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HOUSE BILL NO. 623

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee for Courts of Justice  
on February 8, 1996)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate DeBoer)

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

**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 *complaint regarding*, proceeding concerning, or investigation of, the professional conduct of any member of the ~~bar of Virginia State Bar, 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 unless it is shown that such statements were false and were made willfully and maliciously.~~

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