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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1340

Offered January 22, 1996

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-186 of the Code of Virginia, relating to false statement to obtain a checking account; penalty.*

Patron—Moore

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

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

**1. That § 18.2-186 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 18.2-186. False statements to obtain property or credit.

A. A person shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor if he makes, causes to be made or conspires to make directly, indirectly or through an agency, any materially false statement in writing, knowing it to be false and intending that it be relied upon, concerning the financial condition or means or ability to pay of himself, or of any other person for whom he is acting, or any firm or corporation in which he is interested or for which he is acting, for the purpose of procuring, for his own benefit or for the benefit of such person, firm or corporation, the delivery of personal property, the payment of cash, the making of a loan or credit, the extension of a credit, *the establishment of a checking account*, the discount of an account receivable, or the making, acceptance, discount, sale or endorsement of a bill of exchange or promissory note.

B. Any person who knows that a false statement has been made in writing concerning the financial condition or ability to pay of himself or of any person for whom he is acting, or any firm or corporation in which he is interested or for which he is acting and who, with intent to defraud, procures, upon the faith thereof, for his own benefit, or for the benefit of the person, firm or corporation, any such delivery, payment, loan, credit, extension, discount making, acceptance, sale or endorsement, and fails to pay for such loan, credit or benefit so procured, shall, if the value of the thing or the amount of the loan, credit or benefit obtained is \$200 or more, be guilty of grand larceny or, if the value is less than \$200, be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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