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HOUSE BILL NO. 1831

Offered January 8, 1997

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-144.1:1, relating to tormenting police animals; penalty.*

Patron—Griffith

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-144.1:1 as follows:

§ 18.2-144.1:1. *Tormenting police animals.*

Any person who intentionally torments an animal owned, used or trained by a law-enforcement agency or the Department of Corrections, while such animal is performing his lawful duties, shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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