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HOUSE BILL NO. 2296

Offered January 23, 1995

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-340.12:1, relating to bingo and raffles; suspension for criminal activity.

Patrons—Cantor, Ball, Barlow, Jones, D.C. and Reid; Senators: Benedetti, Lambert and Stosch

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 18.2-340.12:1 as follows:

§ 18.2-340.12:1. Immediate suspension for criminal activity; notice.

Notwithstanding the requirements of § 18.2-340.12, any law-enforcement officer shall have the authority to suspend immediately the conduct of any bingo game or raffle by an organization upon the reasonable belief that criminal activity is occurring. Notice of the basis for the immediate suspension shall be provided to the organization and a hearing scheduled thereon within ten days of the suspension. No bingo games or raffles shall be conducted by the organization until the suspension is lifted by the local permitting authority or a court of competent jurisdiction on appeal.

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