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20 21 22 **HOUSE BILL NO. 1606**

Offered January 10, 2001 Prefiled November 20, 2000

A BILL to amend and reenact § 16.1-253.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to violation of protective orders; penalty.

Patron—Weatherholtz

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 16.1-253.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 16.1-253.2. Violation of provisions of protective orders; penalty.

In addition to any other penalty provided by law, any person who violates any provision of a protective order issued pursuant to §§ 16.1-253, 16.1-253.1, 16.1-253.4, 16.1-278.14, 16.1-279.1 or subsection B of § 20-103, which prohibits such person from going or remaining upon land, buildings or premises or from further acts of family abuse, or which prohibits contacts between the respondent and the respondent's family or household member as the court deems appropriate shall be guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor 6 felony. Upon conviction, the person shall be sentenced to a term of confinement and in no ease shall the entire term imposed be suspended. The penalty upon conviction shall include a mandatory, minimum term of confinement of at least one year, which shall not be suspended, in whole or in part.

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 \$11,011,305.00.