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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1048**

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 19.2-80.3, relating to rights of arrestee upon arrest to be read in arrestee's native language.*

Patrons—Kearm and Kory

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 19.2-80.3 as follows:**

*§ 19.2-80.3. Arrestee to be advised of rights on arrest in arrestee's native language.*

*When a person accused of a criminal offense is placed under arrest and advised (i) of his right to remain silent, (ii) that anything he says may be used against him in a court of law, (iii) that he has a right to the presence of an attorney during any interviews, and (iv) that if he cannot afford an attorney, one will be appointed for him prior to any questioning, the arresting officer or officers shall so advise the arrestee in his native language in a manner that ensures that the arrestee fully comprehends his rights including, if necessary, by providing the information in the arrestee's native language in verbal or written form.*

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