

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 19.2-73.2, relating to authority of*  
3 *law-enforcement officers to issue subpoenas; penalty.*

4 [H 2280]

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 19.2-73.2 as follows:**8 *§ 19.2-73.2. Law-enforcement officers to issue subpoenas; penalty.*

9 *Law-enforcement officers as defined in § 9-169 and state police officers, in the course of their duties,*  
10 *in the investigation of any Class 3 or Class 4 misdemeanor or any traffic infraction, may, within*  
11 *seventy-two hours of the time of the offense, issue a subpoena to any witness to appear in court and*  
12 *testify with respect to any such criminal charge or traffic infraction brought against any person as a*  
13 *result of such investigation. The return of service thereof shall be made within seventy-two hours after*  
14 *service to the appropriate court clerk. A subpoena so issued shall have the same force and effect as if*  
15 *issued by the court.*

16 *Any person failing to appear in response to a subpoena issued as provided in this section shall be*  
17 *punished as provided by law.*

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