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SENATE BILL NO. 750

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice
on February 3, 2025)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Diggs)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-349 of the Code of Virginia, relating to unlawful vehicle operation; unlicensed minor; penalty.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 46.2-349 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-349. Unlawful to permit violations of chapter.

A. No person shall authorize or knowingly permit a motor vehicle owned by him or under his control to be driven on a highway, as defined in § 46.2-100, by any person who has no legal right to do so or in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter.

B. It is unlawful for any person to knowingly authorize the operation of a motor vehicle on a highway, as defined in § 46.2-100, by (i) a person he knows has had his driver's license, learner's permit, or privilege to drive a motor vehicle suspended or revoked; (ii) a person who he knows has no operator's license and who he knows has been previously convicted of driving a motor vehicle without an operator's license in violation of § 46.2-300 or a substantially similar ordinance of any county, city, or town or law in any other jurisdiction; or (iii) a minor who he knows has no operator's license or who has a learner's permit but who he knows will operate such motor vehicle in violation of any provision of § 46.2-335. A person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor if such violation results in a motor vehicle accident that causes injury or death to any person, provided that such violation does not otherwise constitute a felony.

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