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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 1226**

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4 *A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 46.2-208 and 46.2-749 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Department of*
5 *Motor Vehicles data; certain institutions of higher education; fees.*

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7 Referred to Committee on Transportation

8 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**9 **1. That §§ 46.2-208 and 46.2-749 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**10 **§ 46.2-208. Records of Department; when open for inspection; release of privileged information.**11 A. The following information shall be considered privileged and unless otherwise provided for in this title
12 shall not be released except as provided in subsection B:

13 1. Personal information as defined in § 2.2-3801;

14 2. Driver information, defined as all data that relates to driver's license status and driver activity;

15 3. Special identification card information, defined as all data that relates to identification card status; and

16 4. Vehicle information, including all descriptive vehicle data and title, registration, and vehicle activity
17 data, but excluding crash data.

18 B. The Commissioner shall release such information only under the following conditions:

19 1. Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, medical information included in personal information
20 shall be released only to a physician, a physician assistant, or an advanced practice registered nurse in
21 accordance with a proceeding under §§ 46.2-321 and 46.2-322.

22 2. 3. [Repealed.]

23 4. Upon the request of (i) the subject of the information, (ii) the parent of a minor who is the subject of the
24 information, (iii) the guardian of the subject of the information, (iv) the authorized agent or representative of
25 the subject of the information, or (v) the owner of the vehicle that is the subject of the information, the
26 Commissioner shall provide him with the requested information and a complete explanation of it. Requests
27 for such information need not be made in writing or in person and may be made orally or by telephone,
28 provided that the Department is satisfied that there is adequate verification of the requester's identity. When
29 so requested in writing by (a) the subject of the information, (b) the parent of a minor who is the subject of
30 the information, (c) the guardian of the subject of the information, (d) the authorized agent or representative
31 of the subject of the information, or (e) the owner of the vehicle that is the subject of the information, the
32 Commissioner shall verify and, if necessary, correct the personal information provided and furnish driver,
33 special identification card, or vehicle information. If the requester is requesting such information in the scope
34 of his official business as counsel from a public defender's office or as counsel appointed by a court, such
35 records shall be provided free of charge.36 5. Upon the written request of any insurance carrier or surety, or authorized agent of either, the
37 Commissioner shall furnish to such requester information in the record of any person subject to the
38 provisions of this title. The transcript shall include any record of any conviction of a violation of any
39 provision of any statute or ordinance relating to the operation or ownership of a motor vehicle or of any
40 injury or damage in which he was involved and a report filed pursuant to § 46.2-373. No such report of any
41 conviction or crash shall be made after 60 months from the date of the conviction or crash unless the
42 Commissioner or court used the conviction or crash as a reason for the suspension or revocation of a driver's
43 license or driving privilege, in which case the revocation or suspension and any conviction or crash pertaining
44 thereto shall not be reported after 60 months from the date that the driver's license or driving privilege has
45 been reinstated. The response of the Commissioner under this subdivision shall not be admissible in evidence
46 in any court proceedings.47 6. Upon the written request of any business organization or its authorized agent, in the conduct of its
48 business, the Commissioner shall compare personal information supplied by the requester with that contained
49 in the Department's records and, when the information supplied by the requester is different from that
50 contained in the Department's records, provide the requester with correct information as contained in the
51 Department's records. Personal information provided under this subdivision shall be used solely for the
52 purpose of pursuing remedies that require locating an individual.53 7. Upon the written request of any business organization or its authorized agent, the Commissioner shall
54 provide vehicle information to the requester. Disclosures made under this subdivision shall not include any
55 personal information, driver information, or special identification card information and shall not be subject to
56 the limitations contained in subdivision 6.

