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HOUSE BILL NO. 1005

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-423 of the Code of Virginia, relating to burning an object on property of another or public place with intent to intimidate; penalty.

Patrons—McDonnell and Rapp

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-423 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-423. Burning object on property of another or public place with intent to intimidate; penalty.

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons Any person , with the intent of intimidating any person or group of persons, to burn, or cause to be burned, a cross who burns an object on the property of another, on a highway or other public place. Any person who shall violate any provision of this section shall be is guilty of a Class 6 felony.

Any such burning of a cross shall be prima facie evidence of an intent to intimidate a person or group of persons.

2. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment or commitment. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation cannot be determined for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities and cannot be determined for periods of commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.

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