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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 46.2-100, 46.2-221.4, 46.2-370, 46.2-411, 46.2-416, 46.2-417, 46.2-607, 46.2-609, 46.2-611 through 46.2-613.1, 46.2-615, 46.2-646, 46.2-646.2, 46.2-647, 46.2-649.1:1, 46.2-663 through 46.2-680, 46.2-688, 46.2-692, 46.2-709, 46.2-711, 46.2-712, 46.2-714, 46.2-716, 46.2-718, 46.2-725, 46.2-727, 46.2-730, 46.2-730.1, 46.2-749.5, 46.2-908.3, 46.2-1000, 46.2-1548, and 58.1-3505 of the Code of Virginia, relating to registration decals; discontinued.

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 46.2-100, 46.2-221.4, 46.2-370, 46.2-411, 46.2-416, 46.2-417, 46.2-607, 46.2-609, 46.2-611 through 46.2-613.1, 46.2-615, 46.2-646, 46.2-646.2, 46.2-647, 46.2-649.1:1, 46.2-663 through 46.2-680, 46.2-688, 46.2-692, 46.2-709, 46.2-711, 46.2-712, 46.2-714, 46.2-716, 46.2-718, 46.2-725, 46.2-727, 46.2-730, 46.2-730.1, 46.2-749.5, 46.2-908.3, 46.2-1000, 46.2-1548, and 58.1-3505 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-100. Definitions.

As used in this title, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"All-terrain vehicle" means a motor vehicle having three or more wheels that is powered by a motor and is manufactured for off-highway use. "All-terrain vehicle" does not include four-wheeled vehicles commonly known as "go-carts" that have low centers of gravity and are typically used in racing on relatively level surfaces, nor does the term include any riding lawn mower.

"Antique motor vehicle" means every motor vehicle, as defined in this section, which was actually manufactured or designated by the manufacturer as a model manufactured in a calendar year not less than 25 years prior to January 1 of each calendar year and is owned solely as a collector's item.

"Antique trailer" means every trailer or semitrailer, as defined in this section, that was actually manufactured or designated by the manufacturer as a model manufactured in a calendar year not less than 25 years prior to January 1 of each calendar year and is owned solely as a collector's item.

"Autocycle" means a three-wheeled motor vehicle that has a steering wheel and seating that does not require the operator to straddle or sit astride and is manufactured to comply with federal safety requirements for motorcycles. Except as otherwise provided, an autocycle shall not be deemed to be a motorcycle.

"Automobile transporter" means any tractor truck, lowboy, vehicle, or combination, including vehicles or combinations that transport motor vehicles on their power unit, designed and used exclusively for the transportation of motor vehicles or used to transport cargo or general freight on a backhaul pursuant to the provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 31111(a)(1).

"Bicycle" means a device propelled solely by human power, upon which a person may ride either on or astride a regular seat attached thereto, having two or more wheels in tandem, including children's bicycles, except a toy vehicle intended for use by young children. For purposes of Chapter 8 (§ 46.2-800 et seq.), a bicycle shall be a vehicle while operated on the highway.

"Bicycle lane" means that portion of a roadway designated by signs and/or pavement markings for the preferential use of bicycles, electric power-assisted bicycles, motorized skateboards or scooters, and mopeds.

"Business district" means the territory contiguous to a highway where 75 percent or more of the property contiguous to a highway, on either side of the highway, for a distance of 300 feet or more along the highway, is occupied by land and buildings actually in use for business purposes.

"Camping trailer" means every vehicle that has collapsible sides and contains sleeping quarters but may or may not contain bathing and cooking facilities and is designed to be drawn by a motor vehicle.

"Cancel" or "cancellation" means that the document or privilege cancelled has been annulled or terminated because of some error, defect, or ineligibility, but the cancellation is without prejudice and reapplication may be made at any time after cancellation.

"Chauffeur" means every person employed for the principal purpose of driving a motor vehicle and every person who drives a motor vehicle while in use as a public or common carrier of persons or property.

"Circular intersection" means an intersection that has an island, generally circular in design, located in the center of the intersection, where all vehicles pass to the right of the island. Circular intersections include roundabouts, rotaries, and traffic circles.

"Commission" means the State Corporation Commission.

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles of the Commonwealth.

59 "Converted electric vehicle" means any motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle or autocyte, that has been
60 modified subsequent to its manufacture to replace an internal combustion engine with an electric propulsion
61 system. Such vehicles shall retain their original vehicle identification number, line-make, and model year. A
62 converted electric vehicle shall not be deemed a "reconstructed vehicle" as defined in this section unless it
63 has been materially altered from its original construction by the removal, addition, or substitution of new or
64 used essential parts other than those required for the conversion to electric propulsion.

65 "Crosswalk" means that part of a roadway at an intersection included within the connections of the lateral
66 lines of the sidewalks on opposite sides of the highway measured from the curbs or, in the absence of curbs,
67 from the edges of the traversable roadway; or any portion of a roadway at an intersection or elsewhere
68 distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings on the surface.

69 ~~"Decal" means a device to be attached to a license plate that validates the license plate for a predetermined
70 registration period.~~

71 "Department" means the Department of Motor Vehicles of the Commonwealth.

72 "Disabled parking license plate" means a license plate that displays the international symbol of access in
73 the same size as the numbers and letters on the plate and in a color that contrasts with the background.

74 "Disabled veteran" means a veteran who (i) has either lost, or lost the use of, a leg, arm, or hand; (ii) is
75 blind; or (iii) is permanently and totally disabled as certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. A
76 veteran shall be considered blind if he has a permanent impairment of both eyes to the following extent:
77 central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye, with corrective lenses, or central visual acuity of more
78 than 20/200, if there is a field defect in which the peripheral field has contracted to such an extent that the
79 widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees in the better eye.

80 "Driver's license" means any license, including a commercial driver's license as defined in the Virginia
81 Commercial Driver's License Act (§ 46.2-341.1 et seq.) and a driver privilege card issued pursuant to §
82 46.2-328.3, issued under the laws of the Commonwealth authorizing the operation of a motor vehicle.

83 "Electric personal assistive mobility device" means a self-balancing two-nontandem-wheeled device that
84 is designed to transport only one person and powered by an electric propulsion system that limits the device's
85 maximum speed to 15 miles per hour or less. For purposes of Chapter 8 (§ 46.2-800 et seq.), an electric
86 personal assistive mobility device shall be a vehicle when operated on a highway.

87 "Electric power-assisted bicycle" means a vehicle that travels on not more than three wheels in contact
88 with the ground and is equipped with (i) pedals that allow propulsion by human power, (ii) a seat for the use
89 of the rider, and (iii) an electric motor with an input of no more than 750 watts. Electric power-assisted
90 bicycles shall be classified as follows:

91 1. "Class one" means an electric power-assisted bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance
92 only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 20
93 miles per hour;

94 2. "Class two" means an electric power-assisted bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used
95 exclusively to propel the bicycle and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of
96 20 miles per hour; and

97 3. "Class three" means an electric power-assisted bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance
98 only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 28
99 miles per hour.

100 For the purposes of Chapter 8 (§ 46.2-800 et seq.), an electric power-assisted bicycle shall be a vehicle
101 when operated on a highway.

102 "Essential parts" means all integral parts and body parts, the removal, alteration, or substitution of which
103 will tend to conceal the identity of a vehicle.

104 "Farm tractor" means every motor vehicle designed and used as a farm, agricultural, or horticultural
105 implement for drawing plows, mowing machines, and other farm, agricultural, or horticultural machinery and
106 implements, including self-propelled mowers designed and used for mowing lawns.

107 "Farm utility vehicle" means a vehicle that is powered by a motor and is designed for off-road use and is
108 used as a farm, agricultural, or horticultural service vehicle, generally having four or more wheels, bench
109 seating for the operator and a passenger, a steering wheel for control, and a cargo bed. "Farm utility vehicle"
110 does not include pickup or panel trucks, golf carts, low-speed vehicles, or riding lawn mowers.

111 "Federal safety requirements" means applicable provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 30101 et seq. and all
112 administrative regulations and policies adopted pursuant thereto.

113 "Financial responsibility" means the ability to respond in damages for liability thereafter incurred arising
114 out of the ownership, maintenance, use, or operation of a motor vehicle, in the amounts provided for in §
115 46.2-472.

116 "Foreign market vehicle" means any motor vehicle originally manufactured outside the United States,
117 which was not manufactured in accordance with 49 U.S.C. § 30101 et seq. and the policies and regulations
118 adopted pursuant to that Act, and for which a Virginia title or registration is sought.

119 "Foreign vehicle" means every motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer that is brought into the

120 Commonwealth otherwise than in the ordinary course of business by or through a manufacturer or dealer and
 121 that has not been registered in the Commonwealth.

122 "Golf cart" means a self-propelled vehicle that is designed to transport persons playing golf and their
 123 equipment on a golf course.

124 "Governing body" means the board of supervisors of a county, council of a city, or council of a town, as
 125 context may require.

126 "Gross weight" means the aggregate weight of a vehicle or combination of vehicles and the load thereon.

127 "Highway" means the entire width between the boundary lines of every way or place open to the use of
 128 the public for purposes of vehicular travel in the Commonwealth, including the streets and alleys, and, for
 129 law-enforcement purposes, (i) the entire width between the boundary lines of all private roads or private
 130 streets that have been specifically designated "highways" by an ordinance adopted by the governing body of
 131 the county, city, or town in which such private roads or streets are located and (ii) the entire width between
 132 the boundary lines of every way or place used for purposes of vehicular travel on any property owned, leased,
 133 or controlled by the United States government and located in the Commonwealth.

134 "Intersection" means (i) the area embraced within the prolongation or connection of the lateral curblines
 135 or, if none, then the lateral boundary lines of the roadways of two highways that join one another at, or
 136 approximately at, right angles, or the area within which vehicles traveling on different highways joining at
 137 any other angle may come in conflict; (ii) where a highway includes two roadways 30 feet or more apart, then
 138 every crossing of each roadway of such divided highway by an intersecting highway shall be regarded as a
 139 separate intersection, in the event such intersecting highway also includes two roadways 30 feet or more
 140 apart, then every crossing of two roadways of such highways shall be regarded as a separate intersection; or
 141 (iii) for purposes only of authorizing installation of traffic-control devices, every crossing of a highway or
 142 street at grade by a pedestrian crosswalk.

143 "Lane-use control signal" means a signal face displaying indications to permit or prohibit the use of
 144 specific lanes of a roadway or to indicate the impending prohibition of such use.

145 "Law-enforcement officer" means any officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrests for
 146 violations of this title or local ordinances authorized by law. For the purposes of access to law-enforcement
 147 databases regarding motor vehicle registration and ownership only, "law-enforcement officer" also includes
 148 city and county commissioners of the revenue and treasurers, together with their duly designated deputies and
 149 employees, when such officials are actually engaged in the enforcement of §§ 46.2-752, 46.2-753, and
 150 46.2-754 and local ordinances enacted thereunder.

151 "License plate" means a device containing letters, numerals, or a combination of both, attached to a motor
 152 vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer to indicate that the vehicle is properly registered with the Department.

153 "Light" means a device for producing illumination or the illumination produced by the device.

154 "Low-speed vehicle" means any four-wheeled electrically powered or gas-powered vehicle, except a
 155 motor vehicle or low-speed vehicle that is used exclusively for agricultural or horticultural purposes or a golf
 156 cart, whose maximum speed is greater than 20 miles per hour but not greater than 25 miles per hour and is
 157 manufactured to comply with safety standards contained in Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, §
 158 571.500.

159 "Manufactured home" means a structure subject to federal regulation, transportable in one or more
 160 sections, which in the traveling mode is eight body feet or more in width or 40 body feet or more in length,
 161 or, when erected on site, is 320 or more square feet, and which is built on a permanent chassis and designed
 162 to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities, and
 163 includes the plumbing, heating, air conditioning, and electrical systems contained therein. "Manufactured
 164 home" does not include a park model recreational vehicle, which is a vehicle that is (i) designed and marketed
 165 as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use; (ii) not permanently affixed to
 166 real property for use as a permanent dwelling; (iii) built on a single chassis mounted on wheels; and (iv)
 167 certified by the manufacturer as complying with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) A119.5
 168 Park Model Recreational Vehicle Standard.

169 "Military surplus motor vehicle" means a multipurpose or tactical vehicle that was manufactured by or
 170 under the direction of the United States Armed Forces for off-road use and subsequently authorized for sale
 171 to civilians. "Military surplus motor vehicle" does not include specialized mobile equipment as defined in §
 172 46.2-700, trailers, or semitrailers.

173 "Moped" means every vehicle that travels on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground that
 174 (i) has a seat that is no less than 24 inches in height, measured from the middle of the seat perpendicular to
 175 the ground; (ii) has a gasoline, electric, or hybrid motor that (a) displaces 50 cubic centimeters or less or (b)
 176 has an input of 1500 watts or less; (iii) is power-driven, with or without pedals that allow propulsion by
 177 human power; and (iv) is not operated at speeds in excess of 35 miles per hour. "Moped" does not include an
 178 electric power-assisted bicycle or a motorized skateboard or scooter. For purposes of this title, a moped shall
 179 be a motorcycle when operated at speeds in excess of 35 miles per hour. For purposes of Chapter 8 (§
 180 46.2-800 et seq.), a moped shall be a vehicle while operated on a highway.

181 "Motor-driven cycle" means every motorcycle that has a gasoline engine that (i) displaces less than 150

182 cubic centimeters; (ii) has a seat less than 24 inches in height, measured from the middle of the seat
183 perpendicular to the ground; and (iii) has no manufacturer-issued vehicle identification number.