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59 8. Upon the written request of any motor vehicle rental or leasing company or its authorized agent, the
60 Commissioner shall (i) compare personal information supplied by the requester with that contained in the
61 Department's records and, when the information supplied by the requester is different from that contained in
62 the Department's records, provide the requester with correct information as contained in the Department's
63 records and (ii) provide the requester with driver information of any person subject to the provisions of this
64 title. Such information shall include any record of any conviction of a violation of any provision of any
65 statute or ordinance relating to the operation or ownership of a motor vehicle or of any injury or damage in
66 which the subject of the information was involved and a report of which was filed pursuant to § 46.2-373. No
67 such information shall include any record of any conviction or crash more than 60 months after the date of
68 such conviction or crash unless the Commissioner or court used the conviction or crash as a reason for the
69 suspension or revocation of a driver's license or driving privilege, in which case the revocation or suspension
70 and any conviction or crash pertaining thereto shall cease to be included in such information after 60 months
71 from the date on which the driver's license or driving privilege was reinstated. The response of the
72 Commissioner under this subdivision shall not be admissible in evidence in any court proceedings.

73 9. Upon the request of any federal, state, or local governmental entity, local government group self-
74 insurance pool, law-enforcement officer, attorney for the Commonwealth, or court, or the authorized agent of
75 any of the foregoing, the Commissioner shall compare personal information supplied by the requester with
76 that contained in the Department's records and, when the information supplied by the requester is different
77 from that contained in the Department's records, provide the requester with correct information as contained
78 in the Department's records. The Commissioner shall also provide driver, special identification card, and
79 vehicle information as requested pursuant to this subdivision. The Commissioner may release other
80 appropriate information to the governmental entity upon request. Upon request in accordance with this
81 subdivision, the Commissioner shall furnish a certificate, under seal of the Department, setting forth a
82 distinguishing number or license plate of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, together with the name and
83 address of its owner. The certificate shall be *prima facie* evidence in any court in the Commonwealth of the
84 ownership of the vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer to which the distinguishing number or license plate has been
85 assigned by the Department. However, the Commissioner shall not release any photographs pursuant to this
86 subdivision unless the requester provides the depicted individual's name and other sufficient identifying
87 information contained on such individual's record. The information in this subdivision shall be provided free
88 of charge.

89 The Department shall release to a requester information that is required for a requester to carry out the
90 requester's official functions in accordance with this subdivision. If the requester has entered into an
91 agreement with the Department, such agreement shall be in a manner prescribed by the Department, and such
92 agreement shall contain the legal authority that authorizes the performance of the requester's official
93 functions and a description of how such information will be used to carry out such official functions. If the
94 Commissioner determines that sufficient authority has not been provided by the requester to show that the
95 purpose for which the information shall be used is one of the requester's official functions, the Commissioner
96 shall refuse to enter into any agreement. If the requester submits a request for information in accordance with
97 this subdivision without an existing agreement to receive the information, the request shall be in a manner
98 prescribed by the Department, and such request shall contain the legal authority that authorizes the
99 performance of the requester's official functions and a description of how such information will be used to
100 carry out such official functions. If the Commissioner determines that sufficient authority has not been
101 provided by the requester to show that the purpose for which such information shall be used is one of the
102 requester's official functions, the Commissioner shall deny such request.

103 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision, the Department shall not disseminate to any federal,
104 state, or local government entity, law-enforcement officer, or law-enforcement agency any privileged
105 information for any purposes related to civil immigration enforcement unless (i) the subject of the
106 information provides consent or (ii) the requesting agency presents a lawful judicial order, judicial subpoena,
107 or judicial warrant. When responding to a lawful judicial order, judicial subpoena, or judicial warrant, the
108 Department shall disclose only those records or information specifically requested. Within three business
109 days of receiving a request for information for the purpose of civil immigration enforcement, the
110 Commissioner shall send a notification to the individual about whom such information was requested that
111 such a request was made and the identity of the entity that made such request.

112 The Department shall not enter into any agreement pursuant to subsection E with a requester pursuant to
113 this subdivision unless the requester certifies that the information obtained will not be used for civil
114 immigration purposes or knowingly disseminated to any third party for any purpose related to civil
115 immigration enforcement.

116 10. Upon the request of the driver licensing authority in any foreign country, the Commissioner shall
117 provide whatever driver and vehicle information the requesting authority shall require to carry out its official
118 functions. The information shall be provided free of charge.

