

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2005 SESSION

CHAPTER 573

An Act to amend and reenact § 18.2-479 of the Code of Virginia, relating to escape from custody without force or violence.

[H 1513]

Approved March 22, 2005

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-479 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-479. Escape without force or violence or setting fire to jail.

A. ~~If~~ *Except as provided in subsection B*, any person lawfully confined in jail or lawfully in the custody of any court, ~~or officer thereof of the court~~, or of any law-enforcement officer *for violation of his probation or parole or on a charge or conviction of a misdemeanor, who escapes, otherwise other* than by force or violence or by setting fire to the jail, ~~he shall be~~ *is* guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

B. ~~If~~ Any person, lawfully confined in jail or lawfully in the custody of any court, ~~or officer thereof of the court~~, or of any law-enforcement officer on a charge or conviction of a felony, *who escapes, otherwise other* than by force or violence or by setting fire to the jail, ~~he shall be~~ *is* guilty of a Class 6 felony.