184 "Motor home" means every private motor vehicle with a normal seating capacity of not more than 10
185 persons, including the driver, designed primarily for use as living quarters for human beings.

186 "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle as defined in this section that is self-propelled or designed for self-
187 propulsion except as otherwise provided in this title. Any structure designed, used, or maintained primarily to
188 be loaded on or affixed to a motor vehicle to provide a mobile dwelling, sleeping place, office, or commercial
189 space shall be considered a part of a motor vehicle. Except as otherwise provided, for the purposes of this
190 title, any device herein defined as a bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-
191 assisted bicycle, motorized skateboard or scooter, moped, or personal delivery device shall be deemed not to
192 be a motor vehicle.

193 "Motorcycle" means every motor vehicle designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with
194 the ground and is capable of traveling at speeds in excess of 35 miles per hour. "Motorcycle" does not include
195 any "autocycle," "electric personal assistive mobility device," "electric power-assisted bicycle," "farm
196 tractor," "golf cart," "moped," "motorized skateboard or scooter," "utility vehicle," or "wheelchair or
197 wheelchair conveyance" as defined in this section.

198 "Motorized skateboard or scooter" means every vehicle, regardless of the number of its wheels in contact
199 with the ground, that (i) is designed to allow an operator to sit or stand, (ii) has no manufacturer-issued
200 vehicle identification number, (iii) is powered in whole or in part by an electric motor, (iv) weighs less than
201 100 pounds, and (v) has a speed of no more than 20 miles per hour on a paved level surface when powered
202 solely by the electric motor. "Motorized skateboard or scooter" includes vehicles with or without handlebars
203 but does not include electric personal assistive mobility devices or electric power-assisted bicycles.

204 "Nonresident" means every person who is not domiciled in the Commonwealth, except: (i) any foreign
205 corporation that is authorized to do business in the Commonwealth by the State Corporation Commission
206 shall be a resident of the Commonwealth for the purpose of this title; in the case of corporations incorporated
207 in the Commonwealth but doing business outside the Commonwealth, only such principal place of business
208 or branches located within the Commonwealth shall be dealt with as residents of the Commonwealth; (ii) a
209 person who becomes engaged in a gainful occupation in the Commonwealth for a period exceeding 60 days
210 shall be a resident for the purposes of this title except for the purposes of Chapter 3 (§ 46.2-300 et seq.); (iii)
211 a person, other than (a) a nonresident student as defined in this section or (b) a person who is serving a
212 full-time church service or proselyting mission of not more than 36 months and who is not gainfully
213 employed, who has actually resided in the Commonwealth for a period of six months, whether employed or
214 not, or who has registered a motor vehicle, listing an address in the Commonwealth in the application for
215 registration, shall be deemed a resident for the purposes of this title, except for the purposes of the Virginia
216 Commercial Driver's License Act (§ 46.2-341.1 et seq.).

217 "Nonresident student" means every nonresident person who is enrolled as a full-time student in an
218 accredited institution of learning in the Commonwealth and who is not gainfully employed.

219 "Off-road motorcycle" means every motorcycle designed exclusively for off-road use by an individual
220 rider with not more than two wheels in contact with the ground. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter,
221 for the purposes of this chapter off-road motorcycles shall be deemed to be "motorcycles."

222 "Operation or use for rent or for hire, for the transportation of passengers, or as a property carrier for
223 compensation," and "business of transporting persons or property" mean any owner or operator of any motor
224 vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer operating over the highways in the Commonwealth who accepts or receives
225 compensation for the service, directly or indirectly; but these terms do not mean a "truck lessor" as defined in
226 this section and do not include persons or businesses that receive compensation for delivering a product that
227 they themselves sell or produce, where a separate charge is made for delivery of the product or the cost of
228 delivery is included in the sale price of the product, but where the person or business does not derive all or a
229 substantial portion of its income from the transportation of persons or property except as part of a sales
230 transaction.

231 "Operator" or "driver" means every person who either (i) drives or is in actual physical control of a motor
232 vehicle on a highway or (ii) is exercising control over or steering a vehicle being towed by a motor vehicle.

233 "Owner" means a person who holds the legal title to a vehicle; however, if a vehicle is the subject of an
234 agreement for its conditional sale or lease with the right of purchase on performance of the conditions stated
235 in the agreement and with an immediate right of possession vested in the conditional vendee or lessee or if a
236 mortgagor of a vehicle is entitled to possession, then the conditional vendee or lessee or mortgagor shall be
237 the owner for the purpose of this title. In all such instances when the rent paid by the lessee includes charges
238 for services of any nature or when the lease does not provide that title shall pass to the lessee on payment of
239 the rent stipulated, the lessor shall be regarded as the owner of the vehicle, and the vehicle shall be subject to
240 such requirements of this title as are applicable to vehicles operated for compensation. A "truck lessor" as
241 defined in this section shall be regarded as the owner, and his vehicles shall be subject to such requirements
242 of this title as are applicable to vehicles of private carriers.

243 "Passenger car" means every motor vehicle other than a motorcycle or autocycle designed and used

244 primarily for the transportation of no more than 10 persons, including the driver.

245 "Payment device" means any credit card as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1602 (k) or any "accepted card or other
246 means of access" set forth in 15 U.S.C. § 1693a (1). For the purposes of this title, this definition shall also
247 include a card that enables a person to pay for transactions through the use of value stored on the card itself.

248 "Personal delivery device" means a powered device operated primarily on sidewalks and crosswalks and
249 intended primarily for the transport of property on public rights-of-way that does not exceed 500 pounds,
250 excluding cargo, and is capable of navigating with or without the active control or monitoring of a natural
251 person. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a personal delivery device shall not be considered a
252 motor vehicle or a vehicle.

253 "Personal delivery device operator" means an entity or its agent that exercises direct physical control or
254 monitoring over the navigation system and operation of a personal delivery device. For the purposes of this
255 definition, "agent" means a person not less than 16 years of age charged by an entity with the responsibility of
256 navigating and operating a personal delivery device. "Personal delivery device operator" does not include (i)
257 an entity or person who requests the services of a personal delivery device to transport property or (ii) an
258 entity or person who only arranges for and dispatches the requested services of a personal delivery device.

259 "Pickup or panel truck" means (i) every motor vehicle designed for the transportation of property and
260 having a registered gross weight of 7,500 pounds or less or (ii) every motor vehicle registered for personal
261 use, designed to transport property on its own structure independent of any other vehicle, and having a
262 registered gross weight in excess of 7,500 pounds but not in excess of 10,000 pounds.

263 "Private road or driveway" means every way in private ownership and used for vehicular travel by the
264 owner and those having express or implied permission from the owner, but not by other persons.

265 "Reconstructed vehicle" means every vehicle of a type required to be registered under this title materially
266 altered from its original construction by the removal, addition, or substitution of new or used essential parts.
267 Such vehicles, at the discretion of the Department, shall retain their original vehicle identification number,
268 line-make, and model year. Except as otherwise provided in this title, this definition shall not include a
269 "converted electric vehicle" as defined in this section.

270 "Replica vehicle" means every vehicle of a type required to be registered under this title not fully
271 constructed by a licensed manufacturer but either constructed or assembled from components. Such
272 components may be from a single vehicle, multiple vehicles, a kit, parts, or fabricated components. The kit
273 may be made up of "major components" as defined in § 46.2-1600, a full body, or a full chassis, or a
274 combination of these parts. The vehicle shall resemble a vehicle of distinctive name, line-make, model, or
275 type as produced by a licensed manufacturer or manufacturer no longer in business and is not a reconstructed
276 or specially constructed vehicle as herein defined.

277 "Residence district" means the territory contiguous to a highway, not comprising a business district, where
278 75 percent or more of the property abutting such highway, on either side of the highway, for a distance of 300
279 feet or more along the highway consists of land improved for dwelling purposes, or is occupied by dwellings,
280 or consists of land or buildings in use for business purposes, or consists of territory zoned residential or
281 territory in residential subdivisions created under Chapter 22 (§ 15.2-2200 et seq.) of Title 15.2.

282 "Revoke" or "revocation" means that the document or privilege revoked is not subject to renewal or
283 restoration except through reapplication after the expiration of the period of revocation.

284 "Roadway" means that portion of a highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel,
285 exclusive of the shoulder. A highway may include two or more roadways if divided by a physical barrier or
286 barriers or an unpaved area.

287 "Safety zone" means the area officially set apart within a roadway for the exclusive use of pedestrians and
288 that is protected or is so marked or indicated by plainly visible signs.

289 "School bus" means any motor vehicle, other than a station wagon, automobile, truck, or commercial bus,
290 which is: (i) designed and used primarily for the transportation of pupils to and from public, private or
291 religious schools, or used for the transportation of individuals with mental or physical disabilities to and from
292 a sheltered workshop; (ii) painted yellow and bears the words "School Bus" in black letters of a specified size
293 on front and rear; and (iii) is equipped with warning devices prescribed in § 46.2-1090. A yellow school bus
294 may have a white roof provided such vehicle is painted in accordance with regulations promulgated by the
295 Department of Education.

296 "Semitrailer" means every vehicle of the trailer type so designed and used in conjunction with a motor
297 vehicle that some part of its own weight and that of its own load rests on or is carried by another vehicle.

298 "Shared-use path" means a bikeway that is physically separated from motorized vehicular traffic by an
299 open space or barrier and is located either within the highway right-of-way or within a separate right-of-way.
300 Shared-use paths may also be used by pedestrians, skaters, users of wheel chairs or wheel chair conveyances,
301 joggers, and other nonmotorized users and personal delivery devices.

302 "Shoulder" means that part of a highway between the portion regularly traveled by vehicular traffic and
303 the lateral curblin or ditch.

304 "Sidewalk" means the portion of a street between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway, and the

305 adjacent property lines, intended for use by pedestrians.
306 "Snowmobile" means a self-propelled vehicle designed to travel on snow or ice, steered by skis or
307 runners, and supported in whole or in part by one or more skis, belts, or cleats.
308 "Special construction and forestry equipment" means any vehicle which is designed primarily for highway
309 construction, highway maintenance, earth moving, timber harvesting or other construction or forestry work
310 and which is not designed for the transportation of persons or property on a public highway.
311 "Specially constructed vehicle" means any vehicle that was not originally constructed under a distinctive
312 name, make, model, or type by a generally recognized manufacturer of vehicles and not a reconstructed
313 vehicle as herein defined.
314 "Stinger-steered automobile or watercraft transporter" means an automobile or watercraft transporter
315 configured as a semitrailer combination wherein the fifth wheel is located on a drop frame behind and below
316 the rearmost axle of the power unit.
317 "Superintendent" means the Superintendent of the Department of State Police of the Commonwealth.
318 "Suspend" or "suspension" means that the document or privilege suspended has been temporarily
319 withdrawn, but may be reinstated following the period of suspension unless it has expired prior to the end of
320 the period of suspension.
321 "Tow truck" means a motor vehicle for hire (i) designed to lift, pull, or carry another vehicle by means of
322 a hoist or other mechanical apparatus and (ii) having a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of at least
323 10,000 pounds. "Tow truck" also includes vehicles designed with a ramp on wheels and a hydraulic lift with a
324 capacity to haul or tow another vehicle, commonly referred to as "rollback." "Tow truck" does not include
325 any "automobile or watercraft transporter," "stinger-steered automobile or watercraft transporter," or "tractor
326 truck" as those terms are defined in this section.
327 "Towing and recovery operator" means a person engaged in the business of (i) removing disabled
328 vehicles, parts of vehicles, their cargoes, and other objects to facilities for repair or safekeeping and (ii)
329 restoring to the highway or other location where they either can be operated or removed to other locations for
330 repair or safekeeping vehicles that have come to rest in places where they cannot be operated.
331 "Toy vehicle" means any motorized or propellant-driven device that has no manufacturer-issued vehicle
332 identification number that is designed or used to carry any person or persons, on any number of wheels,
333 bearings, glides, blades, runners, or a cushion of air. "Toy vehicle" does not include electric personal assistive
334 mobility devices, electric power-assisted bicycles, mopeds, motorized skateboards or scooters, or
335 motorcycles, nor does it include any nonmotorized or nonpropellant-driven devices such as bicycles, roller
336 skates, or skateboards.
337 "Tractor truck" means every motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing other vehicles and
338 not so constructed as to carry a load other than a part of the load and weight of the vehicle attached thereto.
339 "Traffic control device" means a sign, signal, marking, or other device used to regulate, warn, or guide
340 traffic placed on, over, or adjacent to a street, highway, private road open to public travel, pedestrian facility,
341 or shared-use path by authority of a public agency or official having jurisdiction, or in the case of a private
342 road open to public travel, by authority of the private owner or private official having jurisdiction.
343 "Traffic infraction" means a violation of law punishable as provided in § 46.2-113, which is neither a
344 felony nor a misdemeanor.
345 "Traffic lane" or "lane" means that portion of a roadway designed or designated to accommodate the
346 forward movement of a single line of vehicles.
347 "Trailer" means every vehicle without motive power designed for carrying property or passengers wholly
348 on its own structure and for being drawn by a motor vehicle, including manufactured homes.
349 "Truck" means every motor vehicle designed to transport property on its own structure independent of any
350 other vehicle and having a registered gross weight in excess of 7,500 pounds. "Truck" does not include any
351 pickup or panel truck.
352 "Truck lessor" means a person who holds the legal title to any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer that is
353 the subject of a bona fide written lease for a term of one year or more to another person, provided that: (i)
354 neither the lessor nor the lessee is a common carrier by motor vehicle or restricted common carrier by motor
355 vehicle or contract carrier by motor vehicle as defined in § 46.2-2000; (ii) the leased motor vehicle, trailer, or
356 semitrailer is used exclusively for the transportation of property of the lessee; (iii) the lessor is not employed
357 in any capacity by the lessee; (iv) the operator of the leased motor vehicle is a bona fide employee of the
358 lessee and is not employed in any capacity by the lessor; and (v) a true copy of the lease, verified by affidavit
359 of the lessor, is filed with the Commissioner.
360 "Utility vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is (i) designed for off-road use, (ii) powered by a motor, and
361 (iii) used for general maintenance, security, agricultural, or horticultural purposes. "Utility vehicle" does not
362 include riding lawn mowers.
363 "Vehicle" means every device in, on or by which any person or property is or may be transported or
364 drawn on a highway, except personal delivery devices and devices moved by human power or used
365 exclusively on stationary rails or tracks. For the purposes of Chapter 8 (§ 46.2-800 et seq.), bicycles, electric

366 personal assistive mobility devices, electric power-assisted bicycles, motorized skateboards or scooters, and
 367 mopeds shall be vehicles while operated on a highway.