119 11. a. For the purpose of obtaining information regarding noncommercial driver's license holders, upon
120 the written request of any employer, prospective employer, or authorized agent of either, and with the written

121 consent of the individual concerned, the Commissioner shall (i) compare personal information supplied by
 122 the requester with that contained in the Department's records and, when the information supplied by the
 123 requester is different from that contained in the Department's records, provide the requester with correct
 124 information as contained in the Department's records and (ii) provide the requester with driver information in
 125 the form of a transcript of an individual's record, including all convictions, all crashes, any type of driver's
 126 license that the individual currently possesses, and all driver's license suspensions, revocations, cancellations,
 127 or forfeiture, provided that such individual's position or the position that the individual is being considered for
 128 involves the operation of a motor vehicle.

129 b. For the purpose of obtaining information regarding commercial driver's license holders, upon the
 130 written request of any employer, prospective employer, or authorized agent of either, the Commissioner shall
 131 (i) compare personal information supplied by the requester with that contained in the Department's records
 132 and, when the information supplied by the requester is different from that contained in the Department's
 133 records, provide the requester with correct information as contained in the Department's records and (ii)
 134 provide the requester with driver information in the form of a transcript of such individual's record, including
 135 all convictions, all crashes, any type of driver's license that the individual currently possesses, and all driver's
 136 license suspensions, revocations, cancellations, forfeitures, or disqualifications, provided that such
 137 individual's position or the position that the individual is being considered for involves the operation of a
 138 commercial motor vehicle.

139 12. Upon the written request of any member of a volunteer fire company or volunteer emergency medical
 140 services agency and with written consent of the individual concerned, or upon the request of an applicant for
 141 membership in a volunteer fire company or to serve as volunteer emergency medical services personnel, the
 142 Commissioner shall (i) compare personal information supplied by the requester with that contained in the
 143 Department's records and, when the information supplied by the requester is different from that contained in
 144 the Department's records, provide the requester with correct information as contained in the Department's
 145 records and (ii) provide driver information in the form of a transcript of the individual's record, including all
 146 convictions, all crashes, any type of driver's license that the individual currently possesses, and all license
 147 suspensions, revocations, cancellations, or forfeitures. Such transcript shall be provided free of charge if the
 148 request is accompanied by appropriate written evidence that the person is a member of or applicant for
 149 membership in a volunteer fire company or a volunteer emergency medical services agency and the transcript
 150 is needed by the requester to establish the qualifications of the member, volunteer, or applicant to operate
 151 equipment owned by the volunteer fire company or volunteer emergency medical services agency.

152 13. Upon the written request of a Virginia affiliate of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, a Virginia
 153 affiliate of Compeer, or the Virginia Council of the Girl Scouts of the USA, and with the consent of the
 154 individual who is the subject of the information and has applied to be a volunteer with the requester, or on the
 155 written request of a Virginia chapter of the American Red Cross, a Virginia chapter of the Civil Air Patrol, or
 156 Faith in Action, and with the consent of the individual who is the subject of the information and applied to be
 157 a volunteer vehicle operator with the requester, the Commissioner shall (i) compare personal information
 158 supplied by the requester with that contained in the Department's records and, when the information supplied
 159 by the requester is different from that contained in the Department's records, provide the requester with
 160 correct information as contained in the Department's records and (ii) provide driver information in the form
 161 of a transcript of the applicant's record, including all convictions, all crashes, any type of driver's license that
 162 the individual currently possesses, and all license suspensions, revocations, cancellations, or forfeitures. Such
 163 transcript shall be provided at a fee that is one-half the normal charge if the request is accompanied by
 164 appropriate written evidence that the person has applied to be a volunteer or volunteer vehicle operator with
 165 the requester as provided in this subdivision.

166 14. On the written request of any person who has applied to be a volunteer with a court-appointed special
 167 advocate program pursuant to § 9.1-153, the Commissioner shall provide a transcript of the applicant's
 168 record, including all convictions, all crashes, any type of driver's license that the individual currently
 169 possesses, and all license suspensions, revocations, cancellations, or forfeitures. Such transcript shall be
 170 provided free of charge if the request is accompanied by appropriate written evidence that the person has
 171 applied to be a volunteer with a court-appointed special advocate program pursuant to § 9.1-153.

