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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2 a section numbered 18.2-60.5, relating to placement of electronic tracking devices in or on vehicles of political adversaries; penalty.*

Patrons—Byron; Senator: Newman

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2 a section numbered 18.2-60.5 as follows:

§ 18.2-60.5. *Unauthorized use of electronic tracking device for opposition research; penalty.*

A. A person who installs or places an electronic tracking device in or on a vehicle, or causes an electronic tracking device to be installed or placed in or on a vehicle, with the intent to track the location, movements, conduct, or activities of a person who is a member of any political party or political organization for use in opposition research is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

B. As used in this section, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Electronic tracking device" means an electronic or mechanical device that, when placed on or installed in a vehicle, permits other persons to remotely determine or track the position and movement of such vehicle.

"Opposition research" means the gathering of information related to a person's activities to be publicly disclosed in any manner during a political campaign or for any other politically oriented purpose.

"Vehicle" has the same meaning set forth in § 46.2-100.

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