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HOUSE BILL NO. 1673 Offered January 12, 2011 Prefiled January 10, 2011

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 15.2 a section numbered 15.2-926.3, relating to enhanced enforcement areas to deter prostitution.

Patron—Pogge

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 15.2 a section numbered 15.2-926.3 as follows:

§ 15.2-926.3. Establishment of enhanced enforcement areas to deter prostitution.

Localities may by ordinance establish enhanced enforcement areas for the purpose of deterring prostitution in any area in which the governing body determines the conduct of prostitutes and those that solicit prostitutes establishes a concern for the health, safety, good order, and morals of the general public. In an enhanced enforcement area, a person convicted of violations of §§ 18.2-346, 18.2-347, 18.2-348, 18.2-349, 18.2-355, 18.2-356, 18.2-357, or of a similar local ordinance, may be restricted from access to public rights-of-way and public property. Violations of the enhanced enforcement area restrictions shall not constitute greater than a Class 1 misdemeanor.