

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2020 SESSION

CHAPTER 160

An Act to amend and reenact § 18.2-388 of the Code of Virginia, relating to profane swearing in public.

[H 1071]

Approved March 4, 2020

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-388 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-388. Intoxication in public; penalty; transportation of public inebriates to detoxification center.

If any person ~~profanely curses or swears or~~ is intoxicated in public, whether such intoxication results from alcohol, narcotic drug, or other intoxicant or drug of whatever nature, he ~~shall be deemed~~ *is* guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor. In any area in which there is located a court-approved detoxification center, a law-enforcement officer may authorize the transportation, by police or otherwise, of public inebriates to such detoxification center in lieu of arrest; however, no person shall be involuntarily detained in such center.