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HOUSE BILL NO. 623

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-461 of the Code of Virginia, relating to false reports to law enforcement; penalty.

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Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-461 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-461. Falsely summoning or giving false reports to law-enforcement officials.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person (i) to knowingly give a false report as to the commission of any crime to any law-enforcement official with intent to mislead; or (ii) without just cause and with intent to interfere with the operations of any law-enforcement official, to call or summon any law-enforcement official by telephone or other means, including engagement or activation of an automatic emergency alarm. Violation of the provisions of this section shall be punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor.

B. If the violation of subsection A (i) involves a report of an act of violence as defined in § 19.2-297.1 or (ii) results in an immediate emergency response by a responding law-enforcement agency due to the facts of the crime falsely reported, such violation is punishable as a Class 6 felony and, if such emergency response results in serious bodily injury to or the death of any person, such violation is punishable as a Class 5 felony.

C. Upon conviction for a violation of subsection B, the court shall order such person to pay restitution as the court deems appropriate to any locality or any responding law-enforcement agency for the reasonable expenses incurred in providing such emergency response.

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