

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 15.2-1812 of the Code of Virginia, relating to memorials for war*
3 *veterans.*

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5 Approved

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6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That § 15.2-1812 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 15.2-1812. Memorials for war veterans.

9 A locality may authorize and permit the erection of monuments or memorials for any war or
10 engagement designated in § 2.1-21 upon any of its property. A locality may, within the geographical
11 limits of the locality, authorize and permit the erection of monuments or memorials for any war or
12 conflict, or for any engagement of such war or conflict, to include the following monuments or
13 memorials: Algonquin (1622), French and Indian (1754-1763), Revolutionary (1775-1783), War of 1812
14 (1812-1815), Mexican (1846-1848), Confederate or Union monuments or memorials of the War Between
15 the States (1861-1865), Spanish-American (1898), World War I (1917-1918), World War II (1941-1945),
16 Korean (1950-1953), Vietnam (1965-1973) and Operation Desert Shield-Desert Storm (1990-1991). If
17 such are erected, it shall be unlawful for the authorities of the locality, or any other person or persons,
18 to disturb or interfere with any monuments or memorials so erected, or to prevent its citizens from
19 taking proper measures and exercising proper means for the protection, preservation and care of same.
20 For purposes of this section, "disturb or interfere with" includes removal of, damaging or defacing
21 monuments or memorials, or, in the case of the War Between the States, the placement of Union
22 markings or monuments on previously designated Confederate memorials or the placement of
23 Confederate markings or monuments on previously designated Union memorials.

24 The governing body may appropriate a sufficient sum of money out of its funds to complete or aid
25 in the erection of monuments or memorials to the veterans of such wars. The governing body may also
26 make a special levy to raise the money necessary for the erection or completion of any such monuments
27 or memorials, or to supplement the funds already raised or that may be raised by private persons,
28 Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion or other organizations. It may also appropriate, out of
29 any funds of such locality, a sufficient sum of money to permanently care for, protect and preserve such
30 monuments or memorials and may expend the same thereafter as other funds are expended.

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