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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1865**

House Amendments in [ ] — February 7, 1995

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-126 of the Code of Virginia, relating to [ ~~molestation~~ defilement ] of dead human bodies.*

Patrons—Griffith, Albo, Clement, Katzen and Rhodes; Senator: Hawkins

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

**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; [ ~~molestation~~ defilement ] of a dead human body; penalty.

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 [ ~~molests~~ defiles ] a dead human body he is guilty of a Class 6 felony.*

**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.**

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