

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-203.3, relating to Department of*
3 *Motor Vehicles; driver communication improvement program.*

4 [H 2501]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 46.2-203.3 as follows:**8 **§ 46.2-203.3. Driver communication improvement program.**

9 *The Department shall develop and implement a program for the promotion, printing, and distribution of*
10 *envelopes for use by drivers diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, as that term is defined in §*
11 *38.2-3418.17, to provide to a law-enforcement officer for the purpose of easing communication during a*
12 *traffic stop or upon such law-enforcement officer's arrival at the scene of a traffic accident. Such envelope*
13 *may (i) clearly state that the driver has been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and have printed*
14 *directions for law-enforcement officers on best practices for interacting with such driver; (ii) provide space*
15 *for more information to be written about the driver's communication needs; (iii) be of a sufficient size to fit a*
16 *vehicle registration card, vehicle insurance card, and emergency contact information; and (iv) have printed*
17 *directions instructing the driver to place his proof of vehicle registration and insurance in the envelope and*
18 *provide such envelope and his driver's license to law enforcement if he is ever involved in a traffic stop or*
19 *traffic accident.*

20 *The Department shall not collect or store information identifying any person who has requested or*
21 *received such envelope, except any information necessary to distribute such envelope to the requestor. No*
22 *such information shall be stored in any form after the distribution of such envelope is complete.*

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