22102645D 1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 1086** 2 3 4 Offered January 12, 2022 Prefiled January 12, 2022 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 63.2-1213.1, relating to death of 5 joint petitioner prior to entry of final order of adoption. 6 Patron—Leftwich 7 8 Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions 9 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 63.2-1213.1 as follows: 11 § 63.2-1213.1. Death of joint petitioner prior to entry of final order of adoption. 12 13 14 15

When married persons, or persons who were previously married and who are permitted to adopt a child pursuant to § 63.2-1201.1, have jointly petitioned to adopt a child, and one of the petitioners dies before entry of a final order of adoption pursuant to § 63.2-1213, the adoption may proceed in the name of both petitioners upon request of the surviving petitioner. Upon entry of a final order of adoption pursuant to § 63.2-1213, the child shall be, for all intents and purposes, the child of both petitioners as provided in § 63.2-1215.

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