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HOUSE BILL NO. 132

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-388 of the Code of Virginia, relating to profane swearing in public.*

Patron—Webert

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

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.

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