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HOUSE BILL NO. 5031

Offered August 18, 2020

2 3 4 Prefiled August 17, 2020 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 2.2 a chapter numbered 36.1, consisting of a 5 section numbered 2.2-3606, relating to administration of state government; Flag Protection Act.

Patrons-Davis, Avoli, Cole, M.L., Fowler, Poindexter, Walker and Wright; Senators: Kiggans and Ruff

Referred to Committee on General Laws

10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Title 2.2 a chapter numbered 36.1, consisting of a section numbered 2.2-3606, as follows:

CHAPTER 36.1.

FLAG PROTECTION ACT.

15 § 2.2-3606. Prohibition on the removal of the flag of the United States.

Neither the Governor nor any agency of the executive branch of state government shall order the 16 17 removal of any flag of the United States displayed on any private personal property, including construction equipment belonging to a contractor, located on public property unless such flag is deemed 18

a safety hazard by a state or local police department, sheriff's office, fire department, or fire marshal. 19

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