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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1928

Offered January 8, 1997

*A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 18.2-54.1 and 18.2-54.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to poisoning and illegally administering drugs; penalty.*

Patrons—Watts, Christian, Connally, Cooper, Crittenden, Crouch, Cunningham, Darner, Drake, Keating, Puller, Rhodes and Van Landingham; Senator: Whipple

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

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

**1. That §§ 18.2-54.1 and 18.2-54.2 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 18.2-54.1. Attempts to poison.

If any person administers or attempts to administer any poison, ~~or~~ destructive substance *or controlled substance* in food, drink, prescription or over-the-counter medicine, or otherwise, or poisons any spring, well, or reservoir of water with intent to kill or injure another person *or, without legal authority, to render another person incapable of full thought, will or perception*, he shall be guilty of a Class 3 felony.

§ 18.2-54.2. Adulteration of food, drink, drugs, cosmetics, etc.; penalty.

Any person who adulterates or causes to be adulterated any food, drink, prescription or over-the-counter medicine, cosmetic or other substance with the intent to kill or injure *or, without legal authority, to render incapable of full thought, will or perception* any individual who ingests, inhales or uses such substance shall be guilty of a Class 3 felony.

**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 \$ 62,500.**

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