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HOUSE BILL NO. 2459

Offered January 20, 2017

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 4 of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2 a section numbered 18.2-371.5, relating to prohibition on sale of certain wireless telecommunications devices to minors.*

Patron—Marshall, R.G.

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 4 of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2 a section numbered 18.2-371.5 as follows:

§ 18.2-371.5. Prohibiting the sale of certain wireless telecommunications devices to minors.

Any retail establishment that sells a cellular telephone or other wireless telecommunications device that is capable of capturing a photographic or other visual image to a person it knows or has reason to know is a minor is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$100 for a first violation, a civil penalty not to exceed \$200 for a second violation, and a civil penalty not to exceed \$500 for a third or subsequent violation. The attorney for the Commonwealth of the county or city in which an alleged violation occurred may bring an action to recover the civil penalty, which shall be paid into the state treasury. Any law-enforcement officer may issue a summons for a violation of this section.

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