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HOUSE BILL NO. 2080

House Amendments in [] - January 28, 2025

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. § 3111(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.

"Converted electric vehicle" means any motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle or autocycle, that has been

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

118 "Foreign vehicle" means every motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer that is brought into the
119 Commonwealth otherwise than in the ordinary course of business by or through a manufacturer or dealer and

120 that has not been registered in the Commonwealth.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

304 adjacent property lines, intended for use by pedestrians.

305 "Snowmobile" means a self-propelled vehicle designed to travel on snow or ice, steered by skis or
306 runners, and supported in whole or in part by one or more skis, belts, or cleats.

307 "Special construction and forestry equipment" means any vehicle which is designed primarily for highway
308 construction, highway maintenance, earth moving, timber harvesting or other construction or forestry work
309 and which is not designed for the transportation of persons or property on a public highway.

310 "Specially constructed vehicle" means any vehicle that was not originally constructed under a distinctive
311 name, make, model, or type by a generally recognized manufacturer of vehicles and not a reconstructed
312 vehicle as herein defined.

313 "Stinger-steered automobile or watercraft transporter" means an automobile or watercraft transporter
314 configured as a semitrailer combination wherein the fifth wheel is located on a drop frame behind and below
315 the rearmost axle of the power unit.

316 "Superintendent" means the Superintendent of the Department of State Police of the Commonwealth.

317 "Suspend" or "suspension" means that the document or privilege suspended has been temporarily
318 withdrawn, but may be reinstated following the period of suspension unless it has expired prior to the end of
319 the period of suspension.

320 "Tow truck" means a motor vehicle for hire (i) designed to lift, pull, or carry another vehicle by means of
321 a hoist or other mechanical apparatus and (ii) having a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of at least
322 10,000 pounds. "Tow truck" also includes vehicles designed with a ramp on wheels and a hydraulic lift with a
323 capacity to haul or tow another vehicle, commonly referred to as "rollback." "Tow truck" does not include
324 any "automobile or watercraft transporter," "stinger-steered automobile or watercraft transporter," or "tractor
325 truck" as those terms are defined in this section.

326 "Towing and recovery operator" means a person engaged in the business of (i) removing disabled
327 vehicles, parts of vehicles, their cargoes, and other objects to facilities for repair or safekeeping and (ii)
328 restoring to the highway or other location where they either can be operated or removed to other locations for
329 repair or safekeeping vehicles that have come to rest in places where they cannot be operated.

330 "Toy vehicle" means any motorized or propellant-driven device that has no manufacturer-issued vehicle
331 identification number that is designed or used to carry any person or persons, on any number of wheels,
332 bearings, glides, blades, runners, or a cushion of air. "Toy vehicle" does not include electric personal assistive
333 mobility devices, electric power-assisted bicycles, mopeds, motorized skateboards or scooters, or
334 motorcycles, nor does it include any nonmotorized or nonpropellant-driven devices such as bicycles, roller
335 skates, or skateboards.

336 "Tractor truck" means every motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing other vehicles and
337 not so constructed as to carry a load other than a part of the load and weight of the vehicle attached thereto.

338 "Traffic control device" means a sign, signal, marking, or other device used to regulate, warn, or guide
339 traffic placed on, over, or adjacent to a street, highway, private road open to public travel, pedestrian facility,
340 or shared-use path by authority of a public agency or official having jurisdiction, or in the case of a private
341 road open to public travel, by authority of the private owner or private official having jurisdiction.

342 "Traffic infraction" means a violation of law punishable as provided in § 46.2-113, which is neither a
343 felony nor a misdemeanor.

344 "Traffic lane" or "lane" means that portion of a roadway designed or designated to accommodate the
345 forward movement of a single line of vehicles.

346 "Trailer" means every vehicle without motive power designed for carrying property or passengers wholly
347 on its own structure and for being drawn by a motor vehicle, including manufactured homes.

348 "Truck" means every motor vehicle designed to transport property on its own structure independent of any
349 other vehicle and having a registered gross weight in excess of 7,500 pounds. "Truck" does not include any
350 pickup or panel truck.

351 "Truck lessor" means a person who holds the legal title to any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer that is
352 the subject of a bona fide written lease for a term of one year or more to another person, provided that: (i)
353 neither the lessor nor the lessee is a common carrier by motor vehicle or restricted common carrier by motor
354 vehicle or contract carrier by motor vehicle as defined in § 46.2-2000; (ii) the leased motor vehicle, trailer, or
355 semitrailer is used exclusively for the transportation of property of the lessee; (iii) the lessor is not employed
356 in any capacity by the lessee; (iv) the operator of the leased motor vehicle is a bona fide employee of the
357 lessee and is not employed in any capacity by the lessor; and (v) a true copy of the lease, verified by affidavit
358 of the lessor, is filed with the Commissioner.

359 "Utility vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is (i) designed for off-road use, (ii) powered by a motor, and
360 (iii) used for general maintenance, security, agricultural, or horticultural purposes. "Utility vehicle" does not
361 include riding lawn mowers.

