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HOUSE BILL NO. 170

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee for Courts of Justice  
on February 2, 2004)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Wright)

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-178 of the Code of Virginia, relating to larceny of discount store coupons.*

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

**1. That § 18.2-178 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 18.2-178. Obtaining money or signature, etc., by false pretense.

If any person ~~obtain~~ obtains, by any false pretense or token, *or by use of a false discount coupon*, from any person, with intent to defraud, money, a gift certificate or other property that may be the subject of larceny, he shall be deemed guilty of larceny thereof; or if he ~~obtain~~ obtains, by any false pretense or token, with such intent, the signature of any person to a writing, the false making whereof would be forgery, he shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony.

*"False discount coupon" means a forged or fake writing that purports to entitle the holder to a discount or rebate on merchandise or services.*

**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 is \$0 for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities and is \$0 for periods of commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.**

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