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HOUSE BILL NO. 2162

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-19 of the Code of Virginia, relating to who is considered an accessory after the fact.

Patron—Wright

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-19 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-19. How accessories after the fact punished; certain exceptions.

In the case of every felony, every accessory after the fact shall be is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor; provided, however, no person in the relation of husband or wife, parent or grandparent, child or grandchild, brother or sister, by consanguinity or affinity, or servant to the offender, who, after the commission of a felony, shall aid or assist a principal felon or accessory before the fact to avoid or escape from prosecution or punishment, shall be deemed an accessory after the fact. Violation of this section is a separate and distinct offense and is not a lesser-included offense of any other crime.

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