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SENATE BILL NO. 559

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology

on _____)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Senator Ebbin)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered § 2.2-427.1, relating to registered lobbyists; information on disseminated documents; civil penalty.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered § 2.2-427.1 as follows:

§ 2.2-427.1. Disseminated documents; civil penalty.

A. A lobbyist registered with the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall include in any document disseminated by such lobbyist to any member of the General Assembly or agent thereof the lobbyist's name, email address, and telephone number.

B. Any lobbyist registered with the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$25 per document disseminated in violation of this section. All civil penalties collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the general fund.

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