

## 2005 SESSION

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### HOUSE BILL NO. 1918

Offered January 12, 2005

Prefiled January 10, 2005

*A BILL to extend the constitutionally guaranteed right to enjoyment of life to preborn human beings from the moment of fertilization.*

Patrons—Cole, Athey, Black and Marrs

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Whereas, the Constitution of Virginia provides in Article 1, § 1, that all men are by nature equally free and independent and have certain inherent rights, of which, when they enter into a state of society, they cannot, by any compact, deprive or divest their posterity; namely, the enjoyment of life and liberty, with the means of acquiring and possessing property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety; now, therefore,

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

*1. §1. That life begins at the moment of fertilization and the right to enjoyment of life guaranteed by Article 1, § 1 of the Constitution of Virginia is vested in each born and preborn human being from the moment of fertilization.*

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