362 "Vehicle" means every device in, on or by which any person or property is or may be transported or
363 drawn on a highway, except personal delivery devices and devices moved by human power or used
364 exclusively on stationary rails or tracks. For the purposes of Chapter 8 (§ 46.2-800 et seq.), bicycles, electric

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

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

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

375 **§ 46.2-221.4. Grace period for replacement of license plates and registrations for certain persons in**
 376 **service to the United States government.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

406 **§ 46.2-370. Revoked driver's licenses, special identification cards, certificates of title, license plates,**
 407 **registration cards to be returned; Commissioner may take possession of them.**

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

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

426 **§ 46.2-411. Reinstatement of suspended or revoked license or other privilege to operate or register a**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

484 § 46.2-416. Notice of suspension or revocation of license.

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

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

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

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

509 **§ 46.2-417. Suspension for failure to satisfy motor vehicle accident judgment; exceptions; insurance**
 510 **in liquidated company; insurer obligated to pay judgment.**

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

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

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

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

546 **§ 46.2-607. Duplicates for lost or mutilated indicia of titling and registration.**

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

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

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

554 **§ 46.2-609. When registration may be suspended or revoked.**

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

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

565 **§ 46.2-611. Appeal.**

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

570 **§ 46.2-612. Failure to surrender revoked certificate of title, registration card or license plates; other**
 571 **offenses relating to registration, licensing, and certificates of title; penalties.**

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

576 B. No person shall:

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

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

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

589 **§ 46.2-613. Infractions relating to registration, licensing, and certificates of title; penalties.**

590 A. No person shall:

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

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

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

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

606 **§ 46.2-613.1. Civil penalty for violation of license, registration, and tax requirements and vehicle**
 607 **size limitations.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

653 **§ 46.2-615. Registration effective after death of owner.**

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

661 **§ 46.2-646. Expiration and renewal of registration.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

692 **§ 46.2-646.2. Registration extension for satisfaction of certain requirements.**

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

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

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

709 **§ 46.2-647. Grace period for replacement of license plates and renewal of registrations.**

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

717 **§ 46.2-649.1:1. Registration of vehicles owned and used by volunteer fire departments or volunteer,**
718 **commercial, or private emergency medical services agencies.**

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

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

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

734 **§ 46.2-663. Backhoes.**

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

738 **§ 46.2-664. Vehicles used for spraying fruit trees and other plants.**

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

742 **§ 46.2-665. Vehicles used for agricultural or horticultural purposes.**

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

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

750 1. Crossing a highway;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

766 **§ 46.2-666. Vehicles used for seasonal transportation of farm produce and livestock.**

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

776 **§ 46.2-667. Farm machinery and tractors.**

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

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

783 **§ 46.2-668. Vehicles validly registered in other states and used in conjunction with harvesting**
784 **operations.**

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

790 1. As an incidental part of harvesting operations;

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

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

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

795 vehicle.

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

802 **§ 46.2-669. Tractors and similar vehicles owned by sawmill operators.**

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

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

809 **§ 46.2-670. Vehicles owned by farmers and used to transport certain wood products.**

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

819 **§ 46.2-670.1. Vehicles owned by maritime cargo terminal operators.**

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

824 **§ 46.2-671. Vehicles used at mines.**

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

828 **§ 46.2-672. Certain vehicles transporting fertilizer, cotton, or peanuts.**

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

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

838 **§ 46.2-673. Return trips of exempted farm vehicles.**

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

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

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

848 **§ 46.2-674. Vehicles used by commercial fishermen.**

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

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

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

859 **§ 46.2-675. Certain vehicles engaged in mining or quarrying operations; permit when such vehicle**
860 **required to cross public highways.**

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

872 **§ 46.2-676. Registration certificate or license plates for any golf carts and utility vehicles; fees.**

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

877 **§ 46.2-677. Self-propelled wheelchairs.**

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

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

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

884 **§ 46.2-678. Forklift trucks.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

897 **§ 46.2-679. Snowmobiles.**

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

900 **§ 46.2-679.1. All-terrain vehicles.**

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

903 **§ 46.2-679.2. Off-road motorcycles.**

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

906 **§ 46.2-680. Vehicles transporting oyster shells.**

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

911 **§ 46.2-688. Refund of fees paid.**

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

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

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

926 **§ 46.2-692. Fee for replacement of indicia of titling and registration.**

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

929 1. For any type of replacement or duplication of vehicle registration cards, International Registration Plan
 930 cab cards, registration cards for overload permits, or dealer registration cards, \$2, except that no fee shall be
 931 charged for the replacement or duplication of a vehicle registration card or registration card for overload
 932 permit that is conducted using the Internet;

933 2. For a certificate of title, \$5;

934 3. For license plates ~~or license plates with decals~~, \$10; and

935 4. For a license plate with ~~decals~~ issued for trailers, \$5; and

936 ~~5. For one or two decals, \$1.~~

937 **§ 46.2-709. Requiring other proof of financial responsibility; suspended driver's license, registration**
 938 **certificate and license plates to be returned to Commissioner; Commissioner may take possession**
 939 **thereof.**

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

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

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

952 **§ 46.2-711. Furnishing number and design of plates; displaying on vehicles required.**

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

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

960 1. Passenger-carrying vehicles for rent or hire for the transportation of passengers for private trips, other
 961 than TNC partner vehicles as defined in § 46.2-2000 and emergency medical services vehicles pursuant to
 962 clause (iii) of § 46.2-649.1:1;

