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**HOUSE BILL NO. 623** 

Offered January 19, 1996

A BILL to amend and reenact § 54.1-3908 of the Code of Virginia, relating to liability for complaint against lawyer.

Patrons—DeBoer, Hall, Murphy and Putney; Senators: Gartlan and Miller, K.G.

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 54.1-3908 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 54.1-3908. Liability for words used in proceedings concerning conduct.

No attorney person, law corporation or limited liability company shall be held liable in any civil action for words written or spoken in any proceeding concerning, or investigation of, the professional conduct of any member of the bar of Virginia before any bar association or committee thereof, unless it is proved by the plaintiff that the words were false, used with actual malice and used without any reasonable or probable cause.