

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 18.2-374.1:1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to possession of child*
3 *pornography by employees of the Department of Social Services.*

4 [H 1580]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 18.2-374.1:1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 18.2-374.1:1. Possession, reproduction, distribution, solicitation, and facilitation of child**
9 **pornography; penalty.**

10 A. Any person who knowingly possesses child pornography is guilty of a Class 6 felony.

11 B. Any person who commits a second or subsequent violation of subsection A is guilty of a Class 5
12 felony.13 C. Any person who knowingly (i) reproduces by any means, including by computer, sells, gives
14 away, distributes, electronically transmits, displays, purchases, or possesses with intent to sell, give
15 away, distribute, transmit, or display child pornography or (ii) commands, entreats, or otherwise attempts
16 to persuade another person to send, submit, transfer or provide to him any child pornography in order to
17 gain entry into a group, association, or assembly of persons engaged in trading or sharing child
18 pornography shall be punished by not less than five years nor more than 20 years in a state correctional
19 facility. Any person who commits a second or subsequent violation under this subsection shall be
20 punished by a term of imprisonment of not less than five years nor more than 20 years in a state
21 correctional facility, five years of which shall be a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment. The
22 mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment prescribed for violations of this section shall be served
23 consecutively with any other sentence.24 D. Any person who intentionally operates an Internet website for the purpose of facilitating the
25 payment for access to child pornography is guilty of a Class 4 felony.

26 E. All child pornography shall be subject to lawful seizure and forfeiture pursuant to § 19.2-386.31.

27 F. For purposes of this section it may be inferred by text, title or appearance that a person who is
28 depicted as or presents the appearance of being less than 18 years of age in sexually explicit visual
29 material is less than 18 years of age.30 G. Venue for a prosecution under this section may lie in the jurisdiction where the unlawful act
31 occurs or where any child pornography is produced, reproduced, found, stored, received, or possessed in
32 violation of this section.33 H. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any such material that is possessed for a bona
34 fide medical, scientific, governmental, law-enforcement, or judicial purpose by a physician, psychologist,
35 scientist, attorney, *employee of the Department of Social Services or a local department of social*
36 *services*, employee of a law-enforcement agency, judge, or clerk ~~who~~ *and such person* possesses such
37 material in the course of conducting his professional duties as such.

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