172 15, 16. [Repealed.]

173 17. Upon the request of an attorney representing a person involved in a motor vehicle crash, the
 174 Commissioner shall provide the vehicle information for any vehicle involved in the crash and the name and
 175 address of the owner of any such vehicle.

176 18. Upon the request, in the course of business, of any authorized agent of an insurance company or of
 177 any not-for-profit entity organized to prevent and detect insurance fraud, or perform rating and underwriting
 178 activities, the Commissioner shall provide (i) all vehicle information, the owner's name and address,
 179 descriptive data and title, registration, and vehicle activity data, as requested, or (ii) the driver name, license
 180 number and classification, date of birth, and address information for each driver under the age of 22 licensed
 181 in the Commonwealth, provided that such request includes the driver's license number or address information

182 of such driver. Use of such information shall be limited to use in connection with insurance claims
183 investigation activities, antifraud activities, rating, or underwriting.

184 19. [Repealed.]

185 20. Upon the written request of the compliance agent of a private security services business, as defined in
186 § 9.1-138, which is licensed by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, the Commissioner shall
187 provide the name and address of the owner of the vehicle under procedures determined by the Commissioner.

188 21. (For contingent expiration date, see Acts 2023, c. 738, cl. 2) Upon the request of the operator of a toll
189 facility, a traffic light signal violation monitoring system acting on behalf of a government entity, a traffic
190 control device violation monitoring system acting on behalf of a government entity, or the Dulles Access
191 Highway, or an authorized agent or employee of a toll facility operator, a traffic light signal violation
192 monitoring system operator acting on behalf of a government entity, a traffic control device violation
193 monitoring system operator acting on behalf of a government entity, or the Dulles Access Highway, for the
194 purpose of obtaining vehicle owner data under subsection H of § 15.2-968.1, subsection A of § 33.2-504,
195 subsection M of § 46.2-819.1, subsection P of § 46.2-819.3:1, or subsection N of § 46.2-819.5. Information
196 released pursuant to this subdivision shall be limited to (i) the name, physical address, and, if available, email
197 or other electronic address of the owner of the vehicle having failed to pay a toll, comply with a traffic light
198 signal, or comply with a traffic control device or having improperly used the Dulles Access Highway and (ii)
199 the vehicle information, including all descriptive vehicle data and title and registration data of the same
200 vehicle.

201 21. (For contingent effective date, see Acts 2023, c. 738, cl. 2) Upon the request of the operator of a toll
202 facility, a traffic light photo monitoring system acting on behalf of a government entity, or the Dulles Access
203 Highway, or an authorized agent or employee of a toll facility operator or traffic light photo monitoring
204 system operator acting on behalf of a government entity or the Dulles Access Highway, for the purpose of
205 obtaining vehicle owner data under subsection H of § 15.2-968.1, subsection A of § 33.2-504, subsection M
206 of § 46.2-819.1, subsection P of § 46.2-819.3:1, or subsection N of § 46.2-819.5. Information released
207 pursuant to this subdivision shall be limited to the name, physical address, and, if available, email or other
208 electronic address of the owner of the vehicle having failed to pay a toll or having failed to comply with a
209 traffic light signal or having improperly used the Dulles Access Highway and the vehicle information,
210 including all descriptive vehicle data and title registration data of the same vehicle.

211 22-26. [Repealed.]

212 27. Upon the written request of the executor or administrator of a deceased person's estate, the
213 Department shall, if the deceased person had been issued a driver's license or special identification card by
214 the Department, supply the requester with a hard copy image of any photograph of the deceased person kept
215 in the Department's records.

216 28. [Repealed.]

217 29. a. Upon written agreement, the Commissioner may digitally verify the authenticity and validity of a
218 driver's license, learner's permit, or special identification card to the American Association of Motor Vehicle
219 Administrators, a motor vehicle dealer as defined in § 46.2-1500, or another organization approved by the
220 Commissioner.

