

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1994 SESSION

CHAPTER 534

An Act to amend and reenact § 18.2-499 of the Code of Virginia, relating to penalty for conspiracy to injure another's trade, business or professional reputation.

[H 290]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-499 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-499. Combinations to injure others in their reputation, trade, business or profession; rights of employees.

~~(a)~~ A. Any two or more persons who ~~shall~~ combine, associate, agree, mutually undertake or concert together for the purpose of ~~(i)~~ willfully and maliciously injuring another in his reputation, trade, business or profession by any means whatever; or ~~for the purpose of~~ ~~(ii)~~ willfully and maliciously compelling another to do or perform any act against his will, or preventing or hindering another from doing or performing any lawful act, shall be jointly and severally guilty of a Class ~~3~~ *1* misdemeanor. Such punishment shall be in addition to any civil relief recoverable under § 18.2-500.

~~(b)~~ B. Any person who attempts to procure the participation, cooperation, agreement or other assistance of any one or more persons to enter into any combination, association, agreement, mutual understanding or concert prohibited in subsection ~~(a)~~ A of this section shall be guilty of a violation of this section and subject to the same penalties set out in subsection ~~(a)~~ ~~hereof~~ A.

~~(c)~~ C. This section shall not affect the right of employees lawfully to organize and bargain concerning wages and conditions of employment, and take other steps to protect their rights as provided under state and federal laws.