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HOUSE BILL NO. 782

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 54.1-2404.3, relating to health care providers; caller identification information; civil penalty.

Patron—Hayes

Committee Referral Pending

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 54.1-2404.3 as follows:

§ 54.1-2404.3. Health care provider; caller identification information; civil penalty.

A. A health care provider shall ensure that the caller identification information, as defined in § 18.2-429.1, associated with his practice readily identifies such practice to the recipient of his practice's telephone call.

B. Any person who knowingly causes a telephone to ring and engages in conduct that results in the display of false caller identification information on the called party's telephone shall be subject to a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed \$500 plus reasonable attorney fees, expenses, and court costs, as determined by the court. For the purposes of this subsection, "false caller identification information" means data that misrepresents the identity of the caller as a health care provider to the recipient of a telephone call or to the recipient's telephone network.

C. The Attorney General may initiate an action in the name of the Commonwealth and may seek an injunction to restrain any violations of this section and seek such civil penalties for each violation under this section. Such civil penalties shall be paid into the Literary Fund.

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