.J.R.	493	442	426	425	2	70	2	0
H.R.	50	48	0	48	0	2	0	0
S.B.	747	389	492	387	92	452	385	2
S.J.R.	251	221	237	220	14	45	0	0
S.R.	16	0	14	14	0	2	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2672</b>	<b>1697</b>	<b>1676</b>	<b>1599</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>1366</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>4</b>

# Bills Passed



- **HB 1412 Vehicles damaged by water; increases threshold for reporting water damage, etc.**
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- ***Summary:***
- Increases threshold for reporting water damage from \$1,000 to \$3,500 and requires insurance companies to report payment of such a claim to the Department of Motor

# Bills Passed



- **HB 1651 Driver's licenses, permits, and special identification cards; issuance only to U.S. citizens.**
- ***Summary:***
- Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to cancel any license, permit, or special identification card it has issued to an individual if it is notified by a federal government agency that the individual is not legally present in the United States.

# Bills Passed



- **HB 1692** Speed limits; City of Va. Beach may, by ordinance, change on any highway in its jurisdiction.
- ***Summary:***
- Allows the City of Va. Beach to set variable speed limits on highways within its jurisdiction to be effective under conditions such as darkness, traffic conditions, atmospheric conditions, weather emergencies, and like conditions that may affect driving safety.

# Bills Passed



- **HB 1694 Driver's license; suspension for failure to pay child support.**
- ***Summary:***
- Increases from \$500 to \$600 the minimum child support payment that a person must make ...in order to renew or reinstate the person's driver's license. If a person fails to comply with an agreement, the driver's license shall not be renewed or reinstated until the child support delinquency is paid in full or makes a minimum payment of \$1,200; \$1,800 if not paid the 2<sup>nd</sup> time.

# Bills Passed



- **HB 1782 Speed limit; shall be 35 mph on nonsurface treated highways for certain counties, where unposted.**
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- *Summary:*
- Adds Page County to the list of counties where the unposted maximum speed limit on nonsurface treated highways is 35 miles per hour.

# Bills Passed



- **HB 1791 Driver's license reinstatement fees; additional fees for persons with multiple suspensions, etc.**
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- *Summary:*
- Provides for additional fees for reinstatement of driver's licenses of persons with multiple current driver's license suspensions or revocations. This bill is identical to **SB 1020**.



# Bills Passed



- **HB 1945 Motor carriers; regulation by DMV.**
- ***Summary:***
- Revises statutes relating to motor carriers, including requiring DMV to simply notify localities of the issuance of overweight and oversize permits and eliminating the requirement for for-hire contract passenger carriers and irregular-route common carriers to prove public convenience and necessity when applying for a license. The bill also updates Virginia law on commercial driver's licenses to comply with federal requirements.

# Bills Passed



- **HB 1981 Traffic lights; motorcycle drivers, etc., in certain situations, to proceed through intersections.**
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- *Summary:*
- Allows motorcycle and moped drivers and bicycle riders, in certain situations, to proceed through intersections controlled by traffic lights showing steady red signals. This bill incorporates **HB 1991**

# Bills Passed



- **HB 2026 Commercial vehicles; person required to register with Sex Offender & Crimes Against Minors Registry.**
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- ***Summary:***
- Prohibits persons for whom registration with the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry is required from driving school buses and from being issued commercial driver's licenses and instruction permits to drive school buses.

# Bills Passed



## HB 2028 Motor vehicle registration; federal and state safety requirements.

### *Summary:*

Allows DMV to deny, suspend, or revoke vehicle registration as a result of a motor carrier's failure to comply with federal or state safety requirements. This bill is identical to **SB 1281**.

# Bills Passed



- **HB 2043 Reckless driving; failing to stop at a school bus.**
- ***Summary:*** *(The missing “at” law.)*
- Provides that a driver is guilty of reckless driving who fails to stop, when approaching from any direction, **at** any school bus which is stopped for the purpose of taking on or discharging children, etc., and to remain stopped until all the persons are clear and the bus is put in motion. This bill is identical to **SB 769.**

# Bills Passed



- **HB 2282 Centralized fleet; DGS, et al., to establish plan for vehicles to use alternative fuels.**
- ***Summary:***
- Requires the Director of the Department of General Services to develop a plan providing for the replacement of vehicles in the centralized fleet with vehicles that operate using natural gas, electricity, or other alternative fuels, to the greatest extent practicable, considering available infrastructure, the location and use of vehicles, capital and operating costs, and potential for fuel savings. The plan shall be submitted to the Governor for his review and approval. Once the plan is approved by the Governor, the Director is required to implement the plan for the centralized fleet. The bill provides that all state agencies and institutions shall cooperate with the Director in implementing the plan.

