

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 18.2-460 of the Code of Virginia, relating to obstruction of justice;*  
3 *penalty.*

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5 Approved

[S 838]

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

7 **1. That § 18.2-460 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 18.2-460. Obstructing justice.

9 A. If any person without just cause knowingly obstructs a judge, magistrate, justice, juror, attorney  
10 for the Commonwealth, witness or any law-enforcement officer in the performance of his duties as such  
11 or fails or refuses without just cause to cease such obstruction when requested to do so by such judge,  
12 magistrate, justice, juror, attorney for the Commonwealth, witness, or law-enforcement officer, he shall  
13 be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

14 B. If any person, by threats or force, knowingly attempts to intimidate or impede a judge, magistrate,  
15 justice, juror, attorney for the Commonwealth, witness, or any law-enforcement officer, lawfully engaged  
16 in his duties as such, or to obstruct or impede the administration of justice in any court, he shall be  
17 deemed to be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

18 C. If any person by threats of bodily harm or force knowingly attempts to intimidate or impede a  
19 judge, magistrate, justice, juror, witness, or any law-enforcement officer, lawfully engaged in the  
20 discharge of his duty, or to obstruct or impede the administration of justice in any court relating to a  
21 violation of or conspiracy to violate § 18.2-248 or § 18.2-248.1 (a) (3), (b) or (c) *or relating to the*  
22 *violation of or conspiracy to commit any violent felony offense listed in subsection C of § 17.1-805*, he  
23 shall be guilty of a Class 5 felony.

24 **2. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state**  
25 **correctional facilities. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation**  
26 **is \$62,500 in FY 2009.**

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