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HOUSE BILL NO. 311

Offered January 12, 2000

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 18.2-83 and 18.2-84 of the Code of Virginia, relating to bomb threats; penalty.

Patron—Sherwood

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§18.2-83 and 18.2-84 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-83. Threats to bomb or damage buildings or means of transportation; false information as to danger to such buildings, etc.; punishment; venue.

A. Any person (a *i*) who makes and communicates to another by any means any threat to bomb, burn, destroy or in any manner damage any place of assembly, building or other structure, or any means of transportation, or (b *ii*) who communicates to another, by any means, information, knowing the same to be false, as to the existence of any peril of bombing, burning, destruction or damage to any such place of assembly, building or other structure, or any means of transportation, shall be guilty of a Class 5 felony; provided, however, that if such person be under fifteen years of age, he shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

B. A violation of this section may be prosecuted either in the jurisdiction from which the communication was made or in the jurisdiction where the communication was received.

§ 18.2-84. Causing, inciting, etc., commission of act proscribed by § 18.2-83.

Any person fifteen years of age or over, including the parent of any child, who shall causes, encourages, incites, entices or solicits any person, including a child, to commit any act proscribed by the provisions of § 18.2-83, shall be guilty of a Class 5 felony.

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 \$43,569.

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