

## 2008 SESSION

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### HOUSE BILL NO. 409

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 8.01-40.3, relating to the unauthorized use of person's name in a website address; damages.*

Patrons—Griffith, Athey, Carrico, Cole, Cosgrove, Lingamfelter, Massie, Merricks, Rust and Sherwood

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 8.01-40.3 as follows:**

*§ 8.01-40.3. Unauthorized use of name of any person in website address; damages.*

*Any person who uses the name of another in an internet website address without the written consent of such other person and with the intent to deceive the public, or the segment of the public to which it is directed, that the website is owned, operated, or authorized by such other person shall be liable to that person for damages in the amount of \$1,000 or three times the amount of actual damages sustained, whichever is greater.*

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