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HOUSE BILL NO. 2924

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

Patron—Ebbin

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

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.

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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