

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 19.2-11.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to crime victim's right to*  
3 *nondisclosure of certain information; hate crimes.*

4 [H 459]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 19.2-11.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 19.2-11.2. Crime victim's right to nondisclosure of certain information; exceptions; testimonial**  
9 **privilege.**

10 Upon request of any witness in a criminal prosecution under § 18.2-46.2, 18.2-46.3, or 18.2-248 or of any  
11 violent felony as defined by subsection C of § 17.1-805, or any crime victim, neither a law-enforcement  
12 agency, the attorney for the Commonwealth, the counsel for a defendant, a court nor the Department of  
13 Corrections, nor any employee of any of them, may disclose, except among themselves, the residential  
14 address, any telephone number, email address, or place of employment of the witness or victim or a member  
15 of the witness' or victim's family, except to the extent that disclosure is (i) of the site of the crime, (ii)  
16 required by law or Rules of the Supreme Court, (iii) necessary for law-enforcement purposes or preparation  
17 for court proceedings, or (iv) permitted by the court for good cause.

18 Except with the written consent of the victim of *any hate crime as defined in § 52-8.5* or any crime  
19 involving any sexual assault, sexual abuse, or family abuse or the victim's next of kin if the victim is a minor  
20 and the victim's death results from any crime, a law-enforcement agency may not disclose to the public  
21 information that directly or indirectly identifies the victim of such crime except to the extent that disclosure is  
22 (a) of the site of the crime, (b) required by law, (c) necessary for law-enforcement purposes, or (d) permitted  
23 by the court for good cause. In addition, at the request of the victim to the Court of Appeals of Virginia or the  
24 Supreme Court of Virginia hearing, on or after July 1, 2007, *in the case of a crime involving any sexual*  
25 *assault or sexual abuse or on or after July 1, 2026, in the case of a hate crime*, no appellate decision shall  
26 contain the first or last name of the victim.

27 Nothing herein shall limit the right to examine witnesses in a court of law or otherwise affect the conduct  
28 of any criminal proceeding.

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