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SENATE BILL NO. 889

Offered January 15, 1997

A BILL to amend and reenact § 53.1-149 of the Code of Virginia, relating to arrest of probationer without warrant.

Patrons—Newman, Bolling, Martin, Norment and Williams; Delegate: Crouch

Referred to the Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 53.1-149 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 53.1-149. Arrest of probationer without warrant; written statement.

Any probation officer appointed pursuant to this chapter, *sheriff or deputy sheriff* may arrest a probationer without a warrant, or may deputize any other officer with power to arrest to do so, by a written statement setting forth that the probationer has, in the judgment of the probation officer, *sheriff or deputy sheriff*, violated one or more of the terms or conditions upon which the probationer was released on probation, *assigned to a work release program or sentenced to home incarceration*. Such a written statement by a probation officer, *sheriff or deputy sheriff* delivered to the officer in charge of any local jail or lockup shall be sufficient warrant for the detention of the probationer.