221 b. Upon written agreement, the Commissioner may release minimum information as needed in the
222 Department's record through any American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators service program
223 created for the purpose of the exchange of information to any business, government agency, or authorized
224 agent who would otherwise be authorized to receive the information requested pursuant to this section.

225 30. Upon the request of the operator of a video-monitoring system as defined in § 46.2-844 acting on
226 behalf of a government entity, the Commissioner shall provide vehicle owner data pursuant to subsection B
227 of § 46.2-844. Information released pursuant to this subdivision shall be limited to the name and address of
228 the owner of the vehicle having passed a stopped school bus and the vehicle information, including all
229 descriptive vehicle data and title and registration data for such vehicle.

230 31. Upon the request of the operator of a photo speed monitoring device as defined in § 46.2-882.1 acting
231 on behalf of a government entity, the Commissioner shall provide vehicle owner data pursuant to subsection
232 H of § 46.2-882.1. Information released pursuant to this subdivision shall be limited to the name and address
233 of the owner of the vehicle having committed a vehicle speed violation, as defined in § 46.2-882.1, and the
234 vehicle information, including all descriptive vehicle data and title and registration data, for such vehicle.

235 32. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section other than subdivision 33, the Department shall not
236 release, except upon request by the subject of the information, the guardian of the subject of the information,
237 the parent of a minor who is the subject of the information, or the authorized agent of the subject of the
238 information, or pursuant to a court order, (i) proof documents submitted for the purpose of obtaining a driving
239 credential or a special identification card, (ii) the information in the Department's records indicating the type
240 of proof documentation that was provided, or (iii) applications relating to the issuance of a driving credential
241 or a special identification card. As used in this subdivision, "proof document" means any document not
242 originally created by the Department that is submitted to the Department for the issuance of any driving
243 credential or special identification card. "Proof document" does not include any information contained on a

244 driving credential or special identification card.

245 33. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the Department may release the information in the
246 Department's records that it deems reasonable and necessary for the purpose of federal compliance audits.

247 34. The Department may release to a party that is subject to an administrative proceeding conducted by
248 the Department nonmedical privileged information necessary to participate in such administrative
249 proceeding. Such information shall be limited to matters of fact and law asserted or questioned by the
250 Department, as are required to be provided pursuant to §§ 2.2-4019 and 2.2-4020. The Department may also
251 release such information to other parties to the same administrative proceeding. Notwithstanding the
252 provisions of subsection E, no information released pursuant to this subdivision shall be disseminated to any
253 third party that is not a party to such administrative proceeding.

254 35. Upon the request of an accredited institution of higher education with a main campus located in the
255 Commonwealth that has an existing agreement with the Department pursuant to § 46.2-749, the
256 Commissioner shall provide to the requesting institution the name, physical address, and, if available,
257 telephone number and email or other electronic address associated with each active special license plate
258 issued by the Department that bears the seal, symbol, emblem, or logotype of the requesting institution of
259 higher education, provided that the subject of the information consents to the disclosure in accordance with
260 this subdivision. Information released by the Department pursuant to this subdivision shall be used only for
261 surveys, marketing, and solicitations related to such institution of higher education and such purposes as are
262 otherwise authorized in writing by the subject of the information.

263 Prior to the release of any information pursuant to this subdivision, the Department shall obtain the
264 consent of the subject of the information in writing, including by electronic means acceptable to the
265 Commissioner. Such consent may be submitted to the Department by the (i) subject of the information or (ii)
266 requesting institution if such institution demonstrates to the Commissioner's reasonable satisfaction that it
267 has obtained such consent from the subject of the information. The Commissioner shall request the consent
268 required for the disclosure of information pursuant to this subdivision from the subject of the information
269 upon initial issuance, reissuance, and renewal of special license plates pursuant to § 46.2-749.

270 The Department may enter into an agreement with an institution eligible to request information pursuant
271 to this subdivision related to the assessment of fees pursuant to subsection C, provided that fees assessed for
272 data requests made pursuant to this subdivision are no more than the amount necessary to cover the cost of
273 generating such data. Such agreement shall schedule data transfers so as to (a) use bulk data transfer rates
274 and (b) avoid multiple payments for duplicate data.

