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HOUSE BILL NO. 846

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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 18.2-48, 18.2-61, 18.2-67.1, 18.2-67.2, and 19.2-303 of the Code of Virginia, relating to sentences for certain sex crimes; penalties.

Patrons—Albo, Bell, Byron, Callahan, Carrico, Cosgrove, Gear, Gilbert, Griffith, Hamilton, Hugo, Hurt, Iaquinto, Kilgore, Landes, Lingamfelter, McQuigg, Moran, Nixon, O'Bannon, Peace, Sherwood, Suit, Tata, Welch and Wright; Senators: Howell and Stolle

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 18.2-48, 18.2-61, 18.2-67.1, 18.2-67.2, and 19.2-303 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-48. Abduction with intent to extort money or for immoral purpose.

Abduction (i) with the intent to extort money or pecuniary benefit, (ii) of any person with intent to defile such person, or (iii) of any child under sixteen years of age for the purpose of concubinage or prostitution, shall be a Class 2 felony. *If the sentence imposed for a violation of (ii) or (iii) includes a term of confinement less than life imprisonment, the judge shall impose, in addition to any active sentence, a suspended sentence of no less than 40 years. This suspended sentence shall be suspended for the remainder of the defendant's life subject to revocation by the court.*

§ 18.2-61. Rape.

A. If any person has sexual intercourse with a complaining witness, whether or not his or her spouse, or causes a complaining witness, whether or not his or her spouse, to engage in sexual intercourse with any other person and such act is accomplished (i) against the complaining witness's will, by force, threat or intimidation of or against the complaining witness or another person; or (ii) through the use of the complaining witness's mental incapacity or physical helplessness; or (iii) with a child under age 13 as the victim, he or she shall be guilty of rape.

B. A violation of this section shall be punishable, in the discretion of the court or jury, by confinement in a state correctional facility for life or for any term not less than five years; *the penalty for a violation of clause (iii) of subsection A where the offender is more than three years older than the victim shall include a mandatory minimum term of confinement of 25 years, and if the sentence of confinement imposed is for a term less than life imprisonment, the judge shall impose, in addition to any active sentence, a suspended sentence of no less than 40 years. This suspended sentence shall be suspended for the remainder of the defendant's life subject to revocation by the court.* There shall be a rebuttable presumption that a juvenile over the age of 10 but less than 12, does not possess the physical capacity to commit a violation of this section. In any case deemed appropriate by the court, all or part of any sentence imposed for a violation under this section against a spouse may be suspended upon the defendant's completion of counseling or therapy, if not already provided, in the manner prescribed under § 19.2-218.1 if, after consideration of the views of the complaining witness and such other evidence as may be relevant, the court finds such action will promote maintenance of the family unit and will be in the best interest of the complaining witness.

C. Upon a finding of guilt under this section, when a spouse is the complaining witness in any case tried by the court without a jury, the court, without entering a judgment of guilt, upon motion of the defendant who has not previously had a proceeding against him for violation of this section dismissed pursuant to this subsection and with the consent of the complaining witness and the attorney for the Commonwealth, may defer further proceedings and place the defendant on probation pending completion of counseling or therapy, if not already provided, in the manner prescribed under § 19.2-218.1. If the defendant fails to so complete such counseling or therapy, the court may make final disposition of the case and proceed as otherwise provided. If such counseling is completed as prescribed under § 19.2-218.1, the court may discharge the defendant and dismiss the proceedings against him if, after consideration of the views of the complaining witness and such other evidence as may be relevant, the court finds such action will promote maintenance of the family unit and be in the best interest of the complaining witness.

§ 18.2-67.1. Forcible sodomy.

A. An accused shall be guilty of forcible sodomy if he or she engages in cunnilingus, fellatio, anilingus, or anal intercourse with a complaining witness whether or not his or her spouse, or causes a complaining witness, whether or not his or her spouse, to engage in such acts with any other person,

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58 1. The complaining witness is less than 13 years of age, or

59 2. The act is accomplished against the will of the complaining witness, by force, threat or
60 intimidation of or against the complaining witness or another person, or through the use of the
61 complaining witness's mental incapacity or physical helplessness.

