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HOUSE BILL NO. 1319**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**

(Proposed by the House Committee for Courts of Justice
on February 10, 2016)

(Patrons Prior to Substitute—Delegates Collins, Keam [HB 950], and Lingamfelter [HB 54])

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 18.2 a section numbered 18.2-177.1, relating to false representation of military status; stolen valor; penalty.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 18.2 a section numbered 18.2-177.1 as follows:

§ 18.2-177.1. False representation of military status; penalty.

A. It is unlawful for any person, with the intent to obtain any services, to falsely represent himself to be a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces, Armed Forces Reserves, or National Guard by wearing the uniform or any medal or insignia authorized for use by the members or veterans of the United States Armed Forces, Armed Forces Reserves, or National Guard by federal or state law or regulation and obtain any services through such false representation.

B. It is unlawful for any person, with the intent to obtain any services, to falsely represent himself as a recipient of any decoration or medal created by federal or state law or regulation to honor the members or veterans of the United States Armed Forces, Armed Forces Reserves, or National Guard and obtain any services through such false representation.

C. A violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

D. The provisions of this section shall not preclude prosecution under any other statute.