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**SENATE BILL NO. 293** 

Offered January 14, 2004 Prefiled January 14, 2004 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Part B of Subtitle II of Title 2.2 a chapter numbered 55.2, consisting of sections numbered 2.2-5512 and 2.2-5513, relating to acceptance of

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Part B of Subtitle II of Title 2.2 a chapter numbered 55.2, consisting of sections numbered 2.2-5512 and 2.2-5513, as follows:

CHAPTER 55.2.

SECURE AND VERIFIABLE IDENTIFICATION.

§ 2.2-5512. Personal identification requirements.

foreign personal identification cards.

For the disbursement of those public services, including law-enforcement services, in the Commonwealth that require recipients to produce personal identification, no department, agency, commission, or other public entity in the Commonwealth, or a political subdivision thereof, shall accept or recognize any identification document unless such document was issued by a state or federal authority, and is verifiable by federal law enforcement, intelligence, or homeland security agencies. No public entity in the Commonwealth may authorize acceptance of other than such verifiable identification, nor may any public official acting in his official capacity accept, acknowledge, or recognize other than such verifiable identification, nor may any public entity in the Commonwealth or political subdivision of the Commonwealth rely on or utilize in any manner other than such verifiable identification for the purpose of issuing to any person any form of identification, license, permit, or official document.

§ 2.2-5513. Exceptions.

Exceptions to § 2.2-5512 shall be made only as mandated by federal law, and for the purpose of reporting a crime. Actions knowingly taken that are inconsistent with the provisions of § 2.2-5512 shall be deemed outside the official capacity of the agency, officer, elected official, agent, or employee so acting, and shall not be protected by governmental immunity.