

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 18.2-359 of the Code of Virginia, relating to venue for certain sex*  
3 *crimes.*

4 [S 915]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 18.2-359 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 **§ 18.2-359. Venue for criminal sexual assault or where any person transported for criminal**  
9 **sexual assault, attempted criminal sexual assault, or purposes of unlawful sexual intercourse,**  
10 **crimes against nature, and indecent liberties with children; venue for such crimes when coupled**  
11 **with a violent felony.**

12 A. Any person transporting or attempting to transport through or across the Commonwealth any  
13 person for the purposes of unlawful sexual intercourse, anal intercourse, cunnilingus, fellatio, or  
14 anilingus or prostitution, or for the purpose of committing any crime specified in § 18.2-361 ~~or~~,  
15 18.2-370, *or 18.2-370.1*, or for the purposes of committing or attempting to commit criminal sexual  
16 assault under Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of Chapter 4, may be presented, indicted, tried, and convicted  
17 in any county or city in which any part of such transportation occurred.

18 B. Venue for the trial of any person charged with committing or attempting to commit any crime  
19 specified in § 18.2-361 ~~or~~, 18.2-370, *or 18.2-370.1*, or sexual assault under Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.)  
20 of Chapter 4 may be had in the county or city in which such crime is alleged to have occurred or, with  
21 the concurrence of the attorney for the Commonwealth in the county or city in which the crime is  
22 alleged to have occurred, in any county or city through which the victim was transported by the  
23 defendant prior to the commission of such offense.

24 C. Venue for the trial of any person charged with committing or attempting to commit criminal  
25 sexual assault under Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of Chapter 4 against a person under 18 years of age  
26 may be had in the county or city in which such crime is alleged to have occurred or, when the county  
27 or city where the offense is alleged to have occurred cannot be determined, then in the county or city  
28 where the person under 18 years of age resided at the time of the offense.

29 D. Venue for the trial of any person charged with committing or attempting to commit (i) any crime  
30 specified in § 18.2-361 ~~or~~, 18.2-370, *or 18.2-370.1*, or criminal sexual assault under Article 7 (§ 18.2-61  
31 et seq.) of Chapter 4 and (ii) any violent felony as defined in § 17.1-805 or any act of violence as  
32 defined in § 19.2-297.1 arising out of the same incident, occurrence, or transaction may be had in the  
33 county or city in which any such crime is alleged to have occurred or, with the concurrence of the  
34 attorney for the Commonwealth in the county or city in which the crime is alleged to have occurred, in  
35 any county or city through which the victim was transported by the defendant in the commission of  
36 such offense.

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