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HOUSE BILL NO. 1077

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 16.1-279.2, relating to protective orders; minors; filing of petition.

Patron—Simon

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 a section numbered 16.1-279.2 as follows:

§ 16.1-279.2. Protective orders; minor may petition.

Notwithstanding § 8.01-8 or any other provision of law, a minor may petition for a protective order pursuant to this title or Chapter 9.1 (§ 19.2-152.7:1 et seq.) of Title 19.2 (i) without doing so by next friend and (ii) with or without the consent of a parent, legal guardian, or other person standing in loco parentis to the minor and who has care and control of the minor. The minor may participate in the court proceedings on his own behalf, and a court shall appoint a guardian ad litem for the minor.

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