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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1861**

House Amendments in [ ] — February 2, 2001

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 1-13.39:3, relating to the construction of the term "reenacted" as used in titles and enactment clauses.*

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Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate McDonnell

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Referred to Committee on Rules**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 1-13.39:3 as follows:***§ 1-13.39:3. Statutory construction of titles and enactment clauses.*

*Whenever the word "reenacted" is used in the title or enactment of a bill or act of assembly, it shall mean that the changes enacted to a section of the Code of Virginia or an act of assembly are in addition to the existing substantive provisions in that section or act, and are effective prospectively unless the bill expressly provides that such changes are effective retroactively on a specified date.*

*The provisions of this section are declaratory of existing public policy and law.*

**2. That the provisions of this act are intended to reverse the ruling in *Rubio v. Rubio*, [ 33 Va. App. \_\_\_, 2596691, \_\_\_ SE2d \_\_\_ (2000). Court of Appeals of Va., 33 Va. App. 440; 534 S. E. 2d 336; (September 19, 2000, decided). ]**

**3. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.**

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