reasonable cause to believe that the authentication is requested for an unlawful or improper purpose.

11101678D 1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 1824** 2 3 4 5 Offered January 12, 2011 Prefiled January 11, 2011 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 2.2-403.1, relating to the Secretary of the Commonwealth; authentication of documents. 6 Patron—Oder 7 8 Referred to Committee on General Laws 9 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 2.2-403.1 as follows: 11 § 2.2-403.1. Other duties related to authentication of documents. 12 13 The Secretary of the Commonwealth may issue a certificate of authentication for a document that has 14 been executed or issued in the Commonwealth to allow such document to be recognized in a foreign 15 jurisdiction. No authentication shall be issued for a document if the Secretary of the Commonwealth has