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HOUSE BILL NO. 77

House Amendments in [] - January 27, 2026

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-102.1, relating to enforcement of federal traffic infractions by state and local law-enforcement officers; Planning District 8.

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Krizek

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 46.2-102.1 as follows:
§ 46.2-102.1. Enforcement of federal traffic infractions by state and local law-enforcement officers; Planning District 8.

A. Any person operating a motor vehicle on any highway within Planning District 8 who is guilty of any traffic infraction that, although not made punishable by any provisions of this title, or any regulation adopted pursuant to this title, or any local ordinances adopted pursuant to the authority granted in this title, is punishable by the federal laws and regulations in force at the time of such infraction if committed on any highway within Planning District 8, including any highway located on property where the Commonwealth has transferred such property to the federal government subject to concurrent jurisdiction pursuant to Chapter 4 (§ 1-400 et seq.) of Title 1 or Chapter 494 of the Acts of Assembly of 1926, is guilty of a like offense and subject to a like punishment.

B. Any state or local law-enforcement officer authorized to enforce the provisions of this title pursuant to § 46.2-102 may enforce the provisions of this section on any highway within Planning District 8.

C. A violation of this section may be charged on the uniform traffic summons form, [and any which shall reference both this section and the corresponding state statute or local ordinance. Any] action under this section shall be brought in the general district court of the city or county in which the violation occurred. The procedure for appeal and trial of any violation of this section shall be the same as provided by law for misdemeanors; if requested by either party on appeal to the circuit court, trial by jury shall be as provided in Article 4 (§ 19.2-260 et seq.) of Chapter 15 of Title 19.2, and the Commonwealth shall be required to prove its case beyond a reasonable doubt.

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