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**SENATE BILL NO. 561**

Offered January 24, 2000

*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-1428.1, relating to local ordinances.*

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Patron—Quayle

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Referred to Committee on Local Government

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-1428.1 as follows:**

*§ 15.2-1428.1. Adoption of ordinances that parallel criminal laws of the Commonwealth.*

*A. Any locality may by ordinance prohibit any act defined as a misdemeanor in Title 18.2 and provide a penalty for violation of such ordinance. Such ordinance shall parallel state law and may incorporate the parallel state statute by reference.*

*B. Any locality adopting an ordinance that parallels provisions of Title 18.2 shall, in the ordinance, cite the appropriate Code section of the parallel state statute. In such localities, if an individual is charged with or cited for a violation of a local ordinance that parallels a criminal law of the Commonwealth, any summons or warrant issued to the individual shall include a reference to the Code section of the parallel state statute. This section shall not require localities to readopt ordinances heretofore validly adopted.*

*C. Failure to include a reference to the Code section of the parallel state statute shall not be grounds for dismissal of the summons or warrant.*

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