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HOUSE BILL NO. 1890

Offered January 8, 1997

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-82.1, relating to arson resulting in bodily injury; penalty.

Patrons—Cantor, Albo, Cox, Forbes, Guest, Hamilton, Ingram, Kilgore, Landes, McClure, Nixon, Purkey, Reid, Rollison, Rust, Tata, Wagner and Wilkins; Senator: Stosch

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 18.2-82.1 as follows:

§ 18.2-82.1. Bodily injury resulting from arson.

Any person who commits a violation of §§ 18.2-77, 18.2-79, 18.2-80 or 18.2-82 which results in bodily injury to a salaried or volunteer fire fighter, law-enforcement officer, occupant of the building or structure burned, or any other person shall be guilty of a Class 5 felony. A violation of this section may be established without proof of a specific intent to cause bodily injury.

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 \$ 0.