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HOUSE BILL NO. 158

Offered January 12, 2000

A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-248.5 of the Code of Virginia, relating to manufacturing, distribution or possession of illegal steroids; penalty.

Patrons—Harris, Albo, Black, Blevins, Bryant, Byron, Callahan, Davis, Devolites, Drake, Griffith, Hargrove, Howell, Jones, S.C., Landes, Larrabee, McDonnell, McQuigg, Morgan, Purkey, Putney, Reid, Rollison, Suit, Wagner and Wardrup

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-248.5 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-248.5. Illegal stimulants and steroids; penalty.

A. Except as authorized in the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.), Chapter 34 of Title 54.1, it shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly manufacture, sell, give, distribute or possess with intent to manufacture, sell, give or distribute any anabolic steroid.

A violation of subsection A shall be punishable by a term of imprisonment of not less than one year nor more than ten years or, in the discretion of the jury or the court trying the case without a jury, confinement in jail for not more than twelve months or a fine of not more than \$20,000, either or both. *Any person violating the provisions of this subsection shall, upon conviction, be incarcerated for a minimum, mandatory term of six months which shall not be suspended in whole or in part and shall be served consecutively with any other sentence.*

B. It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly sell or otherwise distribute, without prescription, to a minor any pill, capsule or tablet containing any combination of caffeine and ephedrine sulfate.

A violation of this subsection B shall be punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor.

2. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state correctional facilities. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation is \$0 in FY 2010.

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