368 "Watercraft transporter" means any tractor truck, lowboy, vehicle, or combination, including vehicles or
 369 combinations that transport watercraft on their power unit, designed and used exclusively for the
 370 transportation of watercraft.

371 "Wheel chair or wheel chair conveyance" means a chair or seat equipped with wheels, typically used to
 372 provide mobility for persons who, by reason of physical disability, are otherwise unable to move about as
 373 pedestrians. "Wheel chair or wheel chair conveyance" includes both three-wheeled and four-wheeled devices.
 374 So long as it is operated only as provided in § 46.2-677, a self-propelled wheel chair or self-propelled wheel
 375 chair conveyance shall not be considered a motor vehicle.

376 **§ 46.2-221.4. Grace period for replacement of license plates and registrations for certain persons in**
 377 **service to the United States government.**

378 Owners or lessees of vehicles registered in the Commonwealth who (i) have served outside of the United
 379 States in the armed services of the United States, (ii) have served outside the United States as a member of
 380 the diplomatic service of the United States appointed under the Foreign Service Act of 1946, (iii) have been a
 381 civilian employee of the United States government or any agency or contractor thereof serving outside the
 382 United States on behalf of the United States government, or (iv) are a spouse or dependent accompanying any
 383 such member of the armed services or diplomatic service serving outside the United States or civilian
 384 employee of the United States government or any agency or contractor thereof serving outside the United
 385 States on behalf of the United States government shall have a 90-day grace period, beginning on the date that
 386 such person is no longer serving outside the United States, in which to comply with the vehicle registration
 387 requirements of this title.

388 To be eligible for the grace period, the vehicle shall:

- 389 1. Be owned or leased by a person or persons qualifying under this section;
- 390 2. Have had valid registration issued by the Department at the time the member of the armed services of
 391 the United States, member of the diplomatic service, civilian employee of the United States government, or
 392 any agency or contractor thereof began service outside of the United States;
- 393 3. Comply with the financial responsibility requirements of this title;
- 394 4. Display the latest license plates ~~and decals~~ issued by the Department for the vehicle; and
- 395 5. Be operated only by persons qualifying under this section while possessing:
 - 396 a. Orders or other military documentation demonstrating that they are entitled to the benefits of this
 397 section; and
 - 398 b. The latest registration card issued by the Department for the vehicle.

399 Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit any person or persons who own or lease vehicles
 400 registered in the Commonwealth and are currently serving outside of the United States in the armed services
 401 of the United States from complying, when possible and as necessary, with the vehicle registration
 402 requirements of this title during the period of service outside the United States or while on leave in Virginia.

403 For the purposes of this section "the armed services of the United States" includes active duty service with
 404 the regular Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard or other reserve component.

405 The provisions of this section shall not apply to special license plates issued to members of the National
 406 Guard under § 46.2-744.

407 **§ 46.2-370. Revoked driver's licenses, special identification cards, certificates of title, license plates,**
 408 **registration cards to be returned; Commissioner may take possession of them.**

409 A. Any person whose driver's license, special identification card, certificate of title, registration card, or
 410 license plates have been suspended, cancelled, or revoked as provided in this title or in Title 18.2 and have
 411 not been reinstated, shall immediately return every such license, unless it has been surrendered to the court as
 412 required by law, special identification card, certificate of title, registration card, and set of license plates ~~or~~
 413 ~~decals~~ held by him to the Commissioner.

414 B. The Commissioner may take possession of any driver's license, special identification card, certificate of
 415 title, registration card, or set of license plates ~~or decals~~ on their suspension, cancellation, or revocation under
 416 the provisions of this title or in Title 18.2 or may direct any law-enforcement officer to take possession of and
 417 return them to the office of the Commissioner. Whenever any person fails or refuses to surrender a driver's
 418 license, special identification card, certificate of title, registration card, *or* license plates; ~~or decals~~ requiring a
 419 representative of the Department designated by the Commissioner to serve the order of suspension,
 420 cancellation, or revocation, or whenever the Department directs a sheriff to effect service of a decision, order,
 421 or notice pursuant to § 46.2-416, the person sought to be served shall, in addition to any other required
 422 statutory fees, pay a fee of ~~ten dollars~~ \$10 to partially defray the cost of administration incurred by the
 423 Department and the Commissioner. No such revoked, cancelled, or suspended license, special identification
 424 card, certificate of title, or registration items shall be reinstated before the ten-dollar fee is paid. All fees
 425 collected under the provisions of this section shall be paid by the Commissioner into the state treasury and
 426 shall be set aside as a special fund to be used to meet the expenses of the Department.

427 **§ 46.2-411. Reinstatement of suspended or revoked license or other privilege to operate or register a**

428 motor vehicle; proof of financial responsibility; reinstatement fee.

429 A. The Commissioner may refuse, after a hearing if demanded, to issue to any person whose license has
430 been suspended or revoked any new or renewal license, or to register any motor vehicle in the name of the
431 person, whenever he deems or in case of a hearing finds it necessary for the safety of the public on the
432 highways in the Commonwealth.

433 B. Before granting or restoring a license or registration to any person whose driver's license or other
434 privilege to drive motor vehicles or privilege to register a motor vehicle has been revoked or suspended
435 pursuant to § 46.2-389, 46.2-391, 46.2-391.1, or 46.2-417, the Commissioner shall require proof of financial
436 responsibility in the future as provided in Article 15 (§ 46.2-435 et seq.), but no person shall be licensed who
437 may not be licensed under the provisions of §§ 46.2-389 through 46.2-431.

438 C. Whenever the driver's license or registration cards, license plates ~~and decals~~, or other privilege to drive
439 or to register motor vehicles of any resident or nonresident person is suspended or revoked by the
440 Commissioner or by a district court or circuit court pursuant to the provisions of Title 18.2 or this title, or any
441 valid local ordinance, the order of suspension or revocation shall remain in effect and the driver's license,
442 registration cards, license plates ~~and decals~~, or other privilege to drive or register motor vehicles shall not be
443 reinstated and no new driver's license, registration cards, license plates ~~and decals~~, or other privilege to drive
444 or register motor vehicles shall be issued or granted unless such person, in addition to complying with all
445 other provisions of law, pays to the Commissioner a reinstatement fee of \$30. The reinstatement fee shall be
446 increased by \$30 whenever such suspension or revocation results from conviction of involuntary
447 manslaughter in violation of § 18.2-36.1; conviction of maiming resulting from driving while intoxicated in
448 violation of § 18.2-51.4; conviction of driving while intoxicated in violation of § 18.2-266 or 46.2-341.24;
449 conviction of driving after illegally consuming alcohol in violation of § 18.2-266.1 or failure to comply with
450 court imposed conditions pursuant to subsection D of § 18.2-271.1; unreasonable refusal to submit to drug or
451 alcohol testing in violation of § 18.2-268.2; conviction of driving while a license, permit or privilege to drive
452 was suspended or revoked in violation of § 46.2-301 or 46.2-341.21; disqualification pursuant to §
453 46.2-341.20; violation of driver's license probation pursuant to § 46.2-499; failure to attend a driver
454 improvement clinic pursuant to § 46.2-503 or interventions pursuant to former § 46.2-351.1; conviction of
455 eluding police in violation of § 46.2-817; conviction of hit and run in violation of § 46.2-894; conviction of
456 reckless driving in violation of Article 7 (§ 46.2-852 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 46.2 or a conviction,
457 finding or adjudication under any similar local ordinance, federal law or law of any other state. Five dollars
458 of the additional amount shall be retained by the Department as provided in this section and \$25 shall be
459 transferred to the Commonwealth Neurotrauma Initiative Trust Fund established pursuant to Article 12 (§
460 51.5-178 et seq.) of Chapter 14 of Title 51.5. When three years have elapsed from the termination date of the
461 order of suspension or revocation and the person has complied with all other provisions of law, the
462 Commissioner may relieve him of paying the reinstatement fee.

463 D. No reinstatement fee shall be required when the suspension or revocation of license results from the
464 person's suffering from mental or physical infirmities or disabilities from natural causes not related to the use
465 of self-administered intoxicants or drugs. No reinstatement fee shall be collected from any person whose
466 license is suspended by a court of competent jurisdiction for any reason, other than a cause for mandatory
467 suspension as provided in this title, provided the court ordering the suspension is not required by § 46.2-398
468 to forward the license to the Department during the suspended period.

469 E. Except as otherwise provided in this section and § 18.2-271.1, reinstatement fees collected under the
470 provisions of this section shall be paid by the Commissioner into the state treasury and shall be set aside as a
471 special fund to be used to meet the expenses of the Department.

472 F. Before granting or restoring a license or registration to any person whose driver's license or other
473 privilege to drive motor vehicles or privilege to register a motor vehicle has been revoked or suspended, the
474 Commissioner shall collect from such person, in addition to all other fees provided for in this section, an
475 additional fee of \$40. The Commissioner shall pay all fees collected pursuant to this subsection into the
476 Trauma Center Fund, created pursuant to § 18.2-270.01, for the purpose of defraying the costs of providing
477 emergency medical care to victims of automobile accidents attributable to alcohol or drug use.

478 G. Whenever any person is required to pay a reinstatement fee pursuant to subsection C or pursuant to
479 subsection E of § 18.2-271.1 and such person has more than one suspension or revocation on his record for
480 which reinstatement is required, then such person shall be required to pay one reinstatement fee, the amount
481 of which shall equal the full reinstatement fee attributable to the one of his revocations or suspensions that
482 would trigger the highest reinstatement fee, plus an additional \$5 fee for administrative costs associated with
483 compliance for each additional suspension or revocation. Fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be
484 set aside as a special fund to be used to meet the expenses of the Department.

485 § 46.2-416. Notice of suspension or revocation of license.

486 A. Whenever it is provided in this title that a driver's license may or shall be suspended or revoked either
487 by the Commissioner or by a court, notice of the suspension or revocation or any certified copy of the
488 decision or order of the Commissioner may be sent by the Department by certified mail to the driver at the

489 most recent address of the driver on file at the Department. If the certificate of the Commissioner or someone
 490 designated by him for that purpose shows that the notice or copy has been so sent or provided, it shall be
 491 deemed prima facie evidence that the notice or copy has been sent and delivered or otherwise provided to the
 492 driver for all purposes involving the application of the provisions of this title. In the discretion of the
 493 Commissioner, service may be made as provided in § 8.01-296, which service on the driver shall be made by
 494 delivery in writing to the driver in person in accordance with subdivision 1 of § 8.01-296 by a sheriff or
 495 deputy sheriff in the county or city in which the address is located, who shall, as directed by the
 496 Commissioner, take possession of any suspended or revoked license, registration card, or set of license plates
 497 ~~or deeds~~ and return them to the office of the Commissioner. No such service shall be made if, prior to
 498 service, the driver has complied with the requirement which caused the issuance of the decision or order. In
 499 any such case, return shall be made to the Commissioner.

500 B. In lieu of making a direct payment to sheriffs as a fee for delivery of the Department's processes, the
 501 Commissioner shall effect a transfer of funds, on a monthly basis, to the Compensation Board to be used to
 502 provide additional support to sheriffs' departments. The amount of funds so transferred shall be as provided in
 503 the general appropriation act.

504 C. The Department may contract with the United States Postal Service or an authorized agent to use the
 505 National Change of Address System for the purpose of obtaining current address information for a person
 506 whose name appears in customer records maintained by the Department. If the Department receives
 507 information from the National Change of Address System indicating that a person whose name appears in a
 508 Department record has submitted a permanent change of address to the Postal Service, the Department may
 509 then update its records with the mailing address obtained from the National Change of Address System.

510 **§ 46.2-417. Suspension for failure to satisfy motor vehicle accident judgment; exceptions; insurance**
 511 **in liquidated company; insurer obligated to pay judgment.**

512 A. Upon the application of any judgment creditor, the Commissioner shall suspend the driver's license and
 513 all of the registration certificates and license plates of any person who has failed for 30 days to satisfy any
 514 judgment (i) in an amount and on a cause of action as hereinafter stated in this subsection or (ii) in an amount
 515 and on a cause of action pursuant to § 15.2-1716 or 15.2-1716.1, immediately upon receiving an
 516 authenticated judgment order or abstract thereof in an action for damages in a motor vehicle accident or
 517 pursuant to § 15.2-1716 or 15.2-1716.1, if the order or abstract is received by the Commissioner within 10
 518 years of the date of judgment or if the judgment has been revived. However, if judgment is marked satisfied
 519 on the court records on or before the Commissioner's issuance of suspension, the order of suspension shall be
 520 invalid.

