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HOUSE BILL NO. 812

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Transportation)

on _____)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Carr)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-833.2, relating to regulation of traffic; bicycles and certain other devices; bicycle signals.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 46.2-833.2 as follows:

§ 46.2-833.2. Bicycle signals.

A. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A of § 46.2-833 and § 46.2-904, any person operating a bicycle or other device lawfully permitted in a bicycle lane or on a shared-use path in or approaching an intersection with a bicycle signal, shall obey such bicycle signal.

B. The following meanings shall be given to bicycle signals:

1. A steady green bicycle indication means that a person is permitted to enter the intersection and may move in the direction of the signal, unless otherwise directed by another traffic control device, and remain in motion as long as the steady green bicycle signal is given, except that such person shall yield to other vehicles and pedestrians lawfully within the intersection.

2. A steady amber bicycle indication means that a change is about to be made in the direction of traffic.

When the steady amber bicycle signal is shown, a person who has not entered the intersection, including the crosswalks, shall stop if it is not reasonably safe to continue, but a person who has already entered the intersection shall continue to move in the appropriate direction of travel until the intersection has been cleared.

3. A steady red bicycle indication means that a person shall stop and remain stopped as long as the steady red bicycle signal is shown. Except where a traffic control device is placed prohibiting turns on a steady red bicycle signal, a person facing a steady red bicycle signal, after coming to a full stop, may cautiously enter the intersection if it is reasonably safe to make a right turn.

4. A *flashing amber bicycle indication* means that a person is permitted to cautiously enter the intersection or move past such signal with reasonable care, except that such person shall yield to other vehicles and pedestrians lawfully within the intersection.

5. A flashing red bicycle indication means that a person shall stop before entering the intersection. Such person may then proceed through the intersection in the direction of the signal, unless otherwise directed by another traffic control device, except that such person shall yield to other vehicles and pedestrians lawfully within the intersection.

C. If the traffic lights controlling an intersection, including bicycle signals, are out of service due to a power failure or other event that prevents the giving of signals by the traffic lights, a person shall proceed as provided in subsection C of § 46.2-833.

D. Violation of any provision of this section shall constitute a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of no more than \$350.