

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 19.2-390.3 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Child Pornography*  
3 *Registry; required information.*

4 [H 1838]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 19.2-390.3 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 19.2-390.3. Child Pornography Registry; maintenance; access; required information.**

9 A. The Office of the Attorney General, in cooperation with the Department of State Police, shall  
10 keep and maintain a Child Pornography Registry (the Registry) to be located within the State Police,  
11 separate and apart from all other records maintained by either department. The purpose of the Registry  
12 shall be to assist the efforts of law-enforcement agencies statewide to protect their communities from  
13 repeat child pornographers and to protect children from becoming victims of criminal offenders by  
14 aiding in identifying victims and perpetrators. Criminal justice agencies, including law-enforcement  
15 agencies, may request of the State Police a search and comparison of child pornography images  
16 contained within the Registry with those images obtained by criminal justice agencies during the course  
17 of official investigations.

18 B. The Registry shall include ~~copies~~ *hash values or other applicable identification method* of all  
19 known or suspected "child pornography," as that term is defined in subsection A of § 18.2-374.1,  
20 obtained during the course of a criminal investigation, or presented as evidence and used in any  
21 conviction for any offense enumerated in §§ 18.2-374.1 and 18.2-374.1:1.

22 C. Registry information provided under this section shall be used for the purposes of the  
23 administration of criminal justice, for victim identification, or for the protection of the public in general  
24 and children in particular. Use of the information or the images contained therein for purposes not  
25 authorized by this section is prohibited and a willful violation of this section with the intent to harass or  
26 intimidate another is a Class 6 felony.

27 D. The Virginia Criminal Information Network and any form or document used by the Department  
28 of State Police to disseminate information from the Registry shall provide notice that any unauthorized  
29 possession, use, or dissemination of the information or images is a crime punishable as a Class 6 felony.

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