

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - 2026 SESSION

CHAPTER 431

An Act to amend and reenact § 46.2-928 of the Code of Virginia, relating to pedestrians; walking on roadways that are part of divided highways.

[H 819]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 46.2-928 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-928. Pedestrians not to use roadway except when necessary; keeping to left.

Pedestrians shall not use the roadways for travel, except when necessary to do so because of the absence of sidewalks which are reasonably suitable and passable for their use. If they walk on the hard surface, or the main travelled portion of the roadway, they shall keep to the extreme left side or edge thereof, or where the shoulders of the highway are of sufficient width to permit, they may walk on either shoulder thereof. *Pedestrians walking on a roadway shall face oncoming traffic.*

However, when walking on a roadway that is part of a highway divided by a physical barrier or barriers or an unpaved area, and when there are no shoulders of the highway present, pedestrians may keep to the extreme right side or edge of the roadway, regardless of the direction of traffic they face.