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**HOUSE BILL NO. 175**

Offered January 12, 2000

*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 8.01 a section numbered § 8.01-44.6, relating to parental liability for acts by minor resulting in damage to property in excess of \$2,500, injury or death.*

Patrons—Clement and Bennett; Senator: Hawkins

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 8.01 a section numbered § 8.01-44.6 as follows:**

*§ 8.01-44.6. Parental liability for acts by minor resulting in damage to property in excess of \$2,500, injury or death.*

*The parent or parents of an unemancipated minor child shall be liable for damages suffered by reason of a willful or malicious act of the child which results in the destruction of or damage to property in excess of \$2,500 or the injury or death of another person, if: (i) the child was living with the parent or parents, (ii) the parent or parents knew or should have known the child had a propensity to commit a willful or malicious act and (iii) the parent or parents failed to use reasonable efforts to prevent the child's actions.*

*Any recovery from the parent or parents of such child shall not preclude full recovery from such child except to the amount of the recovery from such parent or parents.*

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