521 B. The Commissioner shall not, however, suspend the license of an owner or driver if the insurance
 522 carried by him was in a company which was authorized to transact business in this Commonwealth and which
 523 subsequent to an accident involving the owner or driver and prior to settlement of the claim therefor went into
 524 liquidation, so that the owner or driver is thereby unable to satisfy the judgment arising out of the accident.

525 C. The Commissioner shall not suspend the driver's license ~~or~~, driving privilege, or any registration
 526 certificate; ~~or~~ license plates; ~~or~~ ~~deeds~~ under clause (i) of subsection A or § 46.2-418, if the Commissioner
 527 finds that an insurer authorized to do business in the Commonwealth was obligated to pay the judgment upon
 528 which suspension is based, or that a policy of the insurer covers the person subject to the suspension, if the
 529 insurer's obligation or the limits of the policy are in an amount sufficient to meet the minimum amounts
 530 required by § 46.2-472, even though the insurer has not paid the judgment for any reason. A finding by the
 531 Commissioner that an insurer is obligated to pay a judgment, or that a policy of an insurer covers the person,
 532 shall not be binding upon the insurer and shall have no legal effect whatever except for the purpose of
 533 administering this article. Whenever in any judicial proceeding it is determined by any final judgment,
 534 decree, or order that an insurer is not obligated to pay the judgment, the Commissioner, notwithstanding any
 535 contrary finding made by him, forthwith shall suspend the driver's license ~~or~~, driving privilege, or any
 536 registration card; ~~or~~ license plates ~~or~~ ~~deeds~~ of any person against whom the judgment was rendered, as
 537 provided in subsection A.

538 D. Any suspensions timely requested by any judgment creditor under subsection A and issued by the
 539 Commissioner shall not extend (i) beyond 10 years from the date of judgment for any civil judgment obtained
 540 in a general district court, unless the judgment creditor notifies the Commissioner that an extension has been
 541 granted as provided in subdivision B 4 of § 16.1-69.55 or (ii) beyond 20 years from the date of judgment for
 542 any civil judgment obtained in a circuit court, unless the judgment creditor notifies the Commissioner that an
 543 extension has been granted as provided in § 8.01-251. The expiration of such suspension shall not relieve the
 544 judgment debtor of complying with the requirements of proof of financial responsibility pursuant to
 545 subsection B of § 46.2-411 and the reinstatement fees pursuant to subsections C and F of § 46.2-411 after the
 546 judgment debtor becomes eligible for restoration of his driving privileges.

547 **§ 46.2-607. Duplicates for lost or mutilated indicia of titling and registration.**

548 If any license plate, ~~deed~~, registration card, or certificate of title is lost, mutilated, or has become illegible,
 549 the person who is entitled to the certificate shall immediately apply for and obtain a replacement after

550 furnishing information of the fact satisfactory to the Department and after payment of the required fees.

551 A person who has twice obtained a replacement set of license plates ~~or decals~~ shall not be entitled to
552 obtain another set of license plates ~~or decals~~ during the license period for which the original set of plates was
553 issued unless the Commissioner finds that the replacement license plates ~~or decals~~ have been lost or mutilated
554 without the fault of the person entitled to them.

555 **§ 46.2-609. When registration may be suspended or revoked.**

556 A. The Department may revoke the registration of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer and may revoke
557 the registration card; *or* license plates; ~~or decals~~ whenever the person to whom the registration card; *or*
558 license plates; ~~or decals~~ have been issued makes or permits to be made an unlawful use of any of them or
559 permits their use by a person not entitled to them, or fails or refuses to pay, within the time prescribed by law,
560 any fuel taxes or other taxes or fees required to be collected or authorized to be collected by the Department
561 regardless of whether the fee applies to that particular vehicle.

562 B. The Department may suspend or revoke the registration card; *or* license plates; ~~or decals~~ issued to a
563 commercial motor vehicle if the motor carrier responsible for safety of the vehicle has been prohibited from
564 operating by a federal agency. For purposes of this subsection, the terms "commercial motor vehicle" and
565 "motor carrier" shall be as defined in § 52-8.4.

566 **§ 46.2-611. Appeal.**

567 From any action by the Department under this title suspending or revoking, rescinding or cancelling the
568 registration of any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer or suspending, revoking, cancelling, or repossessing
569 any registration card; *or* license plates; ~~or decals~~ or denying an application for transfer of title, an appeal shall
570 lie in accordance with the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.).

571 **§ 46.2-612. Failure to surrender revoked certificate of title, registration card or license plates; other**
572 **offenses relating to registration, licensing, and certificates of title; penalties.**

573 A. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, for which license plates;
574 ~~decals~~; or registration cards have been revoked pursuant to this article, to fail or refuse to surrender to the
575 Department, on demand, a certificate of title if it is incorrect in any material particular. Violation of this
576 subsection shall constitute a Class 2 misdemeanor.

577 B. No person shall:

578 1. Display or cause or permit to be displayed any registration card, certificate of title, or license plate ~~or~~
579 ~~decals~~ that he knows is fictitious or that he knows has been canceled, revoked, suspended, or altered; or
580 display or cause or permit to be displayed on any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer any license plate ~~or~~
581 ~~decals~~ that he knows is currently issued for another vehicle. Violation of this subdivision shall constitute a
582 Class 2 misdemeanor.

583 2. Fail or refuse to surrender to the Department or the Department of State Police, on demand, any
584 certificate of title, registration card, or license plate ~~or decal~~ that has been suspended, canceled, or revoked.
585 Violation of this subdivision shall constitute a Class 2 misdemeanor.

586 3. Use a false name or address in any application for the registration of any motor vehicle, trailer, or
587 semitrailer, for a certificate of title, or for any renewal or duplicate certificate or knowingly make a false
588 statement of a material fact, knowingly conceal a material fact, or otherwise commit a fraud in any
589 registration application. Violation of this subdivision shall constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor.

590 **§ 46.2-613. Infractions relating to registration, licensing, and certificates of title; penalties.**

591 A. No person shall:

592 1. Operate, park, or permit the operation or parking of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer owned,
593 leased, or otherwise controlled by him on a highway unless (i) it is registered, (ii) a certificate of title therefor
594 has been issued, and (iii) it has displayed on it the license plate or plates ~~and decal or decals~~, if any, assigned
595 to it by the Department for the current registration period, subject to the exemptions mentioned in Article 5 (§
596 46.2-655 et seq.) and Article 6 (§ 46.2-662 et seq.). The provisions of this subdivision shall apply to the
597 registration, licensing, and titling of mopeds on or after July 1, 2014.

598 2. Possess or use any registration card; *or* license plate; ~~or decal~~ to which he is not entitled or knowingly
599 permit the use of any registration card; *or* license plate; ~~or decal~~ by anyone not entitled to it.

600 3. Willfully and intentionally violate the limitations imposed under §§ 46.2-665, 46.2-666, and 46.2-670
601 while operating an unregistered vehicle pursuant to the agricultural and horticultural exemptions allowed
602 under those sections. A first violation of this subdivision shall constitute a traffic infraction punishable by a
603 fine of not more than \$250, and a second or subsequent violation of this subdivision shall constitute a traffic
604 infraction punishable by a fine of \$250.

605 B. For any summons issued for a violation of this section, the court may, in its discretion, dismiss the
606 summons, where proof of compliance with this section is provided to the court on or before the court date.

607 **§ 46.2-613.1. Civil penalty for violation of license, registration, and tax requirements and vehicle**
608 **size limitations.**

609 A. A civil penalty of \$250 and a processing fee of \$20 shall be levied against any person who while at a
610 permanent weighing station:

611 1. Operates or permits the operation of a truck or tractor truck with a gross weight greater than 7,500

612 pounds, a trailer, or a semitrailer owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by him on any highway in the
613 Commonwealth unless (i) it is registered, (ii) a certificate of title therefor has been issued, and (iii) it has
614 displayed on it the license plate or plates ~~and decal or decals~~ required by this title.

615 2. Operates or causes to be operated on any highway in the Commonwealth any motor vehicle that is not
616 in compliance with the Unified Carrier Registration System authorized under 49 U.S.C. § 14504a, enacted
617 pursuant to the Unified Carrier Registration Act of 2005, and the federal regulations promulgated thereunder.

618 3. Operates or permits the operation of any truck or tractor truck for which the fee for registration is
619 prescribed by § 46.2-697 on any highway in the Commonwealth (i) without first having paid the registration
620 fee hereinabove prescribed or (ii) if at the time of operation the gross weight of the vehicle or of the
621 combination of vehicles of which it is a part is in excess of the gross weight on the basis of which it is
622 registered. In any case where a pickup truck is used in combination with another vehicle, the civil penalty and
623 processing fee shall be assessed only if the combined gross weight exceeds the combined gross weight on the
624 basis of which each vehicle is registered.

625 4. (i) Fails to declare a motor vehicle to be operated for hire when required by § 46.2-2121.1 or obtain a
626 proper registration card or other evidence of registration as required by this chapter; (ii) operates or causes to
627 be operated on any highway in the Commonwealth any motor vehicle that does not carry the proper
628 registration and identification required by this title, display an identification marker issued for the vehicle by
629 the Department in the manner prescribed by the Department, or display any other identifying information
630 required by this title; or (iii) operates or causes to be operated on any highway in the Commonwealth any
631 motor vehicle requiring registration cards or identification markers from the Department after such
632 registration cards or identification markers have been revoked, canceled, or suspended.

633 5. (i) Fails to obtain a proper registration card, identification marker, or other evidence of registration
634 required by Chapter 27 (§ 58.1-2700 et seq.) of Title 58.1 or the terms and provisions of the International
635 Fuel Tax Agreement, as amended by the International Fuel Tax Association, Inc.; (ii) operates or causes to be
636 operated on any highway in the Commonwealth any motor vehicle that does not carry the proper registration
637 and identification marker required by Chapter 27 (§ 58.1-2700 et seq.) of Title 58.1 or the terms and
638 provisions of the International Fuel Tax Agreement, as amended by the International Fuel Tax Association,
639 Inc., or any motor vehicle that does not display an identification marker or other identifying information as
640 prescribed by the Department or required by Title 58.1 or the terms of the International Fuel Tax Agreement,
641 as amended by the International Fuel Tax Association, Inc.; or (iii) operates or causes to be operated on any
642 highway in the Commonwealth any motor vehicle requiring registration cards or identification markers from
643 the Department after such registration cards or identification markers have been revoked, canceled, or
644 suspended.

645 6. Operates or causes to be operated on any highway in the Commonwealth any truck or tractor truck or
646 combination of vehicles exceeding the size limitations of Articles 14 (§ 46.2-1101 et seq.), 15 (§ 46.2-1105 et
647 seq.), 16 (§ 46.2-1112 et seq.), and 18 (§ 46.2-1139 et seq.) of Chapter 10.

648 B. Upon collection by the Department, civil penalties levied pursuant to subdivisions A 1 and A 3 through
649 5 shall be paid into the Commonwealth Transportation Fund, but civil penalties levied pursuant to
650 subdivisions A 2 and 6 and all processing fees levied pursuant to this section shall be paid into the state
651 treasury and shall be set aside as a special fund to meet the expenses of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

652 C. The penalties and fees specified in this section shall be in addition to any other penalty, fee, tax, or
653 liability that may be imposed by law.

654 **§ 46.2-615. Registration effective after death of owner.**

655 Upon the death of an owner of a registered motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, its registration shall
656 continue in force as a valid registration until (i) the end of the registration period for which the license plates
657 ~~or decals~~ are issued or (ii) the ownership of the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is transferred before the
658 end of the registration period by the executor or administrator of the estate of the deceased owner or by a
659 legatee or distributee of the estate, as provided in § 46.2-632 or 46.2-633, (iii) its ownership is transferred to a
660 new owner before the end of the registration period by the survivor of its two joint owners, or (iv) its
661 ownership is transferred pursuant to § 46.2-633.2.

662 **§ 46.2-646. Expiration and renewal of registration.**

663 A. Every registration under this title, unless otherwise provided, shall expire on the last day of the twelfth
664 month next succeeding the date of registration. Every registration, unless otherwise provided, shall be
665 renewed annually on application by the owner and by payment of the fees required by law, the renewal to
666 take effect on the first day of the month succeeding the date of expiration. Notwithstanding these limitations,
667 the Commissioner may extend the validity period of an expiring registration if (i) the Department is unable to
668 process an application for renewal due to circumstances beyond its control, and (ii) the extension has been
669 authorized under a directive from the Governor. However, in no event shall the validity period be extended
670 more than 90 days per occurrence of such conditions.

671 B. All motor vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers registered in the Commonwealth shall, at the discretion of
672 the Commissioner, be placed in a system of registration on a monthly basis to distribute the work of

673 registering motor vehicles as uniformly as practicable throughout the 12 months of the year. All such motor
 674 vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers, unless otherwise provided, shall be registered for a period of 12 months.
 675 The registration shall be extended, at the discretion of the Commissioner, on receipt of appropriate prorated
 676 fees, as required by law, for a period of not less than one month nor more than 11 months as is necessary to
 677 distribute the registrations as equally as practicable on a monthly basis. The Commissioner shall, on request,
 678 assign to any owner or owners of two or more motor vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers the same registration
 679 period. The expiration date shall be the last day of the twelfth month or the last day of the designated month.
 680 Except for motor vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers registered for more than one year under subsection C of
 681 this section, every registration shall be renewed annually on application by the owner and by payment of fees
 682 required by law, the renewal to take effect on the first day of the succeeding month.

683 C. The Commissioner may offer, at his discretion, an optional multi-year registration for all motor
 684 vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers except for those registered under the International Registration Plan. When
 685 this option is offered and chosen by the registrant, all annual and 12-month fees due at the time of registration
 686 shall be multiplied by the number of years or fraction thereof that the vehicle will be registered.

