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HOUSE BILL NO. 829

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 19.2-267 of the Code of Virginia, relating to expert witnesses in criminal cases.*

Patron—Surovell

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 19.2-267 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 19.2-267. Provisions applicable to witnesses in criminal as well as civil cases; obligation to attend; summons.

Sections 8.01-396.1, *8.01-401.1*, *8.01-401.3*, 8.01-402, 8.01-405, 8.01-407, and 8.01-408 to 8.01-410, inclusive, shall apply to a criminal as well as a civil case in all respects, except that a witness in a criminal case shall be obliged to attend, and may be proceeded against for failing to do so, although there may not previously have been any payment, or tender to him of anything for attendance, mileage, or tolls. In a criminal case a summons for a witness may be issued by the attorney for the Commonwealth or other attorney charged with the responsibility for the prosecution of a violation of any ordinance or by the attorney for the defendant; however, any attorney who issues such a summons shall, at the time of the issuance, file with the clerk of the court the names and addresses of such witnesses.

2. That the provisions of this act shall become effective upon the date rules adopted by the Supreme Court of Virginia providing for reciprocal pretrial discovery of all expert testimony consistent with required disclosures in civil cases become effective.

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