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HOUSE BILL NO. 1384

Offered January 24, 2000

A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-346 of the Code of Virginia, relating to prostitution; penalty.

Patron—Baskerville

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-346 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-346. Being a prostitute or prostitution.

A. Any person who, for money or its equivalent, commits adultery, fornication or any act in violation of § 18.2-361, or offers to commit adultery, fornication or any act in violation of § 18.2-361 and thereafter does any substantial act in furtherance thereof, shall be guilty of being a prostitute, or prostitution, which shall be punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor. Upon conviction of a second or subsequent offense, the sentence of such person shall include a mandatory, minimum term of confinement of at least six months.

B. Any person who offers money or its equivalent to another for the purpose of engaging in sexual acts as enumerated above and thereafter does any substantial act in furtherance thereof shall be guilty of solicitation of prostitution and shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. Upon conviction of a second or subsequent offense, the sentence of such person shall include a mandatory, minimum term of confinement of at least six months.