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HOUSE BILL NO. 1741

Offered January 13, 1999

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-57.01, relating to disarming a law-enforcement officer; penalty.

Patron—Joannou

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-57.01 as follows:

§ 18.2-57.01. Disarming a law-enforcement or correctional officer.

Any person who knows or has reason to know a person is a law-enforcement or correctional officer and, with the intent to impede or prevent the officer from performing his official duties, knowingly and without the officer's permission removes a firearm, a chemical irritant weapon, stun weapon, or impact weapon from the possession of the officer or deprives the officer of the use of the weapon is guilty of a Class 6 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 in FY 2009.