

## 2010 Law Changes

**§ 46.2-921.1 "Move over" law.** Requires drivers to move left on a four lane highway when approaching vehicles displaying flashing blue, red, or amber lights. The offense is punished as a traffic infraction, formerly a Class 1 misdemeanor

**§§ 46.2-1094 and 46.2-1095 amended. Safety belt use for persons under 18 years of age.** Requires safety belt use by those under 18 years of age who are occupying the rear seats of motor vehicles.

**§ 18.2-427 amended.**

**Use of profane, threatening, or indecent language over public airways or by computer or text.** Provides that any person who uses obscene, vulgar, profane, lewd, lascivious, or indecent language, or makes any suggestion or proposal of an obscene nature, or threatens any illegal or immoral act with the intent to coerce, intimidate, or harass any person when any electronically transmitted message is received or transmitted by telephone is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. Current law punishes such behavior when simply using a telephone or citizens band radio.

**§ 18.2-308 amended. Concealed handguns; restaurants; penalty.** Allows a person with a concealed handgun permit to carry a concealed handgun onto the premises of a restaurant or club and prohibits such person from consuming alcoholic beverages while on the premises. A person who consumes alcohol in violation of the provisions of the bill is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

**§§ 3.2-6503 and 3.2-6574 amended.**

**Animal cruelty; penalty.** Increases the penalty for a second or subsequent violation of the animal care laws regarding an owner's failure to provide adequate food, adequate water, adequate shelter, and adequate veterinary care from a Class 4 to a Class 2 misdemeanor. A second or subsequent violation related to adequate space, adequate exercise, and adequate care, treatment and transportation are increased from a Class 4 to a Class 3 misdemeanor. The civil penalty for failure to sterilize a dog or cat adopted from a releasing agency is increased from \$50 to \$250.