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SENATE BILL NO. 781 Offered January 8, 2020

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-56.3, relating to leaving an unattended handgun in public; penalty.

Patron—Lewis

Referred to Committee on the Judiciary

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-56.3 as follows:

§ 18.2-56.3. Leaving an unattended handgun in public; penalty.

It is unlawful for any person to leave an unattended handgun in public view in any public place, including any public building or place where the public assemble, any street, highway, or other public conveyance, or any sidewalk abutting on any public street, alley, or lane of any town or city. Any person violating the provisions of this section is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor. A second or subsequent violation of this section is punishable as a Class 2 misdemeanor.