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**HOUSE BILL NO. 272**

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*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered [18.2-109.1](#), relating to receipt and publication of illegally obtained information; penalty.*

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Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice  
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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered [18.2-109.1](#) as follows:

§ [18.2-109.1](#). *Receipt and publication of illegally obtained information; penalty.*

*A. Any person who receives from another person any illegally obtained documents, records, or other information, including computer data as defined in § [18.2-152.2](#), and who disseminates or publishes or causes to be disseminated or published such documents, records, or other information knowing that such documents, records, or other information were illegally obtained is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.*

*B. The provisions of this section shall not apply to (i) an interactive computer service as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 230(f) for content disseminated or published by another person or (ii) any speech protected by Article I, Section 12 of the Constitution of Virginia.*