

SUPPORT HB 2096 – Del. Patrick Hope

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Topic: Intelligent Speed Assistance Program; Speeding Rehabilitation

OVERVIEW:

This bill establishes the Intelligent Speed Assistance (ISA) Program, managed by the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program. It allows individuals convicted of certain speeding violations to avoid a license suspension by enrolling in the program. Those convicted of chronic speeding violations or driving over 100 mph may be granted the option by a judge to participate in the ISA program. As part of the program, participants must install and always use an ISA system in their vehicles for a period of 6 months or up to 2 years. The ISA technology either alerts drivers when they exceed the speed limit or automatically limits the vehicle's speed to ensure compliance with legal speed limits, based on the vehicle's location tracked via GPS. The bill makes tampering with the ISA system a Class 1 misdemeanor.

REASONS TO SUPPORT HB2096:

- The ISA system can help reduce speeding-related accidents by providing drivers with real-time reminders or limitations on speed, potentially preventing dangerous driving behavior and saving lives.
- The ISA system offers an alternative middle-ground in punishment for individuals convicted of speed related offenses. Instead of the convicted losing their license, which could severely affect their everyday life, the court may provide the ISA option.
- Some of the drivers with revoked licenses will still attempt to drive anyway so this alternative allows them to drive legally, albeit with speed limitations.
- This bill allows drivers an option to reform their behavior through a structured program, rather than the traditional method of punishment.
- Drivers who chronically speed and/or extreme speeds (over 100 mph), create the highest risk for fatal crashes.

WHY THIS MATTERS:

ISA provides an option to curtail speeding and save lives.



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