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**SENATE BILL NO. 599**

Offered January 13, 2010

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 unauthorized placement of electronic tracking devices in motor vehicles; penalty.*

Patrons—Vogel and Martin

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 installation or placement of electronic tracking device in motor vehicle.*

*Any person who, with the intent to electronically track the location of a motor vehicle, knowingly installs or places an electronic tracking device, or causes an electronic tracking device to be installed or placed, in or on a motor vehicle without the consent of an owner, or the lessee of the motor vehicle, is guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor.*

*For the purposes of this section, the term "motor vehicle" has the same meaning set forth in § 46.2-100.*

*This provision does not apply to:*

- 1. The original manufacturer of the motor vehicle.*
- 2. A law-enforcement officer, judicial officer, probation or parole officer, or employee of the Department of Corrections with the authority to do so in the lawful performance of official duties.*
- 3. A bail bondsman or bail enforcement agent licensed by the Department of Criminal Justice Services acting in the course of his legitimate business.*

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