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## SENATE BILL NO. 372

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-174 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-174.2, relating to impersonating a law-enforcement officer; representation of vehicle as a law-enforcement vehicle; penalties.*

Patron—Saslaw

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

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

1. That § 18.2-174 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-174.2 as follows:

§ 18.2-174. Impersonating law-enforcement officer; penalty.

Any person who ~~shall~~ falsely ~~assume or exercise~~ *assumes or exercises* the functions, powers, duties and privileges incident to the office of sheriff, police officer, marshal, or other *law-enforcement or* peace officer, or who ~~shall~~ falsely ~~assume or pretend~~ *assumes or pretends* to be any such officer, ~~shall be deemed~~ *is* guilty of a Class 4 ~~misdemeanor~~ *felony*.

§ 18.2-174.2. Unlawful representation of vehicle as a law-enforcement vehicle; penalty.

Any person who without authority operates a motor vehicle that is not a law-enforcement vehicle with the intent to make another believe that the vehicle is an official law-enforcement vehicle and in a manner that would lead another to reasonably believe that the vehicle is a law-enforcement vehicle is guilty of a Class 6 felony.

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 at least \$384,896 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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