

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1997 SESSION

## CHAPTER 44

*An Act to require agencies and instrumentalities of the Commonwealth to provide copies of requested documents, free of charge, to certain law-enforcement officers.*

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Whereas, the Department of State Police and other law-enforcement agencies require the reproduction of documents in the possession of state agencies, which documents are invaluable in assisting in the conduct of criminal investigations; and

Whereas, the cost incurred by law-enforcement agencies in having such documents copied for investigative files is high; and

Whereas, state and law-enforcement agencies have the same goal of protecting the public interest; now, therefore,

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

**1.** § 1. *That all agencies and instrumentalities of the Commonwealth shall provide, at no cost, copies of documents requested by the Department of State Police or other law-enforcement officers as part of an active criminal investigation.*

§ 2. *"Law-enforcement officer" means the same as that term is defined in § 9-169.*