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HOUSE BILL NO. 936

Offered January 8, 2020 Prefiled January 7, 2020

A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-58 of the Code of Virginia, relating to armed robbery; penalty.

Patron—Brewer

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-58 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows: § 18.2-58. How punished.

A. If any person commits robbery by partial strangulation, or suffocation, or by striking or beating, or by other violence to the person, or by assault or otherwise putting a person in fear of serious bodily harm, or by the threat or presenting of firearms, or other deadly weapon or instrumentality whatsoever, he shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by confinement in a state correctional facility for life or any term not less than five years.

B. If any person commits robbery by the threat or presenting of firearms, or other deadly weapon or instrumentality whatsoever, he shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by confinement in a state correctional facility for life or any term not less than five years, and the punishment shall include a mandatory minimum term of confinement of five years.

2. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment or commitment. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation is \$7,930,412 for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities and cannot be determined for periods of commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.