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## HOUSE BILL NO. 515

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 19.2-353.5 of the Code of Virginia, relating to abatement of interest during incarceration.

Patrons—Dance; Senators: Lucas, McEachin, Puller and Ticer

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

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

#### 1. That § 19.2-353.5 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 19.2-353.5. Interest on fines and costs.

No interest shall accrue on any fine or costs imposed in a criminal case or in a case involving a traffic infraction for a period of ~~forty~~ 40 days from the date of the final judgment imposing such fine or costs or during any period the defendant is incarcerated as a result of that case. In no event shall interest accrue in such cases during any period in which a fine, costs, or both a fine and costs are being paid in deferred or installment payments pursuant to an order of the court. Whenever interest on any unpaid fine or costs accrues, it shall accrue at the judgment rate of interest set forth in § 6.1-330.54. *For good cause shown, the court may waive interest on unpaid fines and costs that accrued during any period the defendant was incarcerated prior to July 1, 2008.*

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