081531600 **HOUSE BILL NO. 1178** 1 2 3 4 Offered January 9, 2008 Prefiled January 9, 2008 A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-172 of the Code of Virginia, relating to forging, uttering, etc. other 5 writings; penalty. 6 Patron—Lingamfelter 7 8 Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice 9 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That § 18.2-172 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows: 11 § 18.2-172. Forging, uttering, etc., other writings. 12 If any person forge any writing, other than such as is mentioned in §§ 18.2-168 and 18.2-170, to the 13 prejudice of another's right, or utter, or attempt to employ as true, such forged writing, knowing it to be 14 forged, he shall be guilty of a Class 5 felony. Any person who shall obtain, by any false pretense or 15 token, the signature of another person, to any such writing, with intent to defraud any other person, shall 16 be deemed guilty of the forgery thereof, and shall be subject to like punishment. Any person who affixes 17

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a facsimile or likeness of the signature of another person to any writing, with the intent to create the false impression that the writing was signed by that person, is guilty of forgery.

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.