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HOUSE BILL NO. 1183

Offered January 17, 2022

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 46.2 a section numbered 46.2-818.3, relating to operating motor vehicle with accumulated snow or ice; penalty.

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Committee Referral Pending

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 46.2 a section numbered 46.2-818.3 as follows:

§ 46.2-818.3. Operating motor vehicle with accumulated snow or ice; penalty.

A. It is unlawful for any person to operate on the highways in the Commonwealth a moving motor vehicle with any amount of accumulated snow or ice on the exposed surfaces of such vehicle where, if dislodged from such vehicle, such accumulated snow or ice could interfere with the operation of another moving motor vehicle or cause injury to persons or property. A violation of this subsection is a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of \$100.

B. The provisions of this section do not apply to a person operating (i) a moving motor vehicle during adverse weather conditions that result in the accumulation of snow or ice on the exposed surfaces of such vehicle, provided that such conditions arose while such vehicle was already in operation; (ii) an emergency vehicle, as defined in § 46.2-920; or (iii) a vehicle engaged in snow or ice removal and control operations.