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HOUSE BILL NO. 399**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**

(Proposed by the House Committee on Militia and Police

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Puller)

House Amendments in [] — February 10, 1994

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 19.2-9.1, relating to a prohibition against requiring a [~~victim of crime~~ complaining witness] to submit to a polygraph examination.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 19.2-9.1 as follows:**

§ 19.2-9.1. Prohibition against requiring [~~crime victims~~ a complaining witness] to submit to polygraph tests.

No law-enforcement officer, attorney for the Commonwealth or other official shall refuse to initiate an investigation or to continue an investigation of any criminal offense [solely] by reason of an alleged victim's refusal or failure to submit to a polygraph examination. The requesting official shall inform the complainant that he is not required to take the test.

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