11100382D **HOUSE BILL NO. 1417** 1 2 3 4 Offered January 12, 2011 Prefiled October 12, 2010 A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-416 of the Code of Virginia, relating to engaging in abusive 5 conduct or actions; penalty. 6 Patron—Loupassi 7 8 Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice 9 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That § 18.2-416 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows: 11 § 18.2-416. Punishment for using abusive language or engaging in abusive conduct. 12 A. If any person shall, in the presence or hearing of another, curse or abuse such other person, or use 13 any violent abusive language to such person concerning himself or any of his relations, or otherwise use 14 **15** such language, or engage in abusive conduct or actions, under circumstances reasonably calculated to provoke a breach of the peace, he shall be is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor. 16 B. Any person convicted of a second or subsequent offense committed within less than three years 17

after a prior conviction under this section is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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