

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2014 SESSION

## CHAPTER 427

*An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 9 of Chapter 14 of Title 8.01 a section numbered 8.01-420.8, relating to protection of confidential information in court files.*

[H 952]

Approved March 31, 2014

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 9 of Chapter 14 of Title 8.01 a section numbered 8.01-420.8 as follows:**

***§ 8.01-420.8. Protection of confidential information in court files.***

*A. Whenever a party files, or causes to be filed, with the court a motion, pleading, subpoena, exhibit, or other document containing a social security number or other identification number appearing on a driver's license, credit card, debit card, bank account, or other electronic billing and payment system, the party shall make reasonable efforts to redact all but the last four digits of the identification number.*

*B. The provisions of subsection A apply to all civil actions in circuit and district court, unless there is a specific statute to the contrary that applies to the particular type of proceeding in which the party is involved.*

*C. Nothing in this section shall create a private cause of action against the party or lawyer who filed the document or any court personnel, the clerk, or any employees of the clerk's office who received it for filing.*