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SENATE BILL NO. 1416  
AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
(Proposed by the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice  
on \_\_\_\_\_)  
(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Ebbin)

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-924 of the Code of Virginia, relating to drivers to stop for pedestrians; vulnerable road users; penalties.*

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 46.2-924 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 46.2-924. Drivers to stop for pedestrians; installation of certain signs; penalties.**

A. The driver of any vehicle on a highway shall stop when any pedestrian crossing such highway is within the driver's lane or within an adjacent lane and approaching the driver's lane until such pedestrian has passed the lane in which the vehicle is stopped:

- 1. At any clearly marked crosswalk, whether at midblock or at the end of any block;
- 2. At any regular pedestrian crossing included in the prolongation of the lateral boundary lines of the adjacent sidewalk at the end of a block; or
- 3. At any intersection when the driver is approaching on a highway where the speed limit is not more than 35 miles per hour.

*A violation of this subsection is a traffic infraction, except that a violation of this subsection that results in serious bodily injury as defined in § 18.2-51.4 to or the death of a vulnerable road user as defined in § 46.2-816.1 is a Class 1 misdemeanor.*

B. When a vehicle is stopped pursuant to subsection A, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from an adjacent lane or from behind the stopped vehicle shall not overtake and pass such stopped vehicle.

C. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A, at intersections or crosswalks where the movement of traffic is being regulated by law-enforcement officers or traffic control devices, the driver shall yield according to the direction of the law-enforcement officer or device.

No pedestrian shall enter or cross an intersection in disregard of approaching traffic.

The drivers of vehicles entering, crossing, or turning at intersections shall change their course, slow down, or stop if necessary to permit pedestrians to cross such intersections safely and expeditiously.

Pedestrians crossing highways at intersections shall at all times have the right-of-way over vehicles

31 making turns into the highways being crossed by the pedestrians.

32 D. The governing body of Arlington County, Fairfax County, Loudoun County and any town therein, the  
33 City of Alexandria, the City of Fairfax, the City of Falls Church, and the Town of Ashland may by ordinance  
34 provide for the installation and maintenance of highway signs at marked crosswalks specifically requiring  
35 operators of motor vehicles, at the locations where such signs are installed, to yield the right-of-way to or  
36 stop for pedestrians crossing or attempting to cross the highway. Any operator of a motor vehicle who fails to  
37 comply with the signs installed pursuant to this subsection ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of a traffic infraction punishable  
38 by a fine of no less than \$100 or more than \$500. The Department of Transportation shall develop criteria for  
39 the design, location, and installation of such signs. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any  
40 limited access highway.

41 E. Where a shared-use path crosses a highway at a clearly marked crosswalk and there are no traffic  
42 control signals at such crossing, the local governing body may by ordinance require pedestrians, cyclists, and  
43 any other users of such shared-used path to come to a complete stop prior to entering such crosswalk. Such  
44 local ordinance may provide for a fine not to exceed \$100 for violations. Any locality adopting such an  
45 ordinance shall install and maintain stop signs, consistent with standards adopted by the Commonwealth  
46 Transportation Board and to the extent necessary in coordination with the Department of Transportation. At  
47 such crosswalks, no user of such shared-use path shall enter the crosswalk in disregard of approaching traffic.

48 F. A locality adopting an ordinance under subsection E shall coordinate the enforcement and placement of  
49 any stop signs affecting a shared-use path owned and operated by a park authority formed under Chapter 57  
50 (§ 15.2-5700 et seq.) of Title 15.2 with such authority.