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HOUSE BILL NO. 280

Offered January 12, 2000

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-251.3, relating to possession of a "date rape" drug; penalties.

Patrons—Suit, Black, Blevins, Byron, Callahan, Crittenden, Davis, Drake, Griffith, Hall, Katzen, Kilgore, Landes, Larrabee, McDonnell, McQuigg, Moran, Purkey, Reid, Sherwood, Tata, Wardrup and Weatherholtz

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered § 18.2-251.3 as follows:

§ 18.2-251.3. Possession and distribution of gamma-hydroxybutyric acid; enhanced penalty.

Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 54.1-3446 and 54.1-3452, the substance gamma-butyrolactone, when intended for human consumption, and the substances gamma-hydroxybutyric acid and 1, 4, butanediol shall be deemed to be listed on Schedule I for purposes of penalties for violations of the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et. seq.).

Any person who knowingly manufactures, sells, gives, distributes or possesses the substance gamma-butyrolactone, when intended for human consumption, or the substance gamma-hydroxybutyric acid or 1, 4, butanediol shall be punished in accordance with §§ 18.2-248 and 18.2-250 as if those substances were Schedule I controlled substances.

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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