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**HOUSE BILL NO. 364**

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 19.2-182 of the Code of Virginia, relating to fees for court-appointed attorneys providing representation in commitment proceedings.*

Patron—Loupassi

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 19.2-182 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 19.2-182. Representation by counsel in proceeding for commitment.**

A. In any proceeding for commitment under this title, the judge before whom or upon whose order the proceeding is being held, shall ascertain if the person whose commitment is sought is represented by counsel. If the person is not represented by counsel, the judge shall appoint an attorney at law to represent him in the proceeding. The attorney shall receive a fee of ~~twenty-five dollars~~ \$150 for his services, to be paid by the Commonwealth.

B. Any attorney representing any person in any proceeding for commitment under this title shall, prior to such proceeding, personally consult with such person.

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