

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 18.2-460 of the Code of Virginia, relating to obstructing justice by*
3 *giving a false statement to a law-enforcement officer; penalty.*

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5 Approved

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

7 **1. That § 18.2-460 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 18.2-460. Obstructing justice.

9 A. If any person without just cause knowingly obstructs a judge, magistrate, justice, juror, attorney
10 for the Commonwealth, witness or any law-enforcement officer in the performance of his duties as such
11 or fails or refuses without just cause to cease such obstruction when requested to do so by such judge,
12 magistrate, justice, juror, attorney for the Commonwealth, witness, or law-enforcement officer, he shall
13 be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

14 B. If any person, by threats or force, knowingly attempts to intimidate or impede a judge, magistrate,
15 justice, juror, attorney for the Commonwealth, witness, or any law-enforcement officer, lawfully engaged
16 in his duties as such, or to obstruct or impede the administration of justice in any court, he shall be
17 deemed to be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

18 C. If any person by threats of bodily harm or force knowingly attempts to intimidate or impede a
19 judge, magistrate, justice, juror, witness, or any law-enforcement officer, lawfully engaged in the
20 discharge of his duty, or to obstruct or impede the administration of justice in any court relating to a
21 violation of or conspiracy to violate § 18.2-248 or § 18.2-248.1 (a) (3), (b) or (c), or relating to the
22 violation of or conspiracy to violate any violent felony offense listed in subsection C of § 17.1-805, he
23 shall be guilty of a Class 5 felony.

24 D. Any person who knowingly and willfully makes any materially false statement or representation to
25 a law-enforcement officer who is in the course of conducting an investigation of a crime by another is
26 guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

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