

New Virginia Traffic Laws Effective July 1, 2007

The Virginia legislation has enacted VA CODE§ 46.2-206.1, which creates “civil remedial fees” to be assessed against VA residents convicted of certain vehicle-related or driving crimes. These apply to certain driving felonies and misdemeanors, not general speeding. The judge will have no authority to suspend any portion of said fines.

The civil remedial fees and imposed in three equal parts;

- 1) The first part will be paid to the court following the conviction.
- 2) The second part must be paid within 14 months.
- 3) The third part to be paid within 26 months.

Failure to pay these on time will result in a suspension of the client’s driver’s license, and you guessed it, more fines.

The **total** fees for foregoing offenses are as follows:

1. Reckless driving-total of \$1050
2. DWS-\$750
3. DUI-\$2250
4. All other misdemeanors such as refusal, driving without a license, failure to give proper signal, etc, range from a total of \$900 to \$1050
5. All felonies are \$3000

All class 1 misdemeanors carry up to one year in jail and the court can suspend the clients drivers license. The new fines do not apply to out of state residents, however the court can impose jail time and suspend the client’s privilege in drive in Virginia.