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HOUSE BILL NO. 296

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A BILL to establish a five-year moratorium on prisoner executions.

Patron—Hargrove

Referred to Committee on Rules

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the Commonwealth shall not conduct any executions of prisoners sentenced to death. This act is a suspension of executions only; all other matters of law related to the death penalty, including but not limited to bringing and trying capital charges, sentencing proceedings, imposing a death sentence, appeals and habeas review, are not affected by this act.*

2. **That the provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 2013.**

3. **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 is \$554,589 for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities and is \$0 for periods of commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.**

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