## **HOUSE BILL NO. 618**

Offered January 14, 2004 Prefiled January 13, 2004

A BILL to amend and reenact § 44-93.5 of the Code of Virginia, relating to enforcement of provisions protecting job security of members of the military reserves.

Patrons—Carrico and Cole

Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 44-93.5 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 44-93.5. Penalties for denial.

If any employer fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of §§ 44-93, 44-93.2, 44-93.3 and 44-93.4, the circuit court having jurisdiction over the employer's place of business may, upon the filing of a motion, petition, or other appropriate pleading by the employee, require the employer to comply with §§ 44-93, 44-93.2, 44-93.3 and 44-93.4 and to compensate the employee for any loss of wages or benefits suffered by reason of the employer's unlawful failure or refusal. Upon request of the affected employee, the Attorney General may represent personally or through one of his assistants, such employee denied the benefits of §§ 44-93, 44-93.2, 44-93.3 and 44-93.4 while in the performance of state active duty.