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**HOUSE BILL NO. 262**

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*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 19.2-11.02, relating to inquiry into immigration status; certain victims or witnesses of crime.*

Patrons—Lopez and Levine

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 19.2-11.02 as follows:**

**§ 19.2-11.02. Prohibiting inquiry into the immigration status of certain victims or witnesses of crime.**

*No officer or agent of any state or local law-enforcement agency shall, in connection with the report, investigation, or prosecution of a criminal violation of state or local law, inquire into the immigration status of any person who (i) reports that he is a victim of the crime or is the parent or guardian of a minor victim of the crime or (ii) is a cooperating witness in the investigation of the crime or the parent or guardian of a minor witness to the crime.*

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