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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1293

House Amendments in [ ] — February 16, 2004

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-359 of the Code of Virginia, relating to venue for criminal sexual assault.*

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Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Bell

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Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 18.2-359 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 18.2-359. Venue for criminal sexual assault or where any person transported for criminal sexual assault, attempted criminal sexual assault, or purposes of unlawful sexual intercourse, crimes against nature, and indecent liberties with children.

A. Any person transporting or attempting to transport through or across this Commonwealth, any person for the purposes of unlawful sexual intercourse or prostitution, or for the purpose of committing any crime specified in § 18.2-361 or § 18.2-370, *or for the purposes of committing or attempting to commit criminal sexual assault under Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of this title*, may be presented, indicted, tried, and convicted in any county or city in which any part of such transportation occurred.

B. Venue for the trial of any person charged with committing or attempting to commit criminal sexual assault under Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of this title may be had in the county or city in which such crime is alleged to have occurred or in any county or city through which the victim was transported by the defendant prior to the commission of such offense.

C. *Venue for the trial of any person charged with committing or attempting to commit criminal sexual assault under Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of this title against a person under 18 years of age may be had in the county or city in which such crime is alleged to have occurred or in the county or city where the person under 18 years of age [ ~~resides~~ resided at the time of the offense ] .*

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