

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 5 of Chapter 15 of Title 19.2 a section*  
3 *numbered 19.2-266.3, relating to continuances; appearances.*

4 [S 1135]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 5 of Chapter 15 of Title 19.2 a**  
8 **section numbered 19.2-266.3 as follows:**

9 **§ 19.2-266.3. Continuances; appearances of parties.**

10 *When the court grants a continuance in advance of the date of a scheduled trial or hearing, if the*  
11 *defendant acknowledges in writing, on a form provided by the Office of the Executive Secretary of the*  
12 *Supreme Court, that he promises to appear in court on the date and time of the newly scheduled trial or*  
13 *hearing, the court shall not require counsel or the defendant to appear on the date when the trial or*  
14 *hearing was originally scheduled. However, if the defendant is in violation of the terms of his pretrial*  
15 *release or has failed to appear at any court proceeding, the court may require the defendant to appear*  
16 *on the date when the trial or hearing was originally scheduled as a condition of any continuance*  
17 *granted.*

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