

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-102.3, relating to*  
3 *unauthorized taking of newspaper; civil penalty.*

4 [H 1747]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-102.3 as follows:**8 *§ 18.2-102.3. Unauthorized taking of certain newspaper; civil penalty.*

9 *Except with the consent of the publisher, no person shall take from a newsstand or other point of*  
10 *distribution, at any one time with intent to impede or prevent distribution, more than five newspapers or*  
11 *other periodicals that are distributed on a complimentary basis if the publisher has affixed, printed, or*  
12 *impressed upon the front of such publication a notice in bold type that not more than five such*  
13 *publications may be taken lawfully at any one time without the publisher's consent and with the intent to*  
14 *impede or prevent distribution.*

15 *A violation of this section shall be punished by a civil penalty of not more than \$500. Any attorney*  
16 *for the Commonwealth of the county or city in which an alleged violation occurred may bring an action*  
17 *to recover the civil penalty, which shall be paid into the state treasury. Any law-enforcement officer may*  
18 *issue a summons for a violation of this section.*

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