

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-1713.1, relating to local*  
3 *crime stoppers program.*

4 [H 1752]

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 15.2-1713.1 as follows:**8 *§ 15.2-1713.1. Local "Crime Stoppers" programs; confidentiality.*

9 *A. As used in this section, a "Crime Stoppers," "crime solvers," "crime line," or other similarly*  
10 *named organization is defined as a private, nonprofit Virginia corporation governed by a civilian*  
11 *volunteer board of directors that is operated on a local or statewide level that (i) offers anonymity to*  
12 *persons providing information to the organization, (ii) accepts and expends donations for cash rewards*  
13 *to persons who report to the organization information about alleged criminal activity and that the*  
14 *organization forwards to the appropriate law-enforcement agency, and (iii) is established as a*  
15 *cooperative alliance between the news media, the community, and law-enforcement officials.*

16 *B. Evidence of a communication or any information contained therein between a person submitting a*  
17 *report of an alleged criminal act to a "Crime Stoppers" organization and the person who accepted the*  
18 *report on behalf of the organization is not admissible in a court proceeding. Law-enforcement agencies*  
19 *receiving information concerning alleged criminal activity from a "Crime Stoppers" organization shall*  
20 *maintain confidentiality pursuant to subsection E of § 2.2-3706.*

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