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**HOUSE BILL NO. 608**

Offered January 11, 2012

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*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-386.2, relating to victims of unlawful filming; civil relief.*

Patrons—LeMunyon and Bulova

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 18.2-386.2 as follows:**

*§ 18.2-386.2. Civil relief for victims of unlawful filming; damages.*

*A. Any person who was a victim of an offense under § 18.2-386.1 may bring an action against the offender, regardless of whether the offender was convicted for the offense, and may recover an award of \$150,000 per offense or actual damages sustained, whichever is greater, together with costs and reasonable attorney fees.*

*B. For purposes of this section, damages include damages for personal injury, emotional injury, and pain and suffering.*

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