

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 18.2-10 of the Code of Virginia, relating to punishment for conviction*
3 *of Class 1 felony.*

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5 Approved

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6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That § 18.2-10 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 18.2-10. Punishment for conviction of felony.

9 The authorized punishments for conviction of a felony are:

10 (a) For Class 1 felonies, death, *if the person so convicted was sixteen years of age or older at the*
11 *time of the offense*, or imprisonment for life and, subject to subdivision (g), a fine of not more than
12 \$100,000. *If the person was under sixteen years of age at the time of the offense, the punishment shall*
13 *be imprisonment for life and, subject to subdivision (g), a fine of not more than \$100,000.*

14 (b) For Class 2 felonies, imprisonment for life or for any term not less than twenty years and,
15 subject to subdivision (g), a fine of not more than \$100,000.

16 (c) For Class 3 felonies, a term of imprisonment of not less than five years nor more than twenty
17 years and, subject to subdivision (g), a fine of not more than \$100,000.

18 (d) For Class 4 felonies, a term of imprisonment of not less than two years nor more than ten years
19 and, subject to subdivision (g), a fine of not more than \$100,000.

20 (e) For Class 5 felonies, a term of imprisonment of not less than one year nor more than ten years,
21 or in the discretion of the jury or the court trying the case without a jury, confinement in jail for not
22 more than twelve months and a fine of not more than \$2,500, either or both.

23 (f) For Class 6 felonies, a term of imprisonment of not less than one year nor more than five years,
24 or in the discretion of the jury or the court trying the case without a jury, confinement in jail for not
25 more than twelve months and a fine of not more than \$2,500, either or both.

26 (g) Except as specifically authorized in subdivision (e) or (f), or in Class 1 felonies for which a
27 sentence of death is imposed, the court shall impose either a sentence of imprisonment together with a
28 fine, or imprisonment only. However, if the defendant is not a natural person, the court shall impose
29 only a fine.

30 For any felony offense committed on or after January 1, 1995, the court may impose an additional
31 term of not less than six months nor more than three years, which shall be suspended conditioned upon
32 successful completion of a period of post-release supervision pursuant to § 19.2-295.2 and compliance
33 with such other terms as the sentencing court may require. However, such additional term may only be
34 imposed when the sentence includes an active term of incarceration in a correctional facility.

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

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