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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2762**

Offered January 20, 1997

*A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 14.1-118.1 and 17-59.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to remote access to nonconfidential circuit court records.*

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Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That §§ 14.1-118.1 and 17-59.2 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 14.1-118.1. Same; for providing remote access to certain records.

Any clerk who provides remote access, *including internet access*, to nonconfidential court records or other records pursuant to §§ 17-59.2 and 17-59.3 shall charge a fee established by the agency of the county, city or town providing computer support in order to cover the operational expenses of such computer support, including, but not limited to, maintenance, enhancements, upgrades and future replacement. Such fee may be assessed for each inquiry or upon actual connect time. Such fee shall be charged each user and paid to the clerk's office. Furthermore, the clerk may charge a clerk's fee not to exceed twenty-five dollars per month.

§ 17-59.2. Remote access to nonconfidential court records.

The clerk of the circuit court of any county or city may provide remote access, *including internet access*, to all nonconfidential court records maintained by his office. The clerk shall be responsible for insuring that proper security measures are implemented and maintained to prevent remote access users from obtaining any data which is confidential under this Code and to prevent the modification or destruction of any records by remote access users.

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