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HOUSE BILL NO. 671

Offered January 12, 2022 Prefiled January 11, 2022

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

Patron—Hope

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 the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia shall develop and all district courts and circuit courts shall implement the 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 district court or circuit court. A Hope Card issued pursuant to the Program shall be a durable, plastic, wallet-sized card containing, to the extent possible, 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.