

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1996 SESSION

## CHAPTER 527

*An Act to amend and reenact § 18.2-55 of the Code of Virginia, relating to injuries caused by persons in secure detention.*

[H 88]

Approved April 2, 1996

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 18.2-55 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 18.2-55. Bodily injuries caused by prisoners, probationers or parolees.

A. It shall be unlawful for a ~~prisoner~~ *person* confined in a state ~~or~~ , local *or regional* correctional facility as defined in § 53.1-1; *in a secure facility or detention home as defined in § 16.1-228 or in any facility designed for the secure detention of juveniles;* or while in the custody of an employee thereof to knowingly and willfully inflict bodily injury on:

1. An employee thereof, or
2. Any other person lawfully admitted to such facility, except another prisoner *or person held in legal custody*, or
3. Any person who is supervising or working with prisoners *or persons held in legal custody*, or
4. Any such employee or other person while such prisoner *or person held in legal custody* is committing any act in violation of § 53.1-203.

B. It shall be unlawful for a probationer or parolee, under the supervision of a probation and parole officer as defined in § 53.1-145, to knowingly and willfully inflict bodily injury on such officer while in the performance of such officer's duty.

Any person violating any provision of this section shall be guilty of a Class 5 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 \$125,000.**