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HOUSE BILL NO. 556

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 32.1-268 of the Code of Virginia, relating to State Registrar of Vital Records; final decree of divorce or annulment of marriage; necessary information.

Patron—Reaser

Committee Referral Pending

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 32.1-268 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 32.1-268. Reports of divorces and annulments.

A. For each final decree of divorce or annulment of marriage granted by a court in the Commonwealth, a report shall be certified and filed by the clerk of court with the State Registrar. The information necessary to prepare the report, including, *if the party has one*, the social security number of each party or the control number issued a party by the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to § 46.2-342, shall be furnished, with the petition or when filing the decree, to the clerk of the court by the petitioner or his attorney on forms prescribed by the Board and furnished by the State Registrar. Information on the report shall include the age of the parties and the number of minor children involved in the divorce or annulment. *Failure to furnish a party's social security number or control number issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to § 46.2-342, if the party has one, shall not preclude the certification and filing of a report pursuant to this section.*

B. On or before the tenth day of each month the clerk of court shall forward to the State Registrar the report of each final decree of divorce and annulment granted during the preceding calendar month and such related reports as the State Registrar may require.