

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1995 SESSION

CHAPTER 306

An Act to amend and reenact § 18.2-126 of the Code of Virginia, relating to defilement of dead human bodies; penalties.

[H 1865]

Approved March 16, 1995

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-126 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-126. Violation of sepulture; defilement of a dead human body; penalties.

A. If a person unlawfully ~~disinter or displace~~ *disinters or displaces* a dead human body, or any part of a dead human body; which has been deposited in any vault, grave or other burial place, he ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of a Class 4 felony.

B. *If a person willfully and intentionally physically defiles a dead human body he is guilty of a Class 6 felony. For the purposes of this section, the term "defile" shall not include any autopsy or the recovery of organs or tissues for transplantation, or any other lawful purpose.*

2. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state correctional facilities. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation is \$ 0.