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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 520**

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4 *A BILL to amend and reenact § 17.1-267 of the Code of Virginia, relating to clerk fees; secure remote access*
5 *to nonconfidential court records by certain attorneys.*

6 Patron—Hernandez

7 Committee Referral Pending

8 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**9 **1. That § 17.1-267 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**10 **§ 17.1-267. Services for which clerks may not charge.**11 A. No clerk shall charge for taking bond from, administering oath to, or making or copying orders as to
12 the appointment or qualification of any judge, magistrate, sheriff, treasurer, commissioner of the revenue, or
13 of a deputy of any of them, or of any escheator, supervisor, or of a guardian or conservator, when his bond is
14 in a penalty not exceeding \$1,000.00, or for making or copying orders as to county allowances, or grand
15 juries, and administering the necessary oaths.16 B. No clerk shall charge for copying or making for or furnishing to the Department of Corrections or a
17 federal probation officer a certified copy of a criminal judgment order or criminal sentencing order.18 C. No clerk shall charge a fee for (i) executing any order of publication under § 17.1-626; (ii) keeping,
19 preserving, and holding available for public inspection judgment records, and making entries in and indexing
20 such judgments, or discharging, or marking satisfied, a lien under §§ 15.2-2604, 15.2-2605 and 15.2-2120;
21 (iii) docketing judgment on forfeited recognizance or bond under § 19.2-147; (iv) making out reports to the
22 Central Criminal Records Exchange under § 19.2-390; (v) recording a lien in the miscellaneous lien book
23 under § 43-42 or § 43-43; or (vi) filing an appraiser's report under § 56-436.24 D. No clerk shall charge a fee for (i) recording the reports of special receivers and commissioners as
25 required by § 8.01-617; (ii) copying in the Induction and Discharge Record information obtained from draft
26 boards or recording the discharge papers, or certified copy of such, of a person who has served in the armed
27 forces of the United States; or (iii) receiving any mark of designation under § 59.1-103.28 E. No clerk shall charge a fee to an attorney for secure remote access to nonconfidential court records
29 under Article 8 (§ 17.1-292 *et seq.*) when such attorney is certified by the Virginia Indigent Defense
30 Commission and has been appointed by the court to represent an indigent criminal defendant.

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