963 2. Taxicabs;

964 3. Passenger-carrying vehicles operated by common carriers or restricted common carriers;

965 4. Property-carrying motor vehicles registered pursuant to § 46.2-697 except pickup or panel trucks as
 966 defined in § 46.2-100;

967 5. Applicants, other than TNC partners as defined in § 46.2-2000 and emergency medical services
 968 vehicles pursuant to clause (iii) of § 46.2-649.1:1, who operate motor vehicles as passenger carriers for rent
 969 or hire;

970 6. Vehicles operated by nonemergency medical transportation carriers as defined in § 46.2-2000; and

971 7. Trailers and semitrailers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

984 **§ 46.2-712. Requirements of license plates.**

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

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

1003 C. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this section, any person who, pursuant to former § 56-304.3,
 1004 repealed by Chapters 744 and 803 of the Acts of Assembly of 1995, obtained from the State Corporation
 1005 Commission an exemption from the marker or decal requirements of former § 56-304, 56-304.1 or 56-304.2,
 1006 and who has painted or, in the case of newly acquired vehicles, who paints an identifying number on the sides
 1007 of any vehicle with respect to which such exemption applies and, in all other respects, continues to comply
 1008 with the requirements of former § 56-304.3, shall be deemed to be in compliance with § 46.2-2011.23 and
 1009 subdivision 18 of § 46.2-2011.24.

1010 **§ 46.2-714. Permanent license plates.**

1011 Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 46.2-711 and 46.2-712 the Department may, in its discretion, issue a
 1012 type of license plate suitable for permanent use on motor vehicles, trailers, semitrailers, and motorcycles;
 1013 ~~together with decals, unless decals are not required under § 46.2-712, to be attached to the license plates to~~
 1014 ~~indicate the registration period for which such vehicles have been properly licensed.~~ The design of the license
 1015 plates ~~and decals, when required,~~ shall be determined by the Commissioner.

1016 Every permanent license plate ~~and decal, when required,~~ shall be returned to the Department whenever the
 1017 owner of a vehicle disposes of it by sale or otherwise and when not actually in use on a motor vehicle, except
 1018 dealer's plates temporarily not in use. The person in whose name the license plate is registered may apply,
 1019 during the registration period for which it is issued, for the return thereof if the license plate is intended to be
 1020 used on a subsequently acquired motor vehicle.

1021 Every permanent license plate ~~and decal, when issued,~~ shall be returned to the Department whenever the
 1022 owner of a vehicle elects to garage the vehicle and discontinue the use of it on the highway. The person in
 1023 whose name the license plate is registered may apply, during the registration period for which it is issued, for
 1024 the return thereof if the vehicle is to be returned to use on the highway.

1025 For the purposes of this section, the term "motor vehicle" does not include a "moped" as defined in §
 1026 46.2-100.

1027 **§ 46.2-716. How license plates fastened to vehicle; altering appearance of license plates.**

1028 A. Every license plate shall be securely fastened to the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer to which it is
 1029 assigned:

- 1030 1. So as to prevent the plate from swinging,
- 1031 2. In a position to be clearly visible, and
- 1032 3. In a condition to be clearly legible.

1033 B. No colored glass, colored plastic, bracket, holder, mounting, frame, or any other type of covering shall
 1034 be placed, mounted, or installed on, around, or over any license plate if such glass, plastic, bracket, holder,
 1035 mounting, frame, or other type of covering in any way alters or obscures (i) the alpha-numeric information,
 1036 (ii) the color of the license plate, (iii) the name or abbreviated name of the state wherein the vehicle is
 1037 registered, or (iv) any character or characters, ~~decal,~~ stamp, or other device indicating the month or year in
 1038 which the vehicle's registration expires. No insignia, emblems, or trailer hitches or couplings shall be
 1039 mounted in such a way as to hide or obscure any portion of the license plate or render any portion of the

1040 license plate illegible.

1041 C. The Superintendent may make such regulations as he may deem advisable to enforce the proper
1042 mounting and securing of the license plate on the vehicle.

1043 D. For any summons issued for a violation of this section, the court may, in its discretion, dismiss the
1044 summons, where proof of compliance with this section is provided to the court on or before the court date.

1045 **§ 46.2-718. Use of old license plates after application for new.**

1046 An owner who has applied for renewal of registration of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer ~~fifteen~~ 15
1047 days prior to the day the registration period begins, but who has not received the license plates, ~~decals~~, or
1048 registration card for the ensuing registration period shall be entitled to operate or permit the operation of the
1049 vehicle on the highways on displaying on the vehicle the license plates ~~or decals~~ issued for the preceding
1050 registration period for such time to be prescribed by the Department as it may find necessary to issue new
1051 license plates ~~or decals~~.

