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HOUSE BILL NO. 615

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 8.01-412.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to authorization of audio-visual deposition; uses.*

Patron—Miller

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 8.01-412.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 8.01-412.2. Authorization of audio-visual deposition; official record; uses.

Any deposition may be recorded by audio-visual means without a stenographic record. Any party may make, at his own expense, a simultaneous stenographic or audio record of the deposition. Upon request and at his own expense, any party is entitled to an audio or audio-visual copy of the audio-visual recording.

The audio-visual recording is an official record of the deposition. A transcript prepared by a court reporter shall also be deemed an official record of the deposition. An audio-visual deposition may be used for any purpose and under any circumstances in which a stenographic deposition may be used.

An attorney authorized to practice before a court in the Commonwealth shall not post or release to the Internet, any portion of a video deposition without the written permission of the individual being deposed.

For purposes of this article, "audio-visual" shall include video conferencing and teleconferencing.

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