

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 12 of Title 19.2 a section numbered*
3 *19.2-190.2, relating to withdrawal of privately retained counsel; report.*

4 [H 1411]
5 Approved

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

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 12 of Title 19.2 a section numbered**
8 **19.2-190.2 as follows:**

9 **§ 19.2-190.2. *Withdrawal of privately retained counsel.***

10 *A privately retained counsel in any criminal case may withdraw from representation of a client*
11 *without leave of court after certification of a charge by a district court by providing written notice of*
12 *the withdrawal to the client, the attorney for the Commonwealth, and the circuit court within 10 days of*
13 *the certification of the charge.*

14 **2. That the Judicial Council shall review (i) the current process by which privately retained**
15 **counsel may withdraw from a civil case with leave of court and (ii) the possible impact on the**
16 **courts, litigants, and attorneys of amending such process to allow withdrawal of counsel without**
17 **leave of court. The Judicial Council shall submit its report by November 1, 2017, to the Chairmen**
18 **of the House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice.**

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