

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

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

4 [H 1865]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 18.2-126 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 18.2-126. Violation of sepulture; defilement of a dead human body; penalties.

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

12 B. *If a person willfully and intentionally physically defiles a dead human body he is guilty of a Class*
13 *6 felony. For the purposes of this section, the term "defile" shall not include any autopsy or the*
14 *recovery of organs or tissues for transplantation, or any other lawful purpose.*

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

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