1052 **§ 46.2-725. Special license plates, generally.**

1053 A. No series of special license plates shall be created or issued by the Commissioner or the Department
1054 except as authorized pursuant to this article. No special license plates in any series not provided for pursuant
1055 to this article ~~and no registration decal for any such license plate~~ shall be issued, reissued, or renewed ~~on or~~
1056 ~~after July 1, 1995.~~ However, subject to the limitations contained in subdivisions B 1 and 2 ~~of subsection B of~~
1057 ~~this section,~~ the Commissioner may issue, when feasible, special license plates that are combinations of no
1058 more than two series of special license plates authorized pursuant to this article and currently issued by the
1059 Department; in addition to the state registration fee, the fee for any such combination shall be equal to the
1060 sum of the fees for the two series plus the fee for reserved numbers and letters, if applicable. The provisions
1061 of subdivisions B 1 and 2 ~~of subsection B of this section~~ shall not apply to special license plates that are
1062 combinations of two series of special license plates authorized pursuant to this article and currently issued by
1063 the Department if one of the two combined designs, when feasible, incorporates or includes the international
1064 symbol of access.

1065 B. Except as otherwise provided in this article:

1066 1. No special license plates shall be considered for authorization by the General Assembly unless and until
1067 the individual, group, entity, organization, or other entity seeking the authorization of such special license
1068 plates shall have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the General Assembly that they meet the issuance
1069 requirements set forth in this subdivision. For the purposes of this article, each prepaid application shall be on
1070 a form prescribed by the Department and, excluding the vehicle registration fee, shall include the proposed or
1071 authorized fee for the issuance of the proposed or authorized special license plates and, if applicable, the
1072 annual fee for reserved numbers or letters prescribed under § 46.2-726. Once authorized by the General
1073 Assembly, no license plates provided for in this article shall be developed and issued by the Department until
1074 the Commissioner receives at least 450 prepaid applications therefor within 30 days of the effective date of
1075 the authorization associated with the applications. If the end of the 30-day period falls on a Saturday, Sunday,
1076 or holiday, the 30-day period shall end on the following business day.

1077 2. No additional license plates shall be issued or reissued in any series that, after five or more years of
1078 issuance, has fewer than 200 active sets of plates. No such license plates shall be issued or reissued unless
1079 reauthorized by the General Assembly. Such reauthorized license plates shall remain subject to the provisions
1080 of this article.

1081 3. The annual fee for the issuance of any license plates issued pursuant to this article shall be \$10 plus the
1082 prescribed fee for state license plates. Applications for all special license plates issued pursuant to this article
1083 shall be on forms prescribed by the Commissioner. All special license plates issued pursuant to this article
1084 shall be of designs prescribed by the Commissioner and shall bear unique letters and numerals, clearly
1085 distinguishable from any other license plate designs, and be readily identifiable by law-enforcement
1086 personnel.

1087 No other state license plates shall be required on any vehicles bearing special license plates issued under
1088 the provisions of this article.

1089 All fees collected by the Department under this article shall be paid by the Commissioner into the state
1090 treasury and shall be set aside as a special fund to be used to meet the expenses of the Department.

1091 C. The provisions of this article relating to registration fees shall apply only to those vehicles registered as
1092 passenger cars, motor homes, and pick-up or panel trucks, as defined in § 46.2-100. All other vehicle types
1093 registered with special license plates shall be subject to the appropriate special license plate fees, registration
1094 fees and other fees prescribed by law for such vehicle types.

1095 D. For special license plates that generate revenues that are shared with entities other than the Department,
1096 hereinafter referred to as "revenue sharing special license plates," the General Assembly shall review all
1097 proposed revenue sharing special license plate authorizations to determine whether the revenues are to be
1098 shared with entities or organizations that (i) provide to the Commonwealth or its citizens a broad public
1099 service that is to be funded, in whole or in part, by the proposed revenue sharing special license plate
1100 authorization and (ii) are at least one of the following:

1101 1. A nonprofit corporation as defined in § 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code;

- 1102 2. An agency, board, commission, or other entity established or operated by the Commonwealth;
 1103 3. A political subdivision of the Commonwealth; or
 1104 4. An institution of higher education whose main campus is located in Virginia.
 1105 No revenue sharing special license plate authorization shall be approved if, as determined by the General
 1106 Assembly, it does not meet the criteria set forth in this subsection.

1107 E. No special license plates authorized pursuant to this article shall be issued to or renewed for any owner
 1108 or co-owner of a vehicle who is registered pursuant to the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry
 1109 Act (§ 9.1-900 et seq.) if the design of such special license plates, including any logo, emblem, seal, or
 1110 symbol therein, references children or children's programs or if any revenue-sharing provision authorized for
 1111 such special license plates contributes, directly or indirectly, to any fund or program established for the
 1112 benefit of children.

1113 **§ 46.2-727. Bicentennial license plates; fees.**

1114 Bicentennial license plates ~~and decals~~ issued to any properly registered passenger motor vehicle from
 1115 January 1, 1976, through December 31, 1981, may continue in use for a period determined by the
 1116 Commissioner if the proper fee is paid as required in § 46.2-694.

1117 **§ 46.2-730. License plates for antique motor vehicles and antique trailers; fee.**

1118 A. On receipt of an application and evidence that the applicant owns or has regular use of another
 1119 passenger car, autocycle, or motorcycle, the Commissioner shall issue appropriately designed license plates
 1120 to owners of antique motor vehicles and antique trailers. These license plates shall be valid so long as title to
 1121 the vehicle is vested in the applicant. The fee for the registration card and license plates of any of these
 1122 vehicles shall be a one-time fee of \$50.

