

# 2020 SPECIAL SESSION I

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## HOUSE BILL NO. 5012

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 8.01-42.6, relating to law-enforcement officers; certain civil actions.*

Patrons—Adams, L.R., Cole, M.L. and McGuire

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 8.01-42.6 as follows:

#### **§ 8.01-42.6. Law-enforcement officers; certain civil actions.**

A. A law-enforcement officer, as defined in § 9.1-101, may bring an action against any person, group of persons, organization, or corporation, or the head of such organization or corporation, to recover damages, together with reasonable costs and attorney fees, (i) sustained by such officer during such officer's performance of official duties; (ii) for the abridgment or deprivation of such officer's rights arising out of such officer's performance of official duties; and (iii) sustained by such officer when such person, group, organization, corporation, or the head of such organization or corporation, submits a knowingly false complaint regarding the conduct of such officer.

B. Nothing in this section shall prevent such officer from pursuing any other cause of action available to him for the conduct giving rise to a cause of action under this section.

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