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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2981**

House Amendments in [ ] - February 5, 2007

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 19.2-265.6, relating to the dismissal of criminal charges.*

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Janis

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 19.2-265.6 as follows:**

*§ 19.2-265.6. Effect of dismissal of criminal charges.*

*No dismissal of any criminal charge by a court shall bar subsequent prosecution of the charge unless jeopardy attached at the earlier proceeding [ or unless the dismissal order explicitly states that the dismissal is with prejudice ] .*

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