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HOUSE BILL NO. 542

Offered January 18, 1996

A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-347 of the Code of Virginia, relating to bawdy places.

Patrons—Drake, Albo, Behm, Bryant, Forbes, Heilig, Katzen, Landes, May, McDonnell, McEachin, Mims, Moss, Nixon, Orrock, Purkey, Putney, Reid, Sherwood, Tata, Wagner, Wardrup, Weatherholtz and Wilkins; Senator: Martin

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-347 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-347. Keeping, residing in or frequenting a bawdy place; "bawdy place" defined.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep any bawdy place, or to reside in or at or visit, for immoral purposes, any such bawdy place. Each and every day such bawdy place shall be kept, resided in or visited, shall constitute a separate offense. In a prosecution under this section the general reputation of the place may be proved.

As used in this Code, "bawdy place" shall mean any place within or without any building of, structure, or vehicle which is used or is to be used for lewdness, assignation or prostitution.