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HOUSE BILL NO. 1315

Offered January 10, 2018

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-416 of the Code of Virginia, relating to abusive language; sports official; penalty.*

Patrons—Hope; Senator: Howell

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-416 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-416. Punishment for using abusive language to another.

If any person shall, in the presence or hearing of another, curse or abuse such other person, or use any violent abusive language to such person concerning himself or any of his relations, or otherwise use such language, under circumstances reasonably calculated to provoke a breach of the peace, he ~~shall be~~ is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor. *If any person violates this section where such other person is a sports official, he is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. For purposes of this section, "sports official" means an umpire, referee, judge, scorekeeper, timekeeper, or other participant who is a neutral participant in a sports event.*

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