

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-51.6, relating to*  
3 *strangulation; penalty.*

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5 Approved

[S 459]

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

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-51.6 as follows:**

8 *§ 18.2-51.6. Strangulation of another; penalty.*

9 *Any person who, without consent, impedes the blood circulation or respiration of another person by*  
10 *knowingly, intentionally and unlawfully applying pressure to the neck of such person, resulting in the*  
11 *wounding or bodily injury of such person is guilty of strangulation, a Class 6 felony.*

12 **2. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment or**  
13 **commitment. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation cannot**  
14 **be determined for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities; therefore, Chapter**  
15 **890 of the Acts of Assembly of 2011 requires the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission to**  
16 **assign a minimum fiscal impact of \$50,000. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, the estimated amount of the**  
17 **necessary appropriation cannot be determined for periods of commitment to the custody of the**  
18 **Department of Juvenile Justice.**

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