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HOUSE BILL NO. 2599

Offered January 21, 1999

A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-102 of the Code of Virginia, relating to unauthorized use of a vehicle; penalty.

Patrons—Jones, D.C., Baskerville, Cantor, McEachin and Rhodes

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-102 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-102. Unauthorized use of animal, aircraft, vehicle or boat; consent; accessories or accomplices.
A. Any person who shall take, drive or use any animal, aircraft, vehicle, boat or vessel, not his own, without the consent of the owner thereof and in the absence of the owner, and with intent temporarily to deprive the owner thereof of his possession thereof, without intent to steal the same, shall be guilty of a Class 6 felony; provided, however, that if the value of such animal, aircraft, vehicle, boat or vessel shall be less than \$200, such person shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The consent of the owner of an animal, aircraft, vehicle, boat or vessel to its taking, driving or using shall not in any case be presumed or implied because of such owner's consent on a previous occasion to the taking, driving or using of such animal, aircraft, vehicle, boat or vessel by the same or a different person. Any person who assists in, or is a party or accessory to, or an accomplice in, any such unauthorized taking, driving or using shall be subject to the same punishment as if he were the principal offender.

B. Any person who takes, uses, occupies or rides in the motor vehicle of another when, considering all the circumstances of his taking, using, occupying or riding, he knows or has reason to know that he is doing so without the consent of the owner, shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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