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## HOUSE BILL NO. 150

Offered January 10, 1996

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 19.2-151 of the Code of Virginia, relating to satisfaction and discharge.*

Patrons—Moran, Albo, Darner, Hull and Van Landingham

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 19.2-151 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 19.2-151. Satisfaction and discharge of assault and similar charges.

When a person is in jail or under a recognizance to answer a charge of assault and battery or other misdemeanor, or has been indicted for an assault and battery or other misdemeanor, for which there is a remedy by civil action, unless the offense was committed (i) by or upon any law-enforcement officer, or (ii) riotously in violation of §§ 18.2-404 to 18.2-407, (iii) against a family or household member in violation of § 18.2-57.2, or (iv) with intent to commit a felony, if the party person injured appears before the judge who court which made the commitment or took the recognizance, or before the court in which the indictment is pending, and acknowledge acknowledges in writing that he has received satisfaction for the injury, such judge, or the court may, in his or its discretion, by an order, supersede the commitment, discharge the recognizance, or dismiss the prosecution, upon payment by the defendant of costs accrued to the Commonwealth or any of its officers.

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