275 C. Information disclosed or furnished shall be assessed a fee as specified in § 46.2-214, unless as
276 otherwise provided in this section.

277 D. Upon the receipt of a completed application and payment of applicable processing fees, the
278 Commissioner may enter into an agreement with any governmental authority or business to exchange
279 information specified in this section by electronic or other means.

280 E. The Department shall not release any privileged information pursuant to this title unless the
281 Department has entered into a written agreement authorizing such release. The Department shall require the
282 requesting entity to specify the purpose authorized pursuant to this title that forms the basis for the request
283 and provide the permissible purpose as defined under 18 U.S.C. § 2721(b). Privileged information requested
284 by an entity that has been altered or aggregated may be used only for the original purposes specified in the
285 written agreement consistent with this title. The requesting entity shall disseminate privileged information
286 only to third parties subject to the original purpose specified in the written agreement consistent with this
287 title. Any agreement that does not allow third-party distribution shall include a statement that such
288 distribution is prohibited. Such agreement may limit the scope of any authorized distribution consistent with
289 this title. Privileged information distributed to any third party shall only be further distributed by such third
290 party subject to the original purpose specified and consistent with this title, or unless such third party is the
291 subject of the information, the parent of a minor who is the subject of the information, the guardian of the
292 subject of the information, the authorized agent or representative of the subject of the information, or the
293 owner of the vehicle that is the subject of the information.

294 Any agreement entered into pursuant to this subsection between the Department and the Department of
295 State Police shall specify (i) that privileged information shall be distributed only to authorized personnel of
296 an entity meeting the definition of a criminal justice agency as defined in § 9.1-101 and other comparable
297 local, state, and federal criminal justice agencies and entities issued a Virginia S-Originating Agency
298 Identification (S-ORI) status; (ii) that privileged information shall be accessed, used, and disseminated only
299 for the administration of criminal justice as defined in § 9.1-101; and (iii) that no local, state, or federal
300 government entity, through the Virginia Criminal Information Network (VCIN) or any other method of
301 dissemination controlled by the Department of State Police, has access to information stored by the
302 Department in violation of the protections contained in this section. The Department of State Police shall
303 notify the Department prior to when a new entity is to be granted S-ORI status and provide a copy of the
304 S-ORI application to the Department. The Department of State Police shall not allow any entity to access
305 Department data through VCIN if the Department objects in writing to the entity obtaining such data.

306 The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to (a) requests for information made pursuant to
307 subdivision B 4; (b) a request made by an entity authorized to receive privileged information pursuant to
308 subsection B, provided that such request is made on a form provided by the Department, other than a written
309 agreement, that requires the requester to certify that such entity is entitled to receive such information
310 pursuant to this title, state the purpose authorized pursuant to subsection B that forms the basis for the
311 request, explain why the information requested is necessary to accomplish the stated purpose, and certify that
312 the information will be used only for the stated purpose and the information received shall not be
313 disseminated to third parties unless there is authorization to do so; or (c) the release of information to a law-
314 enforcement officer or agency during an emergency situation, provided that (1) the requesting entity is
315 authorized to receive such information pursuant to subdivision B 9, (2) the timely release of such information
316 is in the interest of public safety, and (3) the requesting entity completes the form required pursuant to clause
317 (b) within 48 hours of the release of such information.

318 F. Any person that receives any privileged information that such person knows or has reason to know was
319 received in violation of this title shall not disseminate any such information and shall notify the Department
320 of the receipt of such privileged information.

321 G. The Department shall conduct audits annually based on a risk assessment to ensure that privileged
322 information released by the Department pursuant to this title is being used as authorized by law and pursuant
323 to the agreements entered into by the Department. If the Department finds that privileged information has
324 been used in a manner contrary to law or the relevant agreement, the Department may revoke access.

325 H. Any request for privileged information by an authorized agent of a governmental entity shall be
326 governed by the provisions of subdivision B 9.

