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HOUSE BILL NO. 498

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 19.2-152.10:1, relating to the Hope Card Program; permanent protective orders.*

Patrons—Hope, Delaney 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 19.2-152.10:1 as follows:

§ 19.2-152.10:1. Hope Card Program for persons protected by protective orders.

The Office of Executive Secretary to the Supreme Court of Virginia shall develop and implement a Hope Card Program (the Program) for the issuance of a Hope Card to any person who has been issued a protective order pursuant to § 19.2-152.10 or 16.1-279.1 by any general district court, juvenile and domestic relations court, or circuit court. A Hope Card issued pursuant to the Program shall be a durable, plastic, wallet-sized card containing essential information about the protective order, such as the identifying information and characteristics of the person subject to the protective order, the issuance and expiration date of the protective order, the terms of the protective order, and the names of any other persons protected by the protective order.

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