# Bills Passed



- **HB 2319 State agency mandates; assessment imposed on local governments.**
- *Summary:*
- Provides that the assessment of mandates imposed on local governments currently required include assessments shall include an estimate of the fiscal impact of the mandates on the affected local governments in addition to a written justification as to why the mandate should not be eliminated. The bill is identical to **SB1382**.

# Bills Passed



- **HB 2485 Reckless driving; expands list to include parking lot, etc.**
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- ***Summary:***
- Expands the list of places where a person can be found guilty of reckless driving to include any parking lot. The current limitation on parking lots is that such lots be "industrial" parking lots.



# Bills Passed



- **SB 762 Emergency vehicles; proceeding past red lights.**
- ***Summary:***
- Provides that emergency vehicles proceeding past any steady or flashing red signals, traffic lights, stop signs, or other devices indicating moving traffic shall stop must sound a siren, exhaust whistle, or air horn designed to give automatically intermittent signals or bring the vehicle to a complete stop before proceeding with due regard to the safety of persons and property.

# Bills Passed



- **SB 915 Inspection of motor vehicles; exceptions to requirements.**
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- ***Summary:***
- Restates requirements for motor vehicle safety inspections and places exemptions under a single Code section.

# Bills Passed



- **SB 946 School buses; installation of video-monitoring systems thereon by school divisions.**
- ***Summary:***
- Authorizes local school divisions to install and operate video-monitoring systems on school buses in order to detect drivers passing stopped school buses. *“All such systems installed shall, at a minimum, produce a recorded image of the license plate and shall record the activation status of at least one warning device as prescribed in § **46.2-1090** and the time, date, and location of the vehicle when the image is recorded.”*

# Bills Passed



- **SB 1144 Driver's license holders; DMV-required examinations of holders thought to be incompetent.**
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- ***Summary:***
- Allows DMV-required examinations of driver's license holders thought to be incompetent to be performed by licensed physician assistants.

# Bills Passed



- **SB 1331 Speed limits; municipalities may increase on four-lane divided highways.**
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- ***Summary:***
- Allows municipalities that maintain their own roads to increase speed limits up to 45 mph on four-lane divided highways.

# Bills Passed by Indefinite



**HB 1993 Reckless driving offenses; person who recklessly runs red light or stop or yield sign.**

Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Courts of Justice (14-Y 0-N)

**HB 2032 Electronic tracking devices; prohibits person from placing in or on vehicle, penalty.**

Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Courts of Justice (14-Y 0-N)

# Bills Failed to Report



**HB 2009 Open enrollment policy; any pupil residing in school division may attend school of choice.** Senate: Failed to report in Education and Health (7-Y 7-N 1-A).

# Bills Left in Committee



**SB 898 Photo-monitoring systems; repeals requirement that localities submit list of intersections approved.** House: Left in Militia, Police and Public Safety.

**SB 1042 Handheld personal communications device; texting while driving.** House: Left in Militia, Police and Public Safety.

**SB 1047 Driver's license holders, provisional; makes cell phone use while driving a primary offense.** House: Left in Militia, Police and Public Safety



# Bills Left in Committee



**SB 1167** HOT lanes; when a vehicle crashes on certain interstates, driver must move to nearest pull-off area. House: Left in Courts of Justice.

**SB 1351** Wireless telecommunications devices; prohibits answering a call unless in hands-free mode. House: Left in Militia, Police and Public Safety.

**HB 1728** Vehicle window tinting films; not to be applied to certain windows reducing light to less than 35%. Senate: Letter sent to Secretary of Public Safety and Virginia State Police.

# Bills Passed by In Committee



**SB 768 School zones; designation of zones in certain residential communities.** House: Passed by in Transportation with letter by voice vote.

# Bills Tabled In Committee

**SB 768 School zones; designation of zones in certain residential communities.** House: Tabled in Transportation (11-Y 10-N).



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