1123 B. On receipt of an application and evidence that the applicant owns or has regular use of another
 1124 passenger car, autocycle, or motorcycle, the Commissioner may authorize for use on antique motor vehicles
 1125 and antique trailers Virginia license plates manufactured prior to 1976 ~~and designed for use without decals~~, if
 1126 such license plates are embossed with or are of the same year of issue as the model year of the antique motor
 1127 vehicle or antique trailer on which they are to be displayed. Original metal year tabs issued in place of license
 1128 plates for years 1943 and 1952 and used with license plates issued in 1942 and 1951, respectively, also may
 1129 be authorized by the Commissioner for use on antique motor vehicles and antique trailers that are of the same
 1130 model year as the year the metal tab was originally issued. These license plates and metal tabs shall remain
 1131 valid so long as title to the vehicle is vested in the applicant. The fee for the registration card and permission
 1132 to use the license plates and metal tabs on any of these vehicles shall be a one-time fee of \$50. If more than
 1133 one request is made for use, as provided in this section, of license plates having the same number, the
 1134 Department shall accept multiple requests only if (i) the number combination requested is not currently
 1135 registered on license plates embossed with the year matching the plate being requested and (ii) only one
 1136 license plate with the same number combination has been issued for use after 1973 or, if the plate requested is
 1137 for a motorcycle, 1976.

1138 C. Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 46.2-711 and 46.2-715, antique motor vehicles may display
 1139 single license plates if the original manufacturer's design of the antique motor vehicles allows for the use of
 1140 only single license plates or if the license plate was originally issued in one of the following years and is
 1141 displayed in accordance with the provisions of subsection B: 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1945, or 1946.

1142 D. Antique motor vehicles and antique trailers registered with license plates issued or authorized for use
 1143 under this section shall not be used for general transportation purposes, including, but not limited to, daily
 1144 travel to and from the owner's place of employment, but shall only be used:

- 1145 1. For participation in club activities, exhibits, tours, parades, and similar events;
- 1146 2. On the highways of the Commonwealth for the purpose of testing their operation or selling the vehicle
 1147 or trailer, obtaining repairs or maintenance, transportation to and from events as described in subdivision 1,
 1148 and for occasional pleasure driving not exceeding 250 miles from the residence of the owner; and
- 1149 3. To carry or transport (i) passengers in the antique motor vehicles, (ii) personal effects in the antique
 1150 motor vehicles and antique trailers, or (iii) other antique motor vehicles being transported for show purposes.

1151 The registration card issued to an antique motor vehicle or an antique trailer registered pursuant to
 1152 subsections A, B, and C shall indicate such vehicle or trailer is for limited use.

1153 E. Owners of motor vehicles and trailers applying for registration pursuant to subsections A, B and C shall
 1154 submit to the Department, in the manner prescribed by the Department, certifications that such vehicles or
 1155 trailers are capable of being safely operated on the highways of the Commonwealth.

1156 Pursuant to § 46.2-1000, the Department shall suspend the registration of any vehicle or trailer registered
 1157 with license plates issued under this section that the Department or the Department of State Police determines
 1158 is not properly equipped or otherwise unsafe to operate. Any law-enforcement officer shall take possession of
 1159 the license plates, ~~and registration card and decals, if any,~~ of any vehicle or trailer registered with license
 1160 plates issued under this section when he observes any defect in such vehicle or trailer as set forth in §
 1161 46.2-1000.

1162 F. Antique motor vehicles and antique trailers displaying license plates issued or authorized for use

1163 pursuant to subsections B and C may be used for general transportation purposes if the following conditions
1164 are met:

1165 1. The physical condition of the vehicle's license plate or plates has been inspected and approved by the
1166 Department;

1167 2. The license plate or plates are registered to the specific vehicle by the Department;

1168 3. The owner of the vehicle periodically registers the vehicle with the Department and pays a registration
1169 fee for the vehicle equal to that which would be charged to obtain regular state license plates for that vehicle;

1170 4. The vehicle passes a periodic safety inspection as provided in Article 21 (§ 46.2-1157 et seq.) of
1171 Chapter 10;

1172 5. The vehicle displays current decals attached to the license plate, issued by the Department, indicating
1173 the valid registration period for the vehicle; and

1174 6. 5. When applicable, the vehicle meets the requirement of Article 22 (§ 46.2-1176 et seq.) of Chapter 10.

1175 If more than one request is made for use, as provided in this subsection, of license plates having the same
1176 number, the Department shall accept multiple requests only if (i) the number combination requested is not
1177 currently registered on license plates embossed with the year matching the plate being requested and (ii) only
1178 one license plate with the same number combination has been issued for use after 1973 or, if the plate
1179 requested is for a motorcycle, 1976. Only vehicles titled to the person seeking to use license plates as
1180 provided in this subsection shall be eligible to use license plates as provided in this subsection.

1181 G. Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the use of an antique motor vehicle to tow a
1182 trailer or semitrailer.