687 D. For any summons issued for a violation of this section, the court may, in its discretion, dismiss the
 688 summons where proof of compliance with this section is provided to the court on or before the court date.

689 E. No law-enforcement officer shall stop a motor vehicle due to an expired registration ~~sticker~~ prior to the
 690 first day of the fourth month after the original expiration date. No evidence discovered or obtained as the
 691 result of a stop in violation of this subsection, including evidence discovered or obtained with the operator's
 692 consent, shall be admissible in any trial, hearing, or other proceeding.

693 **§ 46.2-646.2. Registration extension for satisfaction of certain requirements.**

694 A. Upon request by an applicant, the Commissioner may grant a one-month extension of the registration
 695 period of a vehicle if the vehicle registration has been withheld pursuant to § 33.2-503, 46.2-752, 46.2-819.1,
 696 46.2-819.3, 46.2-819.3:1, or 46.2-1183 and the current registration period will expire within the calendar
 697 month. No extension may be granted for an expired vehicle registration, and only one extension may be
 698 granted for any one vehicle registration period.

699 B. For each extension granted, the Commissioner shall collect (i) a \$10 administrative fee and (ii) a fee
 700 sufficient for a one-month registration period for the vehicle, as calculated under subsection B of § 46.2-694.
 701 On receipt of such fees, the Commissioner shall issue a registration card ~~and, if applicable, decals indicating~~
 702 ~~the month of expiration of the vehicle registration.~~ Upon satisfying the requirements for which the vehicle
 703 registration has been withheld, the applicant may elect to renew the vehicle registration. For such renewal, the
 704 Commissioner shall collect the appropriate registration renewal fee and issue a registration card ~~and, if~~
 705 ~~applicable, decals.~~ The renewal shall take effect on the first day succeeding the month in which the
 706 registration extension expires. When offered by the Commissioner, the applicant may elect to renew the
 707 vehicle registration for multiple years, pursuant to § 46.2-646.

708 C. All administrative fees imposed and collected by the Commissioner under this section shall be paid
 709 into the state treasury and set aside as a special fund to be used to meet the expenses of the Department.

710 **§ 46.2-647. Grace period for replacement of license plates and renewal of registrations.**

711 The Commissioner may, on finding either that the Department is unable to efficiently handle the
 712 replacement of license plates ~~or decals~~ or the renewal of registrations scheduled to expire during a specific
 713 month, or that persons seeking to secure license plates, ~~decals~~, or registration renewals are, as a group, unable
 714 to do so without being substantially inconvenienced, declare a grace period for the replacement of license
 715 plates ~~or decals~~ and the renewal of registrations. The declaration of a grace period shall have the effect of
 716 postponing the expiration of those license plates, ~~decals~~, and registrations scheduled to expire on the last day
 717 of that month to the fifteenth day of the succeeding month.

718 **§ 46.2-649.1:1. Registration of vehicles owned and used by volunteer fire departments or volunteer,**
 719 **commercial, or private emergency medical services agencies.**

720 Upon application therefor, the Commissioner shall register and issue permanent license plates ~~without~~
 721 ~~year or month decals~~ for display on any (i) firefighting truck, trailer, and semitrailer on which firefighting
 722 apparatus is permanently attached when any such vehicle is owned or under exclusive control of a volunteer
 723 fire department; (ii) emergency medical services vehicle or other vehicle owned or used exclusively by a
 724 volunteer fire department or volunteer emergency medical services agency if any such vehicle is used
 725 exclusively as an emergency medical services vehicle and is not rented, leased, or lent to any private
 726 individual, firm, or corporation, and no charge is made by the organization for the use of the vehicle; or (iii)
 727 emergency medical services vehicle owned or under exclusive control of a commercial or privately owned
 728 emergency medical services agency, as defined in § 32.1-111.1, if any such vehicle is not rented, leased, or
 729 lent to any private individual, firm, or corporation that is not another emergency medical services agency.
 730 The equipment shall be painted a distinguishing color and conspicuously display in letters and figures not less
 731 than three inches in height the identity of the emergency medical services agency, volunteer fire department,
 732 or volunteer emergency medical services agency having control of its operation.

733 No fee shall be charged for any vehicle registration or license plate issuance under clause (i) or (ii). The

734 fees charged for vehicle registration under clause (iii) shall be as provided in § 46.2-694.

735 **§ 46.2-663. Backhoes.**

736 No person shall be required to obtain the registration certificate, *or* license plates, ~~or decals~~ for or pay a
737 registration fee for any backhoe operated on any highway for a distance of no more than twenty miles from
738 its operating base.

739 **§ 46.2-664. Vehicles used for spraying fruit trees and other plants.**

740 No person shall be required to obtain the registration certificate, *or* license plates, ~~or decals~~ for or pay a
741 registration fee for any vehicle on which is securely attached a machine for spraying fruit trees and other
742 plants of the owner or lessee of the truck.

743 **§ 46.2-665. Vehicles used for agricultural or horticultural purposes.**

744 A. No person shall be required to obtain the registration certificate, *or* license plates, ~~or decals~~ for or pay a
745 registration fee for any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer used exclusively for agricultural or horticultural
746 purposes on lands owned or leased by the vehicle's owner.

747 B. This exemption shall only apply to (i) pickup or panel trucks; (ii) sport utility vehicles; (iii) vehicles
748 other than pickup or panel trucks, sport utility vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers having a gross vehicle weight
749 rating greater than 7,500 pounds; and (iv) trailers and semitrailers that are not operated on or over any public
750 highway in the Commonwealth for any purpose other than:

751 1. Crossing a highway;

752 2. Operating along a highway for a distance of no more than 75 miles from one part of the owner's land to
753 another, irrespective of whether the tracts adjoin;

754 3. Taking the vehicle or attached fixtures to and from a repair shop for repairs;

755 4. Taking another vehicle exempt from registration under any provision of §§ 46.2-664 through 46.2-668
756 or 46.2-672, or any part or subcomponent of such a vehicle, to or from a repair shop for repairs, including
757 return trips;

758 5. Operating along a highway to and from a refuse disposal facility for the purpose of disposing of trash
759 and garbage generated on a farm and incidental refuse from the farmer's or his employee's home;

760 6. Operating along a highway for a distance of no more than 75 miles for the purpose of obtaining
761 supplies for agricultural or horticultural purposes, seeds, fertilizers, chemicals, or animal feed and returning;
762 or

763 7. Transporting the vehicle's owner between his residence and the lands being used for agricultural or
764 horticultural purposes.

765 C. The owner or lessee of a pickup or panel truck or sport utility vehicle claiming the exemption provided
766 pursuant to this section shall be required to obtain a permanent farm use placard pursuant to § 46.2-684.2.

767 **§ 46.2-666. Vehicles used for seasonal transportation of farm produce and livestock.**

768 No person shall be required to obtain the registration certificate, *or* license plates, ~~or decals~~ for or pay a
769 registration fee prescribed for any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer owned by the owner or lessee of a
770 farm and used by him on a seasonal basis in transporting farm produce and livestock along public highways
771 for a distance of no more than 75 miles or to a storage house, packing plant, or market. The provisions of this
772 section shall only apply to (i) pickup or panel trucks; (ii) sport utility vehicles; (iii) vehicles other than pickup
773 or panel trucks, sport utility vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers having a gross vehicle weight rating greater than
774 7,500 pounds; and (iv) trailers and semitrailers. The owner or lessee of a pickup or panel truck or sport utility
775 vehicle claiming the exemption provided pursuant to this section shall be required to obtain a permanent farm
776 use placard pursuant to § 46.2-684.2.

777 **§ 46.2-667. Farm machinery and tractors.**

778 No person shall be required to obtain the registration certificate, *or* license plates, ~~or decals~~ for or pay the
779 prescribed fee for any farm machinery or tractor when operated on a highway (i) between one tract of land
780 and another regardless of whether the land is owned by the same person or (ii) to and from a repair shop for
781 repairs.

782 The owner or lessee of any farm machinery or tractor claiming the exemption provided pursuant to this
783 section shall not be required to obtain a permanent farm use placard pursuant to § 46.2-684.2.

784 **§ 46.2-668. Vehicles validly registered in other states and used in conjunction with harvesting
785 operations.**

786 A. No person shall be required to obtain the registration certificate, *or* license plates, ~~or decals~~ for or pay a
787 registration fee for any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer which is validly registered in another state and
788 bears valid license plates issued by that state when the use of the vehicle has been contracted for by the owner
789 or lessee of a farm as an incidental part of the harvesting of a crop from his farm. This exemption shall only
790 be valid while the vehicle is engaged principally in transporting farm produce from the farm:

791 1. As an incidental part of harvesting operations;

792 2. Along a public highway for a distance of not more than 20 miles to a storage house, packing plant,
793 market, or transportation terminal;

794 3. When the use is a seasonal operation; and

795 4. When the owner of the vehicle has secured from the Commissioner an exemption permit for each

796 vehicle.

797 B. The Commissioner, upon receipt of an application certifying that a vehicle is entitled to the exemption
798 set forth in this subsection and, if the vehicle is a qualified highway vehicle under § 58.1-2700, payment of
799 \$150, shall issue an exemption permit on a form prescribed by him. The exemption permit shall be carried at
800 all times by the operator of the vehicle for which it is issued or displayed in a conspicuous place on the
801 vehicle. The exemption permit shall be valid for a period of 90 days from date of issue and shall be renewable
802 by the procedure set forth in the foregoing provisions of this section.

803 **§ 46.2-669. Tractors and similar vehicles owned by sawmill operators.**

804 No person shall be required to obtain the registration certificate; ~~or~~ license plates; ~~or~~ ~~deals~~ for or pay a
805 registration fee for any tractor, trailer, log cart, or similar vehicle owned by a sawmill operator when the
806 vehicle is operated or moved:

- 807 1. Along a highway from one sawmill or sawmill site to another;
- 808 2. To or from a repair shop for repairs; or
- 809 3. Across a highway from one contiguous tract of land to another.

810 **§ 46.2-670. Vehicles owned by farmers and used to transport certain wood products.**

811 No person shall be required to obtain the registration certificate; ~~or~~ license plates; ~~or~~ ~~deals~~ for or pay a
812 registration fee for any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer owned by a farm owner when the vehicle is
813 operated or moved along a highway for no more than 75 miles between a sawmill or sawmill site and his
814 farm to transport sawdust, wood shavings, slab wood, and other wood wastes. The provisions of this section
815 shall only apply to (i) pickup or panel trucks; (ii) sport utility vehicles; (iii) vehicles other than pickup or
816 panel trucks, sport utility vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers having a gross vehicle weight rating greater than
817 7,500 pounds; and (iv) trailers and semitrailers. The owner or lessee of a pickup or panel truck or sport utility
818 vehicle claiming the exemption provided pursuant to this section shall be required to obtain a permanent farm
819 use placard pursuant to § 46.2-684.2.

820 **§ 46.2-670.1. Vehicles owned by maritime cargo terminal operators.**

821 No person shall be required to obtain the registration certificate, certificate of title, ~~or~~ license plates; ~~or~~
822 ~~deals~~ for or to pay a registration fee for any motor vehicle owned or leased by a maritime cargo terminal
823 owner or operator and used to transport a seagoing container and operated along a highway on a route of no
824 more than one mile approved by the Department.

825 **§ 46.2-671. Vehicles used at mines.**

826 No person shall be required to obtain the registration certificate; ~~or~~ license plates; ~~or~~ ~~deals~~ for or pay a
827 registration fee for any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer used at mines when operated on the highway for
828 no more than twenty miles between mines or to or from a repair shop for repairs.

829 **§ 46.2-672. Certain vehicles transporting fertilizer, cotton, or peanuts.**

830 No person shall be required to obtain the registration certificate; ~~or~~ license plates; ~~or~~ ~~deals~~ for or pay a
831 registration fee for any motor vehicle or trailer, semitrailer, or fertilizer spreader drawn by a farm tractor used
832 by a farmer, his tenant, agent or employee or a cotton ginner, peanut buyer, or fertilizer distributor to
833 transport unginning cotton, peanuts, or fertilizer owned by the farmer, cotton ginner, peanut buyer, or fertilizer
834 distributor from one farm to another, from farm to gin, from farm to dryer, from farm to market, or from
835 fertilizer distributor to farm and on return to the distributor. The owner or lessee of a pickup or panel truck or
836 sport utility vehicle claiming the exemption provided pursuant to this section shall be required to obtain a
837 permanent farm use placard pursuant to § 46.2-684.2.

838 The provisions of this section shall not apply to vehicles operated on a for-hire basis.

839 **§ 46.2-673. Return trips of exempted farm vehicles.**

840 No person shall be required to obtain the registration certificate; ~~or~~ license plates; ~~or~~ ~~deals~~ for or pay a
841 registration fee for any farm vehicle exempted from registration under the provisions of this article when that
842 vehicle is:

- 843 1. Making a return trip from any marketplace;
- 844 2. Transporting back to a farm ordinary and essential food, including procuring a meal for a farmer or his
845 employees, and other products for home and farm use while engaged in activities allowed in this chapter; or
- 846 3. Transporting supplies to the farm.

847 The owner or lessee of a pickup or panel truck or sport utility vehicle claiming the exemption provided
848 pursuant to this section shall be required to obtain a permanent farm use placard pursuant to § 46.2-684.2.

