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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2621** 

Offered January 20, 1997

A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-51.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to aggravated malicious wounding; penalty.

Patron-Watts

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-51.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-51.2. Aggravated malicious wounding; penalty.

If any person maliciously shoots, stabs, cuts or wounds any other person, or by any means causes bodily injury, with the intent to maim, disfigure, disable or kill, he shall be guilty of a Class 2 felony if the victim is thereby severely injured and (i) is caused to suffer permanent and significant physical impairment or (ii) suffers an involuntary termination of her pregnancy and the defendant knew or should have known that the victim was pregnant.

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.