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HOUSE BILL NO. 371

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-416 of the Code of Virginia, relating to punishment for using abusive language to another.

Patrons—Carrico, Athey, Callahan, Crockett-Stark, Landes, Lingamfelter, Nixon, Rust, Saxman, Scott, E.T., Suit, Welch, Wittman and Wright

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-416 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-416. Punishment for using abusive language to another.

~~If any person shall~~*Any person who*, in the presence or hearing of another, ~~curse or abuse~~ *curses or abuses* such other person, *including a law-enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical personnel*, or ~~use~~ *uses* any violent abusive language to such person concerning himself or any of his relations, or otherwise ~~use~~ *uses* such language, under circumstances reasonably calculated to provoke a breach of the peace, ~~he shall be~~ *is* guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

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