849 **§ 46.2-674. Vehicles used by commercial fishermen.**

850 No person shall be required to obtain the registration certificate; ~~or~~ license plates; ~~or~~ ~~deals~~ for or pay a
851 registration fee for any motor vehicle, trailer, boat trailer, or semitrailer, or any combination thereof not
852 having a gross vehicle weight exceeding 12,000 pounds used by commercial fishermen, their agents, or
853 employees for the purpose of:

- 854 1. Transporting boats or other equipment used in commercial fishing no more than 50 miles between his
855 place of residence or business and the waters within the territorial limits of the Commonwealth or the
856 adjacent marginal seas;
- 857 2. Any return trip to his place of residence or business; or

858 3. Transporting harvested seafood no more than 50 miles between the place where the seafood is first
859 brought ashore and the transporter's place of business or the location of the seafood's first point of sale.

860 **§ 46.2-675. Certain vehicles engaged in mining or quarrying operations; permit when such vehicle**
861 **required to cross public highways.**

862 No person shall be required to obtain the registration certificate, *or* license plates, ~~or deals~~ for or pay a
863 registration fee prescribed for any motor vehicle engaged in coal mining operations or other types of mining
864 and quarrying operations, if the sole function of the motor vehicle is to haul coal from mine to tipple or to
865 haul other mined or quarried products from mine or quarry to a processing plant. The owner of the vehicle,
866 however, shall first obtain, without charge, a permit from the Commissioner of Highways in any case in
867 which the motor vehicle is required to cross the public highways. The Commissioner of Highways shall not
868 issue the permit unless he is satisfied that the owner of the motor vehicle has, at his own expense,
869 strengthened the highway crossing so that it will adequately bear the load and has provided adequate signs,
870 lights, or flagmen as may be required for the protection of the public. Any damage done to the highways as a
871 result of this operation shall be repaired in a manner satisfactory to the Commissioner of Highways at the
872 expense of the vehicle's owner.

873 **§ 46.2-676. Registration certificate or license plates for any golf carts and utility vehicles; fees.**

874 No person shall be required to obtain the registration certificate, *or* license plates, ~~or deals~~ for or pay any
875 registration fee for any golf cart or utility vehicle that either (i) is not operated on or over any public highway
876 in the Commonwealth or (ii) is operated on or over a public highway as authorized by Article 13.1 (§
877 46.2-916.1 et seq.) of Chapter 8.

878 **§ 46.2-677. Self-propelled wheelchairs.**

879 No person shall be required to obtain the registration certificate, *or* license plates, ~~or deals~~ for or pay any
880 registration fee for any self-propelled wheelchair or self-propelled wheelchair conveyance provided it is:

881 1. Operated by a person who is capable of operating it properly and safely but who, by reason of physical
882 disability, is otherwise unable to move about as a pedestrian; and

883 2. Not operated on a public highway in this Commonwealth except to the extent necessary to cross the
884 highway.

885 **§ 46.2-678. Forklift trucks.**

886 A. No person shall be required to obtain the registration certificate, *or* license plates, ~~or deals~~ for or pay a
887 registration fee for any forklift truck provided it is:

888 1. Operated by a person holding a valid Virginia driver's license;

889 2. Operated along or across highways only in traveling from one plant, factory, or job site to another by
890 the most direct route;

891 3. Not carrying or transporting any object or person, other than the driver;

892 4. Displaying a slow-moving vehicle emblem in conformity with § 46.2-1081;

893 5. In compliance with requirements of the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration;

894 6. Not operated on or along any limited access highway; and

895 7. Not operated for a distance of more than ten miles.

896 B. For the purposes of this section, "forklift truck" means a self-propelled machine used for hoisting and
897 transporting heavy objects by means of steel fingers inserted under the load.

898 **§ 46.2-679. Snowmobiles.**

899 No person shall be required to obtain the registration certificate, *or* license plates, ~~or deals~~ for or pay a
900 registration fee for any snowmobile.

901 **§ 46.2-679.1. All-terrain vehicles.**

902 No person shall be required to obtain the registration certificate, *or* license plate, ~~or deals~~ for or pay a
903 registration fee for any all-terrain vehicle.

904 **§ 46.2-679.2. Off-road motorcycles.**

905 No person shall be required to obtain the registration certificate, *or* license plate, ~~or deals~~ for or pay a
906 registration fee for any off-road motorcycle.

907 **§ 46.2-680. Vehicles transporting oyster shells.**

908 No person shall be required to obtain the registration certificate, *or* license plates, ~~or deals~~ for or pay a
909 registration fee for any motor vehicle properly registered in Maryland and used for the purpose of hauling
910 oyster shells for a distance of less than three miles on a public highway of this Commonwealth to navigable
911 waters to be further transported by water to Maryland.

912 **§ 46.2-688. Refund of fees paid.**

913 Any person holding a registration card and ~~license plate~~ *or* license plates ~~with deal~~ who disposes of,
914 elects not to use the vehicle for which it was issued on the highways in the Commonwealth, or transfers
915 ~~another~~ valid license ~~plate~~ *plates* to the vehicle, may surrender, prior to the beginning of the registration
916 period, the license ~~plates~~ *or* license ~~plates with deals~~ and registration card or provide other evidence of
917 registration of the vehicle to the Commissioner with a statement that the vehicle for which the license ~~plate~~ *or*
918 ~~license plate with deal~~ *was plates were* issued has been disposed of, election has been made not to use the

919 vehicle on the highways in the Commonwealth, or another valid license plate has plates have been transferred
 920 to the vehicle and request a refund of the fee paid. The Commissioner shall retain five dollars \$5 of the fee to
 921 cover the costs incurred in issuing the plates and processing the refund.

922 The Commissioner shall refund to the applicant a proration, in six-month increments, of the total cost of
 923 the registration and license plates or license plates with decals if application for the refund is made when
 924 there are six or more months remaining in the registration period. The Commissioner shall not provide a
 925 refund when otherwise eligible if the applicant chooses not to return the license plates to the Department. No
 926 charge or deduction shall be assessed for any refund made under this subsection.

927 **§ 46.2-692. Fee for replacement of indicia of titling and registration.**

928 The fee for the replacement or duplication of license plates, ~~decals~~, registration cards, or certificates of
 929 title shall be as follows:

- 930 1. For any type of replacement or duplication of vehicle registration cards, International Registration Plan
- 931 cab cards, registration cards for overload permits, or dealer registration cards, \$2, except that no fee shall be
- 932 charged for the replacement or duplication of a vehicle registration card or registration card for overload
- 933 permit that is conducted using the Internet;
- 934 2. For a certificate of title, \$5;
- 935 3. For license plates or license plates with decals, \$10; and
- 936 4. For a license plate with decals issued for trailers, \$5; and
- 937 5. ~~For one or two decals, \$1.~~

938 **§ 46.2-709. Requiring other proof of financial responsibility; suspended driver's license, registration**
 939 **certificate and license plates to be returned to Commissioner; Commissioner may take possession**
 940 **thereof.**

941 Whenever any proof of financial responsibility filed by any person as required by this article no longer
 942 fulfills the purpose for which required, the Commissioner shall require other proof of financial responsibility
 943 as required by this article and shall suspend such person's driver's license, registration certificates, and license
 944 plates and decals pending the furnishing of proof as required.

945 Any person whose driver's license or, registration certificates, or license plates and decals have been
 946 suspended as provided in this article and have not been reinstated shall immediately return every such license,
 947 registration certificate, and set of license plates and decals held by him to the Commissioner. Any person
 948 failing to comply with this requirement shall be guilty of a traffic infraction and upon conviction thereof shall
 949 be punished as provided in § 46.2-113.

950 The Commissioner is authorized to take possession of any license, registration certificate, or set of license
 951 plates and decals on their suspension under the provisions of this chapter or to direct any police officer to take
 952 possession of and return them to the office of the Commissioner.

953 **§ 46.2-711. Furnishing number and design of plates; displaying on vehicles required.**

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

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

- 961 1. Passenger-carrying vehicles for rent or hire for the transportation of passengers for private trips, other
- 962 than TNC partner vehicles as defined in § 46.2-2000 and emergency medical services vehicles pursuant to
- 963 clause (iii) of § 46.2-649.1:1;
- 964 2. Taxicabs;
- 965 3. Passenger-carrying vehicles operated by common carriers or restricted common carriers;
- 966 4. Property-carrying motor vehicles registered pursuant to § 46.2-697 except pickup or panel trucks as
- 967 defined in § 46.2-100;
- 968 5. Applicants, other than TNC partners as defined in § 46.2-2000 and emergency medical services
- 969 vehicles pursuant to clause (iii) of § 46.2-649.1:1, who operate motor vehicles as passenger carriers for rent
- 970 or hire;
- 971 6. Vehicles operated by nonemergency medical transportation carriers as defined in § 46.2-2000; and
- 972 7. Trailers and semitrailers.

973 C. ~~The Department shall issue appropriately designated license plates for motor vehicles held for rental as~~
 974 ~~defined in § 58.1-1735.~~

975 ~~D.~~ The Department shall issue appropriately designated license plates for low-speed vehicles.

976 ~~E.~~ D. The Department shall issue appropriately designated license plates for military surplus motor
 977 vehicles registered pursuant to § 46.2-730.1.

978 ~~F.~~ E. No vehicles shall be operated on the highways in the Commonwealth without displaying the license
 979 plates required by this chapter. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to vehicles used to collect

980 and deliver the United States mail to the extent that their rear license plates may be covered by the
 981 "CAUTION, FREQUENT STOPS, U.S. MAIL" sign when the vehicle is engaged in the collection and
 982 delivery of the United States mail.

983 ~~G. F.~~ For any summons issued for a violation of this section, the court may, in its discretion, dismiss the
 984 summons, where proof of compliance with this section is provided to the court on or before the court date.

985 **§ 46.2-712. Requirements of license plates.**

986 A. Every license plate shall display the registration number assigned to the motor vehicle, trailer, or
 987 semitrailer and to the owner thereof; ~~and~~ the name of the Commonwealth, which may be abbreviated; ~~and the~~
 988 ~~year or the month and year, which may be abbreviated and in the form of decals, for which it is issued.~~
 989 Subject to the need for legibility, the size of the plate, the letters, ~~and~~ numerals; ~~and decals thereon,~~ and the
 990 color of the plate, letters, ~~and~~ numerals; ~~and decals thereon~~ shall be in the discretion of the Commissioner.
 991 ~~Decals shall be placed on the license plates in the manner prescribed by the Commissioner, and shall indicate~~
 992 ~~the month and year of expiration. On the issuance of the decals, a new registration card shall be issued with~~
 993 ~~the same date of expiration as the decals.~~

994 B. Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the Department may issue permanent license plates
 995 ~~without decals and~~ without a month and year of expiration for all trailers and semitrailers, regardless of
 996 weight; trucks and tractor trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating of
 997 more than 26,000 pounds; taxicabs or other motor vehicles performing a taxicab service; and common carrier
 998 vehicles operated for hire, both of the latter as defined in § 46.2-2000 that are in compliance with the
 999 requirements of Chapter 20 (§ 46.2-2000 et seq.) of this title. In addition, the Department may issue
 1000 permanent license plates ~~without decals and~~ without a month and year of expiration for trucks and tractor
 1001 trucks with gross vehicle weight ratings or gross combination weight ratings of at least 7,501 pounds but not
 1002 more than 26,000 pounds, provided that such vehicles are for business use only, and for farm vehicles
 1003 registered with the Department pursuant to § 46.2-698.

1004 C. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this section, any person who, pursuant to former § 56-304.3,
 1005 repealed by Chapters 744 and 803 of the Acts of Assembly of 1995, obtained from the State Corporation
 1006 Commission an exemption from the marker or decal requirements of former § 56-304, 56-304.1 or 56-304.2,
 1007 and who has painted or, in the case of newly acquired vehicles, who paints an identifying number on the sides
 1008 of any vehicle with respect to which such exemption applies and, in all other respects, continues to comply
 1009 with the requirements of former § 56-304.3, shall be deemed to be in compliance with § 46.2-2011.23 and
 1010 subdivision 18 of § 46.2-2011.24.

1011 **§ 46.2-714. Permanent license plates.**

1012 Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 46.2-711 and 46.2-712 the Department may, in its discretion, issue a
 1013 type of license plate suitable for permanent use on motor vehicles, trailers, semitrailers, and motorcycles;
 1014 ~~together with decals, unless decals are not required under § 46.2-712, to be attached to the license plates to~~
 1015 ~~indicate the registration period for which such vehicles have been properly licensed.~~ The design of the license
 1016 plates ~~and decals, when required,~~ shall be determined by the Commissioner.

1017 Every permanent license plate ~~and decal, when required,~~ shall be returned to the Department whenever the
 1018 owner of a vehicle disposes of it by sale or otherwise and when not actually in use on a motor vehicle, except
 1019 dealer's plates temporarily not in use. The person in whose name the license plate is registered may apply,
 1020 during the registration period for which it is issued, for the return thereof if the license plate is intended to be
 1021 used on a subsequently acquired motor vehicle.

1022 Every permanent license plate ~~and decal, when issued,~~ shall be returned to the Department whenever the
 1023 owner of a vehicle elects to garage the vehicle and discontinue the use of it on the highway. The person in
 1024 whose name the license plate is registered may apply, during the registration period for which it is issued, for
 1025 the return thereof if the vehicle is to be returned to use on the highway.

1026 For the purposes of this section, the term "motor vehicle" does not include a "moped" as defined in §
 1027 46.2-100.

1028 **§ 46.2-716. How license plates fastened to vehicle; altering appearance of license plates.**

1029 A. Every license plate shall be securely fastened to the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer to which it is
 1030 assigned:

- 1031 1. So as to prevent the plate from swinging,
- 1032 2. In a position to be clearly visible, and
- 1033 3. In a condition to be clearly legible.

