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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTI

An Act to amend and reenact § 2.2-3714 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Freedom of Information Act; penalties for violation.

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Approved

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 2.2-3714 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.2-3714. Violations and penalties.

In a proceeding commenced against members of public bodies under § 2.2-3713 for a violation of §§ 2.2-3704, 2.2-3705, 2.2-3706, 2.2-3707, 2.2-3708, 2.2-3710, 2.2-3711 or § 2.2-3712, the court, if it finds that a violation was willfully and knowingly made, shall impose upon such member in his individual capacity, whether a writ of mandamus or injunctive relief is awarded or not, a civil penalty of not less than \$100 \$250 nor more than \$1,000, which amount shall be paid into the State Literary Fund. For a second or subsequent violation, such civil penalty shall be not less than \$500 \$1,000 nor more

15 than \$2,500.

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