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SENATE BILL NO. 333

Offered January 21, 1998

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 63.1-55.3:1, relating to false reports of abuse of aged and incapacitated adults; penalties.*

Patron—Miller, Y.B.

Referred to the Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 63.1-55.3:1 as follows:

§ 63.1-55.3:1. Knowingly making false reports; penalties.

A. Any person fourteen years of age or older who makes or causes to be made a report of adult abuse or neglect pursuant to this article which he knows to be false shall be guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor. Any person fourteen years of age or older who has been previously convicted under this subsection and who is subsequently convicted of making a false report of adult abuse or neglect under this subsection shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

B. The adult protective services records regarding the person who was alleged to have committed abuse or neglect which result from a report for which a conviction is obtained under this section shall be purged immediately by any custodian of such records upon presentation to the custodian of a certified copy of such conviction. After purging the records, the custodian shall notify the person in writing that such records have been purged.

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