1034 B. No colored glass, colored plastic, bracket, holder, mounting, frame, or any other type of covering shall
 1035 be placed, mounted, or installed on, around, or over any license plate if such glass, plastic, bracket, holder,
 1036 mounting, frame, or other type of covering in any way alters or obscures (i) the alpha-numeric information,
 1037 (ii) the color of the license plate, (iii) the name or abbreviated name of the state wherein the vehicle is
 1038 registered, or (iv) any character or characters, ~~decal,~~ stamp, or other device indicating the month or year in
 1039 which the vehicle's registration expires. No insignia, emblems, or trailer hitches or couplings shall be
 1040 mounted in such a way as to hide or obscure any portion of the license plate or render any portion of the

1041 license plate illegible.

1042 C. The Superintendent may make such regulations as he may deem advisable to enforce the proper
1043 mounting and securing of the license plate on the vehicle.

1044 D. For any summons issued for a violation of this section, the court may, in its discretion, dismiss the
1045 summons, where proof of compliance with this section is provided to the court on or before the court date.

1046 **§ 46.2-718. Use of old license plates after application for new.**

1047 An owner who has applied for renewal of registration of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer ~~fifteen~~ 15
1048 days prior to the day the registration period begins, but who has not received the license plates, ~~decals~~, or
1049 registration card for the ensuing registration period shall be entitled to operate or permit the operation of the
1050 vehicle on the highways on displaying on the vehicle the license plates ~~or decals~~ issued for the preceding
1051 registration period for such time to be prescribed by the Department as it may find necessary to issue new
1052 license plates ~~or decals~~.

1053 **§ 46.2-725. Special license plates, generally.**

1054 A. No series of special license plates shall be created or issued by the Commissioner or the Department
1055 except as authorized pursuant to this article. No special license plates in any series not provided for pursuant
1056 to this article ~~and no registration decal for any such license plate~~ shall be issued, reissued, or renewed ~~on or~~
1057 ~~after July 1, 1995.~~ However, subject to the limitations contained in subdivisions B 1 and 2 ~~of subsection B of~~
1058 ~~this section,~~ the Commissioner may issue, when feasible, special license plates that are combinations of no
1059 more than two series of special license plates authorized pursuant to this article and currently issued by the
1060 Department; in addition to the state registration fee, the fee for any such combination shall be equal to the
1061 sum of the fees for the two series plus the fee for reserved numbers and letters, if applicable. The provisions
1062 of subdivisions B 1 and 2 ~~of subsection B of this section~~ shall not apply to special license plates that are
1063 combinations of two series of special license plates authorized pursuant to this article and currently issued by
1064 the Department if one of the two combined designs, when feasible, incorporates or includes the international
1065 symbol of access.

1066 B. Except as otherwise provided in this article:

1067 1. No special license plates shall be considered for authorization by the General Assembly unless and until
1068 the individual, group, entity, organization, or other entity seeking the authorization of such special license
1069 plates shall have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the General Assembly that they meet the issuance
1070 requirements set forth in this subdivision. For the purposes of this article, each prepaid application shall be on
1071 a form prescribed by the Department and, excluding the vehicle registration fee, shall include the proposed or
1072 authorized fee for the issuance of the proposed or authorized special license plates and, if applicable, the
1073 annual fee for reserved numbers or letters prescribed under § 46.2-726. Once authorized by the General
1074 Assembly, no license plates provided for in this article shall be developed and issued by the Department until
1075 the Commissioner receives at least 450 prepaid applications therefor within 30 days of the effective date of
1076 the authorization associated with the applications. If the end of the 30-day period falls on a Saturday, Sunday,
1077 or holiday, the 30-day period shall end on the following business day.

1078 2. No additional license plates shall be issued or reissued in any series that, after five or more years of
1079 issuance, has fewer than 200 active sets of plates. No such license plates shall be issued or reissued unless
1080 reauthorized by the General Assembly. Such reauthorized license plates shall remain subject to the provisions
1081 of this article.

1082 3. The annual fee for the issuance of any license plates issued pursuant to this article shall be \$10 plus the
1083 prescribed fee for state license plates. Applications for all special license plates issued pursuant to this article
1084 shall be on forms prescribed by the Commissioner. All special license plates issued pursuant to this article
1085 shall be of designs prescribed by the Commissioner and shall bear unique letters and numerals, clearly
1086 distinguishable from any other license plate designs, and be readily identifiable by law-enforcement
1087 personnel.

1088 No other state license plates shall be required on any vehicles bearing special license plates issued under
1089 the provisions of this article.

1090 All fees collected by the Department under this article shall be paid by the Commissioner into the state
1091 treasury and shall be set aside as a special fund to be used to meet the expenses of the Department.

1092 C. The provisions of this article relating to registration fees shall apply only to those vehicles registered as
1093 passenger cars, motor homes, and pick-up or panel trucks, as defined in § 46.2-100. All other vehicle types
1094 registered with special license plates shall be subject to the appropriate special license plate fees, registration
1095 fees and other fees prescribed by law for such vehicle types.

1096 D. For special license plates that generate revenues that are shared with entities other than the Department,
1097 hereinafter referred to as "revenue sharing special license plates," the General Assembly shall review all
1098 proposed revenue sharing special license plate authorizations to determine whether the revenues are to be
1099 shared with entities or organizations that (i) provide to the Commonwealth or its citizens a broad public
1100 service that is to be funded, in whole or in part, by the proposed revenue sharing special license plate
1101 authorization and (ii) are at least one of the following:

1102 1. A nonprofit corporation as defined in § 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code;

- 1103 2. An agency, board, commission, or other entity established or operated by the Commonwealth;
 1104 3. A political subdivision of the Commonwealth; or
 1105 4. An institution of higher education whose main campus is located in Virginia.

1106 No revenue sharing special license plate authorization shall be approved if, as determined by the General
 1107 Assembly, it does not meet the criteria set forth in this subsection.

1108 E. No special license plates authorized pursuant to this article shall be issued to or renewed for any owner
 1109 or co-owner of a vehicle who is registered pursuant to the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry
 1110 Act (§ 9.1-900 et seq.) if the design of such special license plates, including any logo, emblem, seal, or
 1111 symbol therein, references children or children's programs or if any revenue-sharing provision authorized for
 1112 such special license plates contributes, directly or indirectly, to any fund or program established for the
 1113 benefit of children.

1114 **§ 46.2-727. Bicentennial license plates; fees.**

1115 Bicentennial license plates ~~and decals~~ issued to any properly registered passenger motor vehicle from
 1116 January 1, 1976, through December 31, 1981, may continue in use for a period determined by the
 1117 Commissioner if the proper fee is paid as required in § 46.2-694.

1118 **§ 46.2-730. License plates for antique motor vehicles and antique trailers; fee.**

1119 A. On receipt of an application and evidence that the applicant owns or has regular use of another
 1120 passenger car, autocycle, or motorcycle, the Commissioner shall issue appropriately designed license plates
 1121 to owners of antique motor vehicles and antique trailers. These license plates shall be valid so long as title to
 1122 the vehicle is vested in the applicant. The fee for the registration card and license plates of any of these
 1123 vehicles shall be a one-time fee of \$50.

1124 B. On receipt of an application and evidence that the applicant owns or has regular use of another
 1125 passenger car, autocycle, or motorcycle, the Commissioner may authorize for use on antique motor vehicles
 1126 and antique trailers Virginia license plates manufactured prior to 1976 ~~and designed for use without decals~~, if
 1127 such license plates are embossed with or are of the same year of issue as the model year of the antique motor
 1128 vehicle or antique trailer on which they are to be displayed. Original metal year tabs issued in place of license
 1129 plates for years 1943 and 1952 and used with license plates issued in 1942 and 1951, respectively, also may
 1130 be authorized by the Commissioner for use on antique motor vehicles and antique trailers that are of the same
 1131 model year as the year the metal tab was originally issued. These license plates and metal tabs shall remain
 1132 valid so long as title to the vehicle is vested in the applicant. The fee for the registration card and permission
 1133 to use the license plates and metal tabs on any of these vehicles shall be a one-time fee of \$50. If more than
 1134 one request is made for use, as provided in this section, of license plates having the same number, the
 1135 Department shall accept multiple requests only if (i) the number combination requested is not currently
 1136 registered on license plates embossed with the year matching the plate being requested and (ii) only one
 1137 license plate with the same number combination has been issued for use after 1973 or, if the plate requested is
 1138 for a motorcycle, 1976.

1139 C. Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 46.2-711 and 46.2-715, antique motor vehicles may display
 1140 single license plates if the original manufacturer's design of the antique motor vehicles allows for the use of
 1141 only single license plates or if the license plate was originally issued in one of the following years and is
 1142 displayed in accordance with the provisions of subsection B: 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1945, or 1946.

1143 D. Antique motor vehicles and antique trailers registered with license plates issued or authorized for use
 1144 under this section shall not be used for general transportation purposes, including, but not limited to, daily
 1145 travel to and from the owner's place of employment, but shall only be used:

- 1146 1. For participation in club activities, exhibits, tours, parades, and similar events;
 1147 2. On the highways of the Commonwealth for the purpose of testing their operation or selling the vehicle
 1148 or trailer, obtaining repairs or maintenance, transportation to and from events as described in subdivision 1,
 1149 and for occasional pleasure driving not exceeding 250 miles from the residence of the owner; and
 1150 3. To carry or transport (i) passengers in the antique motor vehicles, (ii) personal effects in the antique
 1151 motor vehicles and antique trailers, or (iii) other antique motor vehicles being transported for show purposes.

1152 The registration card issued to an antique motor vehicle or an antique trailer registered pursuant to
 1153 subsections A, B, and C shall indicate such vehicle or trailer is for limited use.

1154 E. Owners of motor vehicles and trailers applying for registration pursuant to subsections A, B and C shall
 1155 submit to the Department, in the manner prescribed by the Department, certifications that such vehicles or
 1156 trailers are capable of being safely operated on the highways of the Commonwealth.

1157 Pursuant to § 46.2-1000, the Department shall suspend the registration of any vehicle or trailer registered
 1158 with license plates issued under this section that the Department or the Department of State Police determines
 1159 is not properly equipped or otherwise unsafe to operate. Any law-enforcement officer shall take possession of
 1160 the license plates, ~~and registration card and decals, if any,~~ of any vehicle or trailer registered with license
 1161 plates issued under this section when he observes any defect in such vehicle or trailer as set forth in §
 1162 46.2-1000.

1163 F. Antique motor vehicles and antique trailers displaying license plates issued or authorized for use

1164 pursuant to subsections B and C may be used for general transportation purposes if the following conditions
1165 are met:

1166 1. The physical condition of the vehicle's license plate or plates has been inspected and approved by the
1167 Department;

1168 2. The license plate or plates are registered to the specific vehicle by the Department;

1169 3. The owner of the vehicle periodically registers the vehicle with the Department and pays a registration
1170 fee for the vehicle equal to that which would be charged to obtain regular state license plates for that vehicle;

1171 4. The vehicle passes a periodic safety inspection as provided in Article 21 (§ 46.2-1157 et seq.) of
1172 Chapter 10;

1173 5. The vehicle displays current decals attached to the license plate, issued by the Department, indicating
1174 the valid registration period for the vehicle; and

1175 6. 5. When applicable, the vehicle meets the requirement of Article 22 (§ 46.2-1176 et seq.) of Chapter 10.

1176 If more than one request is made for use, as provided in this subsection, of license plates having the same
1177 number, the Department shall accept multiple requests only if (i) the number combination requested is not
1178 currently registered on license plates embossed with the year matching the plate being requested and (ii) only
1179 one license plate with the same number combination has been issued for use after 1973 or, if the plate
1180 requested is for a motorcycle, 1976. Only vehicles titled to the person seeking to use license plates as
1181 provided in this subsection shall be eligible to use license plates as provided in this subsection.

1182 G. Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the use of an antique motor vehicle to tow a
1183 trailer or semitrailer.

1184 H. Any owner of an antique motor vehicle or antique trailer registered with license plates pursuant to this
1185 section who is convicted of a violation of this section is guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor. Upon receiving a
1186 record of conviction of a violation of this section, the Department shall revoke and not reinstate the owner's
1187 privilege to register the vehicle operated in violation of this section with license plates issued or authorized
1188 for use pursuant to this section for a period of five years from the date of conviction.

1189 I. Except for the one-time \$50 registration fee prescribed in subsections A and B, the provisions of this
1190 section shall apply to all owners of vehicles and trailers registered with license plates issued under this
1191 section prior to July 1, 2007. Such owners shall, based on a schedule and a manner prescribed by the
1192 Department, (i) provide evidence that they own or have regular use of another passenger car or motorcycle, as
1193 required under subsections A and B, and (ii) comply with the certification provisions of subsection E. The
1194 Department shall cancel the registrations of vehicles owned by persons that, prior to January 1, 2008, do not
1195 provide the Department (a) evidence of owning or having regular use of another autocycle, passenger car, or
1196 motorcycle, as required under subsections A and B, and (b) the certification required pursuant to subsection
1197 E.

1198 **§ 46.2-730.1. License plates for military surplus motor vehicles; fee; penalty.**

1199 A. On receipt of an application and evidence that the applicant owns or has regular use of another
1200 passenger car, autocycle, or motorcycle, the Commissioner shall issue a registration card and appropriately
1201 designed license plates to owners of military surplus motor vehicles. These license plates shall be valid so
1202 long as title to the vehicle is vested in the applicant. The fee for the registration card and license plates for
1203 any of these vehicles shall be a one-time fee of \$100.

