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HOUSE BILL NO. 191

Offered January 10, 1996

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 18.2-212 and 18.2-461 of the Code of Virginia, relating to falsely summoning ambulance, police, or fire-fighting apparatus; false reports; penalty.

Patrons—Crouch, Bryant and McClure; Senator: Newman

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 18.2-212 and 18.2-461 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-212. Calling or summoning ambulance, police, or fire-fighting apparatus without just cause; maliciously activating fire alarms in public buildings; venue.

A. Any person who without just cause therefor, calls or summons, by telephone or otherwise, any ambulance, *police*, or fire-fighting apparatus, or any person who maliciously activates a manual or automatic fire alarm in any building used for public assembly or for other public use, including, but not limited to, schools, theaters, stores, office buildings, shopping centers and malls, coliseums and arenas, regardless of whether fire apparatus responds or not, shall be deemed guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

B. A violation of this section may be prosecuted either in the jurisdiction from which the call or summons was made or in the jurisdiction where the call or summons was received.

§ 18.2-461. Giving false reports to police officers.

It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to give a false report, *including the activation or engagement of an automatic emergency system*, as to the commission of any crime to any law-enforcement official with intent to mislead. Violation of the provisions of this section shall be punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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