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### HOUSE BILL NO. 379

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 19.2-59.2, relating to electric utility customer account information; warrant required.*

Patron—Marshall, R.G.

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

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

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 19.2-59.2 as follows:

§ 19.2-59.2. *Electric utility customer account information; warrant required.*

A. For purposes of this section:

"Customer account information" means the customer's name, phone number, social security number, or other identifying information; the customer's address where electric utility service is provided; and the amount of electric utility service provided to a customer or the amount of money paid by the customer for such electric utility service.

"Electric utility" has the same meaning as provided in § 56-576.

B. An electric utility shall not disclose any customer account information without the consent of the customer except pursuant to a search warrant issued by a judicial officer pursuant to §§ 19.2-52 and 19.2-54. However, an electric utility may release customer account information that has been transformed into a statistical or aggregate form that does not allow the identification of a particular customer. Evidence obtained in violation of this section is not admissible in any criminal or civil proceeding.

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