

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - 2026 SESSION

## CHAPTER 473

*An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 8.01-44.5:1, relating to punitive damages; hit and run drivers.*

[H 1479]

Approved April 8, 2026

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 8.01-44.5:1 as follows:**

***§ 8.01-44.5:1. Punitive damages; hit and run drivers.***

*In any action for personal injury or death arising from conduct that constitutes a felony violation of § 46.2-894, punitive damages may be awarded to the plaintiff.*