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SENATE BILL NO. 96

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 58.1-4006.1, relating to gaming; use of the name of Virginia or the Commonwealth; civil penalty.*

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Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 58.1-4006.1 as follows:

§ 58.1-4006.1. Use of the name of the Commonwealth prohibited; civil penalty.

A. As used in this section, "gaming business" means any person who holds or has applied for a permit or license under the provisions of Article 2 (§ 58.1-4030 et seq.) or Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.), or any affiliate thereof.

B. A gaming business is prohibited from using the name of Virginia or the Commonwealth in an advertisement in association with its product or service. Any gaming business that violates the provision of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$50,000. The Director shall enforce the provisions of this section.

C. All civil penalties collected pursuant to this section shall accrue to the general fund.

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