

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 8.01-42.3, relating to civil action*
3 *for stalking.*

4 [H 1710]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 8.01-42.3 as follows:**8 *§ 8.01-42.3. Civil action for stalking.*

9 *A. A victim has a civil cause of action against an individual who engaged in conduct that is*
10 *prohibited under § 18.2-60.3, whether or not the individual has been charged or convicted for the*
11 *alleged violation, for the compensatory damages incurred by the victim as a result of that conduct, in*
12 *addition to the costs for bringing the action. If compensatory damages are awarded, a victim may also*
13 *be awarded punitive damages.*

14 *B. As used in this section:*15 *"Compensatory damages" includes damages for all of the defendant's acts prohibited by § 18.2-60.3.*

16 *"Victim" means a person who, because of the conduct of the defendant that is prohibited under*
17 *§ 18.2-60.3, was placed in reasonable fear of death, criminal sexual assault, or bodily injury to himself*
18 *or to a minor child of whom the person is a parent or legal guardian.*

19 *C. No action shall be commenced under this section more than two years after the most recent*
20 *conduct prohibited under § 18.2-60.3.*

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