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HOUSE BILL NO. 1559

Offered January 20, 2006

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 8.01-226.11, relating to civil immunity for witnesses in criminal cases.*

Patrons—Bell and Janis

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 a section numbered 8.01-226.11 as follows:

§ 8.01-226.11. No civil liability for witness in a criminal case.

Any witness in a criminal matter, in the absence of willful misconduct, shall not be liable in a civil action for any testimony against or identification of the defendant in such criminal matter, as long as the testimony or identification was done with the good faith belief in its veracity and authenticity.

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