

# 2008 SESSION

## HOUSE SUBSTITUTE

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### HOUSE BILL NO. 429

#### AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee for Courts of Justice  
on February 1, 2008)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Marshall, R. G.)

*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-71.2, relating to a prohibition on forced or coerced abortion; penalty.*

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-71.2 as follows:**

*§ 18.2-71.2. Forced or coerced abortion prohibited; penalty.*

*Any person who through force, threat or intimidation forces or coerces a pregnant female to have an abortion against her will is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. However, if the violation of this section is committed against a pregnant female who is less than 18 years of age, the person is guilty of a Class 6 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 is \$0 for periods of commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.**

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