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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 110**

2 Offered January 14, 2026

3 Prefiled January 2, 2026

4 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 46.2 a section numbered*
5 *46.2-1215.1, relating to firearm in unattended motor vehicle; civil penalty.*

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7 Patron—Laufer
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9 Referred to Committee on Public Safety

10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

11 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 46.2 a section
12 numbered 46.2-1215.1 as follows:

13 *§ 46.2-1215.1. Firearm in unattended motor vehicle; civil penalty.*

14 A. For purposes of this section, an "unattended motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is left
15 unattended on a public highway or other public property and the owner, operator, or any passenger of such
16 motor vehicle is unable to observe such motor vehicle.

17 B. No person shall leave, place, or store any handgun, as defined in § 18.2-307.1, in any unattended
18 motor vehicle when such handgun is visible to any person who is outside such unattended motor vehicle.

19 C. Any person convicted of a violation of this section is subject to a civil penalty of no more than \$500.

20 All penalties collected under this section shall be paid into the state treasury to be credited to the Literary
21 Fund as provided in § 46.2-114.

22 D. For purposes of § 46.2-1213, any violation of this section deems the unattended motor vehicle as
23 illegally parked, and such unattended motor vehicle may be subject to removal.

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