HOUSE BILL NO. 1203

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Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

A BILL to amend and reenact § 20-16 of the Code of Virginia, relating to marriage licenses.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 20-16 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 20-16. Oath of parties before clerk and issuance of certificates thereof. The Before issuing a marriage license, the clerk issuing any marriage license shall before issuing the license require the parties contemplating marriage to state, under oath, or by affidavit or affidavits filed with him, and made by the parties for whom the application is made, before a person qualified to take acknowledgments or administer oaths, the information required to complete the marriage record. Such information shall include the social security number of the parties. The clerk shall make two certificates thereof and deliver them, together with the license, to the person entitled thereto. For the purposes of this section any statement made by such applicant, under oath, concerning the information to be entered on the record is hereby declared to be a material matter or thing in any prosecution for perjury for any violation of this section.