

Report on the 2001 General Assembly – cont'd

Teen Drivers – Major reforms in response to increased teen driving fatalities include

- raising the age for a learner's permit to 15 and 1/2;
- requiring 40 hours behind the wheel, including 10 hours of night driving; and
- raising the age for a driver's license to 16 and 1/4 for teens who get a learner's permit after July 1, 2001.

In addition,

- 16-year-old drivers may carry only one non-family passenger and 17-year-old drivers, no more than 3.
- A midnight to 4 a.m. curfew will apply to drivers under 18 convicted of moving violations, including failure to wear a seatbelt.

Telephone Solicitors – A weak law passed to deal with phone solicitors. It covers only calls you receive after 9 p.m. and before 8 a.m. or calls from a *specific* firm you've notified not to call you. You may either sue for \$500 in damages or document violations with the local Commonwealth's Attorney, who may choose to prosecute. Alternatives that didn't pass were aimed at preventing calls rather than dealing with them after-the-fact. The burden would've been on phone solicitors to check a central list and not call anyone who's registered that they don't want solicitations from *any* firm.




Dear Friends and Neighbors –



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Have a great Summer!

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Dear Bren Mar, Edsall, Lincolnia, Poe, and Weyanoke voters –

I was truly sorry that I lost you in re-districting. I only needed to add 3,000 people and, instead, I lost 27,000 and gained 30,000!! You will now be represented by Bob Hull in the 38th and he can be reached at P.O.Box 2331, Falls Church, VA 22042 or by phone at 703/573-4855.



I'm also sorry that this newsletter is not as upbeat as what I typically write. I believe we're at a crossroads in Virginia. We must have an honest dialogue about our priorities and the business of state government. Should you send me the questionnaire in this newsletter with your thoughts, I will be sure that it is passed on to Bob.

It has, indeed, been my honor to represent you and a real privilege to get to know you and your communities.

I wish you all the best!

Dear Columbia, Hummer, Long Branch, and Olley voters –

I was genuinely pleased that re-districting included you in the newly defined 39th House of Delegates district. I live near the Community College, so we truly are neighbors!



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