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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 16.1-279.2, relating to protective orders; coordination with other states.

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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 16.1-279.2 as follows:

§ 16.1-279.2. Protective order forms; duties of Executive Secretary.

The Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court shall, on an annual basis, consult with the appropriate judicial authorities of adjacent states, and may consult with the appropriate judicial authorities of any other state, concerning the forms used in connection with the issuance of protective orders under the laws of the other states and pursuant to this title, § 20-103, or Chapter 9.1 (§ 19.2-152.8 et seq.) of Title 19.2. The Executive Secretary shall, to the extent feasible under the laws of the Commonwealth, coordinate the contents of such protective order forms with other states in order to facilitate the enforcement of foreign protective orders in the Commonwealth and the enforcement of Virginia protective orders in other states.