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SENATE BILL NO. 690

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 44 a section numbered 44-24.2, relating to censorship of sermons made by chaplains of the Virginia National Guard and Virginia Defense Force.*

Patrons—Black, Barker, Cosgrove, Garrett and Petersen; Delegates: Cole and LaRock

Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 44 a section numbered 44-24.2 as follows:

§ 44-24.2. *Censorship of sermons made by chaplains; prohibited.*

Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, the religious content of sermons in services of worship made by chaplains of the Virginia National Guard while in Title 32 or State Active Duty status or of the Virginia Defense Force shall not be censored or restricted by any state government official or agency, so long as such content does not urge disobedience of lawful orders.

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