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**SENATE BILL NO. 96**

Senate Amendments in [ ] - February 7, 2022

Prefiled January 5, 2022

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 58.1-4006.1, relating to gaming; use of the [ ~~name of Virginia or the Commonwealth~~ phrase "Virginia is for Bettors" ] ; civil penalty.*

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Patrons Prior to Engrossment—Senators Norment and Cosgrove

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Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 58.1-4006.1 as follows:**

**§ 58.1-4006.1. Use of the [ ~~name of the Commonwealth~~ phrase "Virginia is for Bettors" ] prohibited; civil penalty.**

A. As used in this section, "gaming business" means any person who holds or has applied for a permit or license under the provisions of Article 2 (§ 58.1-4030 et seq.) or Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.), or any affiliate thereof.

B. A gaming business is prohibited from using the [ ~~name of Virginia or the Commonwealth~~ phrase "Virginia is for Bettors" ] in an advertisement in association with its product or service. Any gaming business that violates the provision of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$50,000. The Director shall enforce the provisions of this section.

C. All civil penalties collected pursuant to this section shall accrue to the general fund.

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