1183 H. Any owner of an antique motor vehicle or antique trailer registered with license plates pursuant to this
1184 section who is convicted of a violation of this section is guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor. Upon receiving a
1185 record of conviction of a violation of this section, the Department shall revoke and not reinstate the owner's
1186 privilege to register the vehicle operated in violation of this section with license plates issued or authorized
1187 for use pursuant to this section for a period of five years from the date of conviction.

1188 I. Except for the one-time \$50 registration fee prescribed in subsections A and B, the provisions of this
1189 section shall apply to all owners of vehicles and trailers registered with license plates issued under this
1190 section prior to July 1, 2007. Such owners shall, based on a schedule and a manner prescribed by the
1191 Department, (i) provide evidence that they own or have regular use of another passenger car or motorcycle, as
1192 required under subsections A and B, and (ii) comply with the certification provisions of subsection E. The
1193 Department shall cancel the registrations of vehicles owned by persons that, prior to January 1, 2008, do not
1194 provide the Department (a) evidence of owning or having regular use of another autocycle, passenger car, or
1195 motorcycle, as required under subsections A and B, and (b) the certification required pursuant to subsection
1196 E.

1197 **§ 46.2-730.1. License plates for military surplus motor vehicles; fee; penalty.**

1198 A. On receipt of an application and evidence that the applicant owns or has regular use of another
1199 passenger car, autocycle, or motorcycle, the Commissioner shall issue a registration card and appropriately
1200 designed license plates to owners of military surplus motor vehicles. These license plates shall be valid so
1201 long as title to the vehicle is vested in the applicant. The fee for the registration card and license plates for
1202 any of these vehicles shall be a one-time fee of \$100.

1203 B. Military surplus motor vehicles registered with license plates issued under this section shall not be used
1204 for general transportation purposes, including, but not limited to, daily travel to and from the owner's place of
1205 employment, but shall only be used:

1206 1. For participation in off-road events, on-road club activities, exhibits, tours, parades, and similar events;
1207 and

1208 2. On the highways of the Commonwealth for the purpose of selling the vehicle, obtaining repairs or
1209 maintenance, transportation to and from events as described in subdivision 1, and occasional pleasure driving
1210 not exceeding 125 miles from the address at which the vehicle is stored for use.

1211 The registration card issued to the owner of a military surplus motor vehicle registered pursuant to this
1212 section shall indicate that such vehicle is for limited use.

1213 C. Any owner of a military surplus motor vehicle applying for registration pursuant to this section shall
1214 submit to the Department, in the manner prescribed by the Department, certification that such vehicle is
1215 capable of being safely operated on the highways of the Commonwealth.

1216 Pursuant to § 46.2-1000, the Department shall suspend the registration of any vehicle registered with
1217 license plates issued under this section that the Department or the Department of State Police determines is
1218 not properly equipped or is otherwise unsafe to operate. Any law-enforcement officer shall take possession of
1219 the license plates, and registration card, and decals, if any, of any vehicle registered with license plates issued
1220 under this section when he observes any defect in such vehicle as set forth in § 46.2-1000.

1221 D. Any law-enforcement officer may require any person operating a military surplus motor vehicle
1222 registered pursuant to this section to provide, upon request, the address at which the vehicle is stored for use
1223 and the destination of such operation. Any owner of a military surplus motor vehicle registered with license

1224 plates pursuant to this section who is convicted of a violation of this section is guilty of a Class 4
 1225 misdemeanor. Upon receiving a record of conviction of a violation of this section, the Department shall
 1226 revoke and not reinstate the owner's privilege to register the vehicle operated in violation of this section with
 1227 license plates issued pursuant to this section for a period of five years from the date of conviction.

1228 E. Military surplus motor vehicles registered with the Department under any other provision of this Code
 1229 prior to January 1, 2019, may continue to be registered under such provision. Such vehicles shall be
 1230 considered to be registered under this section for the purpose of § 46.2-1158.01. In the event that any such
 1231 vehicle is transferred to a new owner, the vehicle must be registered pursuant to this section.

1232 F. No military surplus motor vehicle shall be registered as an antique vehicle pursuant to § 46.2-730.

1233 **§ 46.2-749.5. Special license plates celebrating Virginia's tobacco heritage.**

1234 A. On receipt of an application, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates celebrating Virginia's
 1235 tobacco heritage. For each set of license plates issued under this section, the Commissioner shall charge, in
 1236 addition to the prescribed cost of state license plates, an annual fee of \$10.

1237 B. License plates may be issued under this section for display on vehicles registered as trucks, as that term
 1238 is defined in § 46.2-100, provided that no license plates are issued pursuant to this section for (i) vehicles
 1239 operated for hire, except TNC partner vehicles as defined in § 46.2-2000; (ii) vehicles registered under the
 1240 International Registration Plan; or (iii) vehicles registered as tow trucks or tractor trucks as defined in §
 1241 46.2-100. No permanent license plates ~~without decals~~ as authorized in subsection B of § 46.2-712 may be
 1242 issued under this section. For each set of truck license plates issued under this subsection, the Commissioner
 1243 shall charge, in addition to the prescribed cost of state license plates, an annual fee of \$25.

