

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

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

4 [H 1861]

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 1-13.39:3 as follows:**8 *§ 1-13.39:3. Statutory construction of titles and enactment clauses.*

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

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

14 **2. That the provisions of this act are intended to reverse the ruling in *Rubio v. Rubio*, 33 Va. App.**  
15 **74, 531 S.E. 2nd 612 (2000).**

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

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