327 **§ 46.2-749. Issuance of license plates bearing seal, symbol, emblem, or logotype of certain
328 institutions of higher education; fees.**

329 A. On receipt of an application, the Commissioner may develop and issue for any accredited institution of
330 higher education in the Commonwealth, in accordance with policies and procedures established by the
331 Commissioner and in accordance with an agreement between the institution and the Department, special
332 license plates bearing the seal, symbol, emblem, or logotype of that institution of higher education.

333 On receipt of a minimum of 350 prepaid applications and a design therefor, the Commissioner may
334 develop and issue special license plates bearing the seal, symbol, emblem or logotype of such institutions that
335 are located outside Virginia, in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Commissioner and
336 in accordance with an agreement between the institution and the Department.

337 For each set of license plates issued hereunder, the Commissioner shall charge, in addition to the
338 prescribed cost of state license plates, an annual fee of \$25.

339 B. Any institution of higher education that enters into an agreement with the Department pursuant to this
340 section thereby waives any royalty fees to which it might otherwise be entitled for use of its seal, symbol,
341 emblem, or logotype as provided in this section. However, any such institution located in Virginia shall
342 annually receive an allocation of \$15 for each set of license plates in excess of 1,000 registrations pursuant to
343 the institution's agreement with the Department during the term of the agreement. The allocated funds shall
344 be deposited by the Department into the state treasury and credited to the relevant institution to be used to
345 support scholarships for eligible undergraduate students enrolled in the institution. Only students who (i) are
346 bona fide domiciliaries of Virginia as defined in § 23.1-502 and (ii) are enrolled in educational programs
347 whose primary purpose is not to provide religious training or theological education shall be eligible to receive
348 such scholarships.

349 The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia shall review and approve plans for each participating
350 institution for the implementation of these scholarship programs. These plans shall include, but need not be
351 limited to, criteria for the awarding of the scholarships and procedures for determining the recipients.

352 The provisions of subdivisions B 1 and 2 of § 46.2-725 shall not apply to license plates issued under this
353 section for any institution of higher education in the Commonwealth. The provisions of subdivision B 1 of
354 § 46.2-725 shall not apply to license plates issued under this section for any institution of higher education
355 located outside Virginia.

356 *C. The Department is authorized to release personal information related to special license plates issued
357 pursuant to this section to requesting institutions only in accordance with the provisions of subdivision B 35
358 of § 46.2-208.*

- 359 **2. That the provisions of the first enactment of this act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.**
- 360 **3. That the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles (the Department) may charge, in
361 addition to fees paid pursuant to subdivision B 35 of § 46.2-208 of the Code of Virginia, as created by
362 this act, a reasonable one-time fee adequate to recover the initial costs incurred by the Department in
363 carrying out the provisions of this act to be recovered from any nonprofit private institution of higher
364 education, as defined in § 23.1-100 of the Code of Virginia, that elects to be eligible to receive
365 information pursuant to subdivision B 35 of § 46.2-208 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act.
366 Any nonprofit private institution of higher education, as defined in § 23.1-100 of the Code of Virginia,
367 may elect, in a manner and on such forms as prescribed by the Department within 180 days of the**

368 effective date of this act, to be eligible to receive information pursuant to subdivision B 35 of § 46.2-208
369 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act.

370 4. That each nonprofit private institution of higher education that elects to be eligible to receive
371 information as provided in the third enactment of this act shall pay its pro rata share of the initial costs
372 to implement this act, as determined and published by the Department of Motor Vehicles within 30
373 days of the effective date of this act.

374 5. That prior to receiving any information pursuant to subdivision B 35 of § 46.2-208 of the Code of
375 Virginia, as created by this act, any nonprofit private institution of higher education, as defined in
376 § 23.1-100 of the Code of Virginia, that does not elect to receive information as provided in the third
377 enactment of this act shall pay a one-time fee equal to the amount paid pursuant to the fourth
378 enactment of this act. Any fee paid pursuant to this enactment clause shall be distributed between each
379 nonprofit private institution of higher education that elects to be eligible to receive information as
380 provided in the this enactment clause or the second enactment of this act in the form of a credit against
381 any fees assessed pursuant to subdivision B 35 of § 46.2-208 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this
382 act.

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