

2007 SESSION

SENATE SUBSTITUTE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1921

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice
on February 12, 2007)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Griffith)

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-59 of the Code of Virginia, relating to extortion of immigrants; penalty.*

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.

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