1204 B. Military surplus motor vehicles registered with license plates issued under this section shall not be used
1205 for general transportation purposes, including, but not limited to, daily travel to and from the owner's place of
1206 employment, but shall only be used:

1207 1. For participation in off-road events, on-road club activities, exhibits, tours, parades, and similar events;
1208 and

1209 2. On the highways of the Commonwealth for the purpose of selling the vehicle, obtaining repairs or
1210 maintenance, transportation to and from events as described in subdivision 1, and occasional pleasure driving
1211 not exceeding 125 miles from the address at which the vehicle is stored for use.

1212 The registration card issued to the owner of a military surplus motor vehicle registered pursuant to this
1213 section shall indicate that such vehicle is for limited use.

1214 C. Any owner of a military surplus motor vehicle applying for registration pursuant to this section shall
1215 submit to the Department, in the manner prescribed by the Department, certification that such vehicle is
1216 capable of being safely operated on the highways of the Commonwealth.

1217 Pursuant to § 46.2-1000, the Department shall suspend the registration of any vehicle registered with
1218 license plates issued under this section that the Department or the Department of State Police determines is
1219 not properly equipped or is otherwise unsafe to operate. Any law-enforcement officer shall take possession of
1220 the license plates, and registration card, and decals, if any, of any vehicle registered with license plates issued
1221 under this section when he observes any defect in such vehicle as set forth in § 46.2-1000.

1222 D. Any law-enforcement officer may require any person operating a military surplus motor vehicle
1223 registered pursuant to this section to provide, upon request, the address at which the vehicle is stored for use
1224 and the destination of such operation. Any owner of a military surplus motor vehicle registered with license

1225 plates pursuant to this section who is convicted of a violation of this section is guilty of a Class 4
1226 misdemeanor. Upon receiving a record of conviction of a violation of this section, the Department shall
1227 revoke and not reinstate the owner's privilege to register the vehicle operated in violation of this section with
1228 license plates issued pursuant to this section for a period of five years from the date of conviction.

1229 E. Military surplus motor vehicles registered with the Department under any other provision of this Code
1230 prior to January 1, 2019, may continue to be registered under such provision. Such vehicles shall be
1231 considered to be registered under this section for the purpose of § 46.2-1158.01. In the event that any such
1232 vehicle is transferred to a new owner, the vehicle must be registered pursuant to this section.

1233 F. No military surplus motor vehicle shall be registered as an antique vehicle pursuant to § 46.2-730.

1234 **§ 46.2-749.5. Special license plates celebrating Virginia's tobacco heritage.**

1235 A. On receipt of an application, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates celebrating Virginia's
1236 tobacco heritage. For each set of license plates issued under this section, the Commissioner shall charge, in
1237 addition to the prescribed cost of state license plates, an annual fee of \$10.

1238 B. License plates may be issued under this section for display on vehicles registered as trucks, as that term
1239 is defined in § 46.2-100, provided that no license plates are issued pursuant to this section for (i) vehicles
1240 operated for hire, except TNC partner vehicles as defined in § 46.2-2000; (ii) vehicles registered under the
1241 International Registration Plan; or (iii) vehicles registered as tow trucks or tractor trucks as defined in §
1242 46.2-100. No permanent license plates ~~without decals~~ as authorized in subsection B of § 46.2-712 may be
1243 issued under this section. For each set of truck license plates issued under this subsection, the Commissioner
1244 shall charge, in addition to the prescribed cost of state license plates, an annual fee of \$25.

1245 **§ 46.2-908.3. Low-speed vehicles; operation on highways; license required; registration required;**
1246 **safety and emissions inspections not required.**

1247 Low-speed vehicles may be operated on public highways where the maximum speed limit is no greater
1248 than 35 miles per hour, but this limitation shall not prohibit the operation of low-speed vehicles across
1249 intersections with highways whose maximum speed limits are greater than 35 miles per hour. Operation of
1250 low-speed vehicles shall be prohibited on any highway where the Department of Transportation or the local
1251 governing body of the locality having control of the highway, as the case may be, has prohibited their
1252 operation in the interest of safety and such prohibition is indicated by conspicuously posted signs.

1253 Low-speed vehicles shall be operated on public highways only by persons who hold driver's licenses or
1254 learner's permits issued as provided in Chapter 3 (§ 46.2-300 et seq.).

1255 Low-speed vehicles shall be titled and registered as provided in Chapter 6 (§ 46.2-600 et seq.) and shall be
1256 subject to the same requirements as to insurance applicable to other motor vehicles under that chapter.

1257 On or after October 1, 2013, low-speed vehicles titled and registered as provided in Chapter 6 (§ 46.2-600
1258 et seq.) shall display license plates as provided in subsection ~~D~~ C of § 46.2-711.

1259 The operator of any low-speed vehicle being operated on the highways in the Commonwealth shall have
1260 in his possession: (i) the registration card issued by the Department or the registration card issued by the state
1261 or country in which the low-speed vehicle is registered, and (ii) his driver's license, learner's permit, or
1262 temporary driver's permit.

1263 The provisions of Article 22 (§ 46.2-1176 et seq.) of Chapter 10 of this title shall not apply to low-speed
1264 vehicles.

1265 **§ 46.2-1000. Department to suspend registration of vehicles lacking certain equipment; officer to**
1266 **take possession of registration card and license plates when observing defect in motor vehicle; when to**
1267 **be returned.**

1268 The Department shall suspend the registration of any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer ~~which~~ *that* the
1269 Department or the Department of State Police determines is not equipped with proper (i) brakes, (ii) lights,
1270 (iii) horn or warning device, (iv) turn signals, (v) safety glass when required by law, (vi) mirror, (vii) muffler,
1271 (viii) windshield wiper, *or* (ix) steering gear adequate to ensure the safe movement of the vehicle as required
1272 by this title or when such vehicle is equipped with a smoke screen device or cutout or when such motor
1273 vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is otherwise unsafe to be operated.

1274 Any law-enforcement officer shall, when he observes any defect in a motor vehicle as described above,
1275 take possession of the registration card; *and* license plates; ~~and decals~~ of any such vehicle and retain the same
1276 in his possession for a period of 15 days unless the owner of the vehicle corrects the defects or obtains a new
1277 safety inspection sticker from an authorized safety inspection station. When the defect or defects are
1278 corrected as indicated above the registration card; *and* license plates; ~~and decals~~ shall be returned to the
1279 owner.

1280 For any summons issued for a violation of this section, the court may, in its discretion, dismiss the
1281 summons, where proof of compliance with this section is provided to the court on or before the court date.

1282 **§ 46.2-1548. Transferable license plates.**

1283 In lieu of registering each vehicle of a type described in this section, a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer
1284 owning and operating any motor vehicle on any highway may obtain a license plate bearing the legend
1285 provided in § 46.2-1549 from the Department, on application therefor on the prescribed form and on payment

1286 of the fees required by law. These license plates shall be attached to each vehicle as required by subsection A
 1287 of § 46.2-711. Each plate shall bear a distinctive number, and the name of the Commonwealth, which may be
 1288 abbreviated, together with the word "dealer" or a distinguishing symbol indicating that the plate is issued to a
 1289 manufacturer, distributor, or dealer. ~~Month and year decals indicating the date of expiration shall be affixed~~
 1290 ~~to each license plate.~~ Any license plates so issued may, during the calendar year or years for which they have
 1291 been issued, be transferred from one motor vehicle to another, used or operated by the manufacturer,
 1292 distributor, or dealer, who shall keep a written record of the motor vehicle on which the dealer's license plates
 1293 are used. This record shall be in a format approved by the Commissioner and shall be open to inspection by
 1294 any law-enforcement officer or any officer or employee of the Department.

1295 Display of a transferable manufacturer's, distributor's, or dealer's license plate or plates on a motor vehicle
 1296 shall subject the vehicle to the requirements of §§ 46.2-1038 and 46.2-1056.

1297 All manufacturer's, distributor's, and dealer's license plates shall be issued for a period of twelve
 1298 consecutive months except, at the discretion of the Commissioner, the periods may be adjusted as may be
 1299 necessary to distribute the registrations as equally as practicable on a monthly basis. The expiration date shall
 1300 be the last day of the twelfth month of validity or the last day of the designated month. Every license plate
 1301 shall be renewed annually on application by the owner and by payment of fees required by law, such renewal
 1302 to take effect on the first day of the succeeding month.

1303 The Commissioner may offer an optional multi-year license plate registration to manufacturers,
 1304 distributors, and dealers licensed pursuant to this chapter provided that he has chosen to offer optional
 1305 multi-year licensing to such persons pursuant to § 46.2-1521. When such option is offered and chosen by the
 1306 licensee, all annual and twelve-month fees due at the time of registration shall be multiplied by the number of
 1307 years or fraction thereof the licensee will be licensed pursuant to § 46.2-1521.

1308 **§ 58.1-3505. Classification of farm animals, certain grains, agricultural products, farm machinery,**
 1309 **farm implements and equipment; governing body may exempt.**

1310 A. Farm animals, grains and other feeds used for the nurture of farm animals, agricultural products as
 1311 defined in § 3.2-6400, farm machinery and farm implements are hereby defined as separate items of taxation
 1312 and classified as follows:

- 1313 1. Horses, mules and other kindred animals.
- 1314 2. Cattle.
- 1315 3. Sheep and goats.
- 1316 4. Hogs.
- 1317 5. Poultry.
- 1318 6. Grains and other feeds used for the nurture of farm animals.
- 1319 7. Grain; tobacco; wine produced by farm wineries as defined in § 4.1-100 and other agricultural products
 1320 in the hands of a producer.

1321 8. a. Farm machinery and farm implements other than the farm machinery and farm implements described
 1322 in subdivision 10, which shall include (i) equipment and machinery used by farm wineries as defined in §
 1323 4.1-100 in the production of wine; (ii) equipment and machinery used by a nursery for the production of
 1324 horticultural products; (iii) any farm tractor as defined in § 46.2-100, regardless of whether such farm tractor
 1325 is used exclusively for agricultural purposes; (iv) motor vehicles that are used primarily for agricultural
 1326 purposes, for which the owner is not required to obtain a registration certificate, ~~and~~ license plate, ~~and~~ ~~dec~~
 1327 or pay a registration fee pursuant to § 46.2-665, 46.2-666, or 46.2-670; and (v) privately owned trailers as
 1328 defined in § 46.2-100 that are primarily used by farmers in their farming operations for the transportation of
 1329 farm animals or other farm products as enumerated in subdivisions 1 through 7. For purposes of this section,
 1330 "nursery" means any premises where nursery stock is propagated, grown, fumigated, treated, packed, stored,
 1331 or otherwise prepared for sale or distribution, and "nursery stock" means all trees, shrubs, woody vines
 1332 (including ornamentals), bush fruits, grapevines, fruit trees, and nut trees offered for sale and distribution; all
 1333 buds, grafts, scions, and cuttings from such plants; and any container, soil, and other packing material with
 1334 such plants or plant products. "Nursery stock" also means herbaceous plants and any florist or greenhouse
 1335 plants.

1336 b. Farm machinery, farm equipment, and farm implements, other than farm machinery and farm
 1337 implements described in subdivision 10, used by an indoor, closed, controlled-environment commercial
 1338 agricultural facility, including property described in subdivisions 8 a and b of § 58.1-609.2, for the production
 1339 of agricultural products. For purposes of this subdivision, "indoor, closed, controlled-environment
 1340 commercial agricultural facility" shall include indoor vertical farming or a greenhouse.

1341 9. Equipment used by farmers or farm cooperatives qualifying under § 521 of the Internal Revenue Code
 1342 to manufacture industrial ethanol, provided that the materials from which the ethanol is derived consist
 1343 primarily of farm products.

1344 10. Farm machinery designed solely for the planting, production or harvesting of a single product or
 1345 commodity.

1346 11. Unless exempted by subdivision 8, privately owned trailers as defined in § 46.2-100 that are primarily

1347 used by farmers in their farming operations for the transportation of farm animals or other farm products as
1348 enumerated in subdivisions 1 through 7.

1349 12. Unless exempted by subdivision 8, motor vehicles that are used primarily for agricultural purposes, for
1350 which the owner is not required to obtain a registration certificate, *and* license plate, ~~and decal~~ or pay a
1351 registration fee pursuant to § 46.2-665, 46.2-666, or 46.2-670, or pickup or panel trucks or sport utility
1352 vehicles for which the owner is required to obtain a permanent farm use placard pursuant to § 46.2-684.2.

1353 13. Trucks or tractor trucks as defined in § 46.2-100, that are primarily used by farmers in their farming
1354 operations for the transportation of farm animals or other farm products as enumerated in subdivisions 1
1355 through 7 or for the transport of farm-related machinery.

1356 14. Farm machinery and farm implements, other than the farm machinery and farm implements described
1357 in subdivisions 8 and 10, which shall include equipment and machinery used for forest harvesting and
1358 silvicultural activities.

1359 15. Farm machinery and farm implements, other than the farm machinery and farm implements described
1360 in subdivisions 8, 10, and 14, which shall include season-extending vegetable hoop houses used for in-field
1361 production of produce.

1362 B. The governing body of any county, city or town may, by ordinance duly adopted, exempt in whole or
1363 in part from taxation, or provide a different rate of tax upon, all or any of the above classes of farm animals,
1364 grains and feeds used for the nurture of farm animals, farm vehicles, and farm machinery, implements or
1365 equipment set forth in subsection A.

1366 C. Grain; tobacco; wine produced by farm wineries as defined in § 4.1-100; and other agricultural
1367 products, as defined in § 3.2-6400, shall be exempt from taxation under this chapter while in the hands of a
1368 producer.

1369 **2. That the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles may utilize alternative decals or license**
1370 **plate designs in order to transition from issuing license plates designed to bear month and year decals**
1371 **to issuing license plates without such decals.**

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