1244 **§ 46.2-908.3. Low-speed vehicles; operation on highways; license required; registration required;
 1245 safety and emissions inspections not required.**

1246 Low-speed vehicles may be operated on public highways where the maximum speed limit is no greater
 1247 than 35 miles per hour, but this limitation shall not prohibit the operation of low-speed vehicles across
 1248 intersections with highways whose maximum speed limits are greater than 35 miles per hour. Operation of
 1249 low-speed vehicles shall be prohibited on any highway where the Department of Transportation or the local
 1250 governing body of the locality having control of the highway, as the case may be, has prohibited their
 1251 operation in the interest of safety and such prohibition is indicated by conspicuously posted signs.

1252 Low-speed vehicles shall be operated on public highways only by persons who hold driver's licenses or
 1253 learner's permits issued as provided in Chapter 3 (§ 46.2-300 et seq.).

1254 Low-speed vehicles shall be titled and registered as provided in Chapter 6 (§ 46.2-600 et seq.) and shall be
 1255 subject to the same requirements as to insurance applicable to other motor vehicles under that chapter.

1256 On or after October 1, 2013, low-speed vehicles titled and registered as provided in Chapter 6 (§ 46.2-600
 1257 et seq.) shall display license plates as provided in subsection ~~D~~ C of § 46.2-711.

1258 The operator of any low-speed vehicle being operated on the highways in the Commonwealth shall have
 1259 in his possession: (i) the registration card issued by the Department or the registration card issued by the state
 1260 or country in which the low-speed vehicle is registered, and (ii) his driver's license, learner's permit, or
 1261 temporary driver's permit.

1262 The provisions of Article 22 (§ 46.2-1176 et seq.) of Chapter 10 of this title shall not apply to low-speed
 1263 vehicles.

1264 **§ 46.2-1000. Department to suspend registration of vehicles lacking certain equipment; officer to
 1265 take possession of registration card and license plates when observing defect in motor vehicle; when to
 1266 be returned.**

1267 The Department shall suspend the registration of any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer ~~which~~ *that* the
 1268 Department or the Department of State Police determines is not equipped with proper (i) brakes, (ii) lights,
 1269 (iii) horn or warning device, (iv) turn signals, (v) safety glass when required by law, (vi) mirror, (vii) muffler,
 1270 (viii) windshield wiper, *or* (ix) steering gear adequate to ensure the safe movement of the vehicle as required
 1271 by this title or when such vehicle is equipped with a smoke screen device or cutout or when such motor
 1272 vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is otherwise unsafe to be operated.

1273 Any law-enforcement officer shall, when he observes any defect in a motor vehicle as described above,
 1274 take possession of the registration card; *and* license plates; ~~and decals~~ of any such vehicle and retain the same
 1275 in his possession for a period of 15 days unless the owner of the vehicle corrects the defects or obtains a new
 1276 safety inspection sticker from an authorized safety inspection station. When the defect or defects are
 1277 corrected as indicated above the registration card; *and* license plates; ~~and decals~~ shall be returned to the
 1278 owner.

1279 For any summons issued for a violation of this section, the court may, in its discretion, dismiss the
 1280 summons, where proof of compliance with this section is provided to the court on or before the court date.

1281 **§ 46.2-1548. Transferable license plates.**

1282 In lieu of registering each vehicle of a type described in this section, a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer
 1283 owning and operating any motor vehicle on any highway may obtain a license plate bearing the legend
 1284 provided in § 46.2-1549 from the Department, on application therefor on the prescribed form and on payment

1285 of the fees required by law. These license plates shall be attached to each vehicle as required by subsection A
1286 of § 46.2-711. Each plate shall bear a distinctive number, and the name of the Commonwealth, which may be
1287 abbreviated, together with the word "dealer" or a distinguishing symbol indicating that the plate is issued to a
1288 manufacturer, distributor, or dealer. ~~Month and year decals indicating the date of expiration shall be affixed~~
1289 ~~to each license plate.~~ Any license plates so issued may, during the calendar year or years for which they have
1290 been issued, be transferred from one motor vehicle to another, used or operated by the manufacturer,
1291 distributor, or dealer, who shall keep a written record of the motor vehicle on which the dealer's license plates
1292 are used. This record shall be in a format approved by the Commissioner and shall be open to inspection by
1293 any law-enforcement officer or any officer or employee of the Department.

1294 Display of a transferable manufacturer's, distributor's, or dealer's license plate or plates on a motor vehicle
1295 shall subject the vehicle to the requirements of §§ 46.2-1038 and 46.2-1056.

1296 All manufacturer's, distributor's, and dealer's license plates shall be issued for a period of twelve
1297 consecutive months except, at the discretion of the Commissioner, the periods may be adjusted as may be
1298 necessary to distribute the registrations as equally as practicable on a monthly basis. The expiration date shall
1299 be the last day of the twelfth month of validity or the last day of the designated month. Every license plate
1300 shall be renewed annually on application by the owner and by payment of fees required by law, such renewal
1301 to take effect on the first day of the succeeding month.

1302 The Commissioner may offer an optional multi-year license plate registration to manufacturers,
1303 distributors, and dealers licensed pursuant to this chapter provided that he has chosen to offer optional
1304 multi-year licensing to such persons pursuant to § 46.2-1521. When such option is offered and chosen by the
1305 licensee, all annual and twelve-month fees due at the time of registration shall be multiplied by the number of
1306 years or fraction thereof the licensee will be licensed pursuant to § 46.2-1521.

