## VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

An Act to amend and reenact § 18.2-59 of the Code of Virginia, relating to extortion of immigrants; 3 penalty.

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17 18 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-59 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-59. Extorting money, etc., by threats.

If any Any person threaten who (i) threatens injury to the character, person, or property of another person, or accuse (ii) accuses him of any offense, or threaten (iii) threatens to report him as being illegally present in the United States, or (iv) confiscates, withholds or threatens to withhold any actual or purported passport, immigration document, or other government identification document, and thereby extort extorts money, property, or pecuniary benefit or any note, bond, or other evidence of debt from him or any other person, he shall be is guilty of a Class 5 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 cannot be determined for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities and cannot be determined for periods of commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.