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## **HOUSE BILL NO. 829**

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Joint Conference Committee

on March 3, 2014)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Keam)

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 58.1-1814 and 58.1-3907 of the Code of Virginia, relating to use of automated sales suppression devices; penalty.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

9 1. That §§ 58.1-1814 and 58.1-3907 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows: 10 § 58.1-1814. Criminal liability for failure to file returns or keep records.

A. Any corporate or partnership officer, as defined in § 58.1-1813, and any other person required by 11 12 law or regulations made under authority thereof to make a return, keep any records or supply any information, for the purpose of the computation, assessment or collection of any state tax administered 13 by the Department of Taxation, who willfully fails to make such returns, keep such records or supply 14 15 such information, at the time or times required by law or regulations, shall, in addition to any other 16 penalties provided by law, be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

B. Any person who willfully utilizes a device or software to falsify the electronic records of cash 17 18 registers or other point-of-sale systems or otherwise manipulates transaction records that affect any state tax liability shall, in addition to any other penalties provided by law, be guilty of a Class 1 19 20 misdemeanor.

21 C. In addition to the criminal penalty provided in subsection B and any other civil or criminal 22 penalty provided in this title, any person violating subsection B shall pay a civil penalty of \$20,000, to 23 be assessed and collected by the Department as other taxes are collected and deposited into the general 24 fund. 25

## § 58.1-3907. Willful failure to collect and account for tax; penalty.

26 A. Any corporate or partnership officer as defined in § 58.1-3906, or any other person required to 27 collect, account for and pay over any local admission, transient occupancy, food and beverage, daily 28 rental property or cigarette taxes administered by the commissioner of the revenue or other authorized 29 officer, who willfully fails to collect or truthfully account for and pay over such tax, and any such 30 officer or person who willfully evades or attempts to evade any such tax or the payment thereof, shall, 31 in addition to any other penalties provided by law, be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

32 B. Any person who willfully utilizes a device or software to falsify the electronic records of cash 33 registers or other point-of-sale systems or otherwise manipulates transaction records that affect any 34 local tax liability shall, in addition to any other penalties provided by law, be guilty of a Class 1 35 misdemeanor.

36 C. In addition to the criminal penalty provided in subsection B and any other civil or criminal 37 penalty provided in this title, any person violating subsection B shall pay a civil penalty of \$20,000, to 38 be assessed and collected by the Department as other taxes are collected and deposited into the general 39 fund.

40 D. Any criminal case brought pursuant to this section may be prosecuted by either the attorney for 41 the Commonwealth or other attorney charged with the responsibility for prosecution of a violation of 42 local ordinances.