

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 19.2-11.02, relating to inquiry into*
3 *immigration status; certain victims or witnesses of crime.*

4 [H 262]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 19.2-11.02 as follows:**8 *§ 19.2-11.02. Prohibiting inquiry into the immigration status of certain victims or witnesses of*
9 *crime.*10 *A. No law-enforcement officer, as defined in § 9.1-101, shall, in connection with the report,*
11 *investigation, or prosecution of a criminal violation of state or local law, inquire into the immigration*
12 *status of any person who (i) reports that he is a victim of the crime or is the parent or guardian of a*
13 *minor victim of the crime or (ii) is a witness in the investigation of the crime or the parent or guardian*
14 *of a minor witness to the crime.*15 *B. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a law-enforcement officer from inquiring into the*
16 *immigration status of the parent or guardian of a minor victim if such parent or guardian has been*
17 *arrested for, has been charged with, or is being investigated for a crime against the minor victim.*18 *C. Nothing in this section shall affect the enforcement or implementation of § 18.2-59, subdivision 10*
19 *of § 18.2-308.09, or subdivision B 1 of § 18.2-308.2:2, or prohibit a law-enforcement officer from*
20 *inquiring into a person's immigration status to enforce or implement such sections.*

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