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HOUSE BILL NO. 2664

Offered January 21, 1999

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 21 of Chapter 3 of Title 8.01 a section numbered 8.01-226.5, relating to merchant immunity; false identification.

Patrons—O'Brien; Senator: Barry

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 21 of Chapter 3 of Title 8.01 a section numbered 8.01-226.5 as follows:

§ 8.01-226.5. Immunity for merchants selling restricted products; false identification.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any merchant, or any employee, agent or other representative of such merchant, who sells alcohol or tobacco to a person who has not attained the legal age to purchase such products and who in good faith relies on a false driver's license or similar photo identification issued by a government agency that a reasonable person would believe to be authentic, shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability in connection with the purchase or possession of the restricted product.

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