1307 **§ 58.1-3505. Classification of farm animals, certain grains, agricultural products, farm machinery,**
1308 **farm implements and equipment; governing body may exempt.**

1309 A. Farm animals, grains and other feeds used for the nurture of farm animals, agricultural products as
1310 defined in § 3.2-6400, farm machinery and farm implements are hereby defined as separate items of taxation
1311 and classified as follows:

1312 1. Horses, mules and other kindred animals.

1313 2. Cattle.

1314 3. Sheep and goats.

1315 4. Hogs.

1316 5. Poultry.

1317 6. Grains and other feeds used for the nurture of farm animals.

1318 7. Grain; tobacco; wine produced by farm wineries as defined in § 4.1-100 and other agricultural products
1319 in the hands of a producer.

1320 8. a. Farm machinery and farm implements other than the farm machinery and farm implements described
1321 in subdivision 10, which shall include (i) equipment and machinery used by farm wineries as defined in §
1322 4.1-100 in the production of wine; (ii) equipment and machinery used by a nursery for the production of
1323 horticultural products; (iii) any farm tractor as defined in § 46.2-100, regardless of whether such farm tractor
1324 is used exclusively for agricultural purposes; (iv) motor vehicles that are used primarily for agricultural
1325 purposes, for which the owner is not required to obtain a registration certificate, ~~and~~ license plate, ~~and~~ ~~dec~~
1326 ~~or~~ pay a registration fee pursuant to § 46.2-665, 46.2-666, or 46.2-670; and (v) privately owned trailers as
1327 defined in § 46.2-100 that are primarily used by farmers in their farming operations for the transportation of
1328 farm animals or other farm products as enumerated in subdivisions 1 through 7. For purposes of this section,
1329 "nursery" means any premises where nursery stock is propagated, grown, fumigated, treated, packed, stored,
1330 or otherwise prepared for sale or distribution, and "nursery stock" means all trees, shrubs, woody vines
1331 (including ornamentals), bush fruits, grapevines, fruit trees, and nut trees offered for sale and distribution; all
1332 buds, grafts, scions, and cuttings from such plants; and any container, soil, and other packing material with
1333 such plants or plant products. "Nursery stock" also means herbaceous plants and any florist or greenhouse
1334 plants.

1335 b. Farm machinery, farm equipment, and farm implements, other than farm machinery and farm
1336 implements described in subdivision 10, used by an indoor, closed, controlled-environment commercial
1337 agricultural facility, including property described in subdivisions 8 a and b of § 58.1-609.2, for the production
1338 of agricultural products. For purposes of this subdivision, "indoor, closed, controlled-environment
1339 commercial agricultural facility" shall include indoor vertical farming or a greenhouse.

1340 9. Equipment used by farmers or farm cooperatives qualifying under § 521 of the Internal Revenue Code
1341 to manufacture industrial ethanol, provided that the materials from which the ethanol is derived consist
1342 primarily of farm products.

1343 10. Farm machinery designed solely for the planting, production or harvesting of a single product or
1344 commodity.

1345 11. Unless exempted by subdivision 8, privately owned trailers as defined in § 46.2-100 that are primarily

1346 used by farmers in their farming operations for the transportation of farm animals or other farm products as
1347 enumerated in subdivisions 1 through 7.

1348 12. Unless exempted by subdivision 8, motor vehicles that are used primarily for agricultural purposes, for
1349 which the owner is not required to obtain a registration certificate, *and* license plate, ~~and decal~~ or pay a
1350 registration fee pursuant to § 46.2-665, 46.2-666, or 46.2-670, or pickup or panel trucks or sport utility
1351 vehicles for which the owner is required to obtain a permanent farm use placard pursuant to § 46.2-684.2.

1352 13. Trucks or tractor trucks as defined in § 46.2-100, that are primarily used by farmers in their farming
1353 operations for the transportation of farm animals or other farm products as enumerated in subdivisions 1
1354 through 7 or for the transport of farm-related machinery.

1355 14. Farm machinery and farm implements, other than the farm machinery and farm implements described
1356 in subdivisions 8 and 10, which shall include equipment and machinery used for forest harvesting and
1357 silvicultural activities.

1358 15. Farm machinery and farm implements, other than the farm machinery and farm implements described
1359 in subdivisions 8, 10, and 14, which shall include season-extending vegetable hoop houses used for in-field
1360 production of produce.

1361 B. The governing body of any county, city or town may, by ordinance duly adopted, exempt in whole or
1362 in part from taxation, or provide a different rate of tax upon, all or any of the above classes of farm animals,
1363 grains and feeds used for the nurture of farm animals, farm vehicles, and farm machinery, implements or
1364 equipment set forth in subsection A.

1365 C. Grain; tobacco; wine produced by farm wineries as defined in § 4.1-100; and other agricultural
1366 products, as defined in § 3.2-6400, shall be exempt from taxation under this chapter while in the hands of a
1367 producer.

1368 **2. That the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles may utilize alternative decals or license**
1369 **plate designs in order to transition from issuing license plates designed to bear month and year decals**
1370 **to issuing license plates without such decals.**

1371 **[3. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.]**

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