

2026 SESSION

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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 273**

2 Offered January 14, 2026

3 Prefiled January 9, 2026

4 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 8.01-225.04, relating to law-*
5 *enforcement officers; duty to render aid upon danger to life or limb; civil immunity.*

6 Patron—Helmer

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8 Committee Referral Pending
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10 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

11 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 8.01-225.04 as follows:**

12 *§ 8.01-225.04. Duty of law-enforcement officer to render aid upon danger to life or limb; immunity*
13 *from civil liability.*

14 *A. Any law-enforcement officer, as defined in § 9.1-101, while engaged in the performance of his duties,*
15 *shall have a duty to render aid to any person that such law-enforcement officer observes suffering from a*
16 *serious bodily injury or life-threatening condition, as circumstances objectively permit and provided that*
17 *such law-enforcement officer determines such aid may be rendered without endangering himself, the person,*
18 *or others.*

19 *B. In the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct, a law-enforcement officer who renders aid*
20 *pursuant to this section shall be immune from civil liability for any acts or omissions resulting from the*
21 *rendering of such aid.*

22 **2. That the Department of Criminal Justice Services shall adopt regulations establishing minimum**
23 **standards to provide law-enforcement officers, as that term is defined in § 9.1-101 of the Code of**
24 **Virginia, with basic medical training, including emergency first aid training.**

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