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HOUSE BILL NO. 78

House Amendments in [] — February 8, 2000

A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-473.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to communication with prisoners.

Patrons—Landes and Weatherholtz; Senators: Hanger and Miller, K.G.

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-473.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-473.1. Communication with prisoners; penalty.

It shall be unlawful for any person outside of any [~~jail~~ *state or local correctional facility*], other than the jailers or custodial officers in charge of the prisoners, to communicate [*without authority*] by word or sign with any prisoner ~~then detained in a jail confined~~ [~~under the authority of the Commonwealth of Virginia, or of any political subdivision thereof~~ *within a state or local correctional facility*]. Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor.

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