

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 18.2-460 of the Code of Virginia, relating to obstructing justice; penalty.*

3 [H 2332]

4 Approved

5 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**6 **1. That § 18.2-460 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

7 § 18.2-460. Obstructing justice; penalty.

8 A. If any person without just cause knowingly obstructs a judge, magistrate, justice, juror, attorney
9 for the Commonwealth, witness or any law-enforcement officer in the performance of his duties as such
10 or fails or refuses without just cause to cease such obstruction when requested to do so by such judge,
11 magistrate, justice, juror, attorney for the Commonwealth, witness, or law-enforcement officer, he shall
12 be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.13 B. If any person, by threats or force, knowingly attempts to intimidate or impede a judge, magistrate,
14 justice, juror, attorney for the Commonwealth, witness, or any law-enforcement officer, lawfully engaged
15 in his duties as such, or to obstruct or impede the administration of justice in any court, he shall be
16 deemed to be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.17 C. If any person by threats of bodily harm or force knowingly attempts to intimidate or impede a
18 judge, magistrate, justice, juror, *attorney for the Commonwealth*, witness, or any law-enforcement
19 officer, lawfully engaged in the discharge of his duty, or to obstruct or impede the administration of
20 justice in any court relating to a violation of or conspiracy to violate § 18.2-248 or subdivision (a) (3),
21 (b) or (c) of § 18.2-248.1, or § 18.2-46.2 or § 18.2-46.3, or relating to the violation of or conspiracy to
22 violate any violent felony offense listed in subsection C of § 17.1-805, he shall be guilty of a Class 5
23 felony.24 D. Any person who knowingly and willfully makes any materially false statement or representation
25 to a law-enforcement officer who is in the course of conducting an investigation of a crime by another
26 is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.27 **2. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment or**
28 **commitment. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation cannot**
29 **be determined for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities and cannot be**
30 **determined for periods of commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.**

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