62 B. Forcible sodomy is a felony punishable by confinement in a state correctional facility for life or
63 for any term not less than five years. *The penalty for a violation of subdivision A 1 where the offender*
64 *is more than three years older than the victim shall include a mandatory minimum term of confinement*
65 *of 25 years, and if the sentence of confinement imposed is for a term less than life imprisonment, the*
66 *judge shall impose, in addition to any active sentence, a suspended sentence of no less than 40 years.*
67 *This suspended sentence shall be suspended for the remainder of the defendant's life subject to*
68 *revocation by the court.* In any case deemed appropriate by the court, all or part of any sentence
69 imposed for a violation under this section against a spouse may be suspended upon the defendant's
70 completion of counseling or therapy, if not already provided, in the manner prescribed under
71 § 19.2-218.1 if, after consideration of the views of the complaining witness and such other evidence as
72 may be relevant, the court finds such action will promote maintenance of the family unit and will be in
73 the best interest of the complaining witness.

74 C. Upon a finding of guilt under this section, when a spouse is the complaining witness in any case
75 tried by the court without a jury, the court, without entering a judgment of guilt, upon motion of the
76 defendant who has not previously had a proceeding against him for violation of this section dismissed
77 pursuant to this subsection and with the consent of the complaining witness and the attorney for the
78 Commonwealth, may defer further proceedings and place the defendant on probation pending completion
79 of counseling or therapy, if not already provided, in the manner prescribed under § 19.2-218.1. If the
80 defendant fails to so complete such counseling or therapy, the court may make final disposition of the
81 case and proceed as otherwise provided. If such counseling is completed as prescribed under
82 § 19.2-218.1, the court may discharge the defendant and dismiss the proceedings against him if, after
83 consideration of the views of the complaining witness and such other evidence as may be relevant, the
84 court finds such action will promote maintenance of the family unit and be in the best interest of the
85 complaining witness.

86 § 18.2-67.2. Object sexual penetration; penalty.

87 A. An accused shall be guilty of inanimate or animate object sexual penetration if he or she
88 penetrates the labia majora or anus of a complaining witness, whether or not his or her spouse, other
89 than for a bona fide medical purpose, or causes such complaining witness to so penetrate his or her own
90 body with an object or causes a complaining witness, whether or not his or her spouse, to engage in
91 such acts with any other person or to penetrate, or to be penetrated by, an animal, and

92 1. The complaining witness is less than 13 years of age, or

93 2. The act is accomplished against the will of the complaining witness, by force, threat or
94 intimidation of or against the complaining witness or another person, or through the use of the
95 complaining witness's mental incapacity or physical helplessness.

96 B. Inanimate or animate object sexual penetration is a felony punishable by confinement in the state
97 correctional facility for life or for any term not less than five years. *The penalty for a violation of*
98 *subdivision A 1 where the offender is more than three years older than the victim shall include a*
99 *mandatory minimum term of confinement of 25 years, and if the sentence of confinement imposed is for*
100 *a term less than life imprisonment, the judge shall impose, in addition to any active sentence, a*
101 *suspended sentence of no less than 40 years. This suspended sentence shall be suspended for the*
102 *remainder of the defendant's life subject to revocation by the court.* In any case deemed appropriate by
103 the court, all or part of any sentence imposed for a violation under this section against a spouse may be
104 suspended upon the defendant's completion of counseling or therapy, if not already provided, in the
105 manner prescribed under § 19.2-218.1 if, after consideration of the views of the complaining witness and
106 such other evidence as may be relevant, the court finds such action will promote maintenance of the
107 family unit and will be in the best interest of the complaining witness.

108 C. Upon a finding of guilt under this section, when a spouse is the complaining witness in any case
109 tried by the court without a jury, the court, without entering a judgment of guilt, upon motion of the
110 defendant who has not previously had a proceeding against him for violation of this section dismissed
111 pursuant to this subsection and with the consent of the complaining witness and the attorney for the
112 Commonwealth, may defer further proceedings and place the defendant on probation pending completion
113 of counseling or therapy, if not already provided, in the manner prescribed under § 19.2-218.1. If the
114 defendant fails to so complete such counseling or therapy, the court may make final disposition of the
115 case and proceed as otherwise provided. If such counseling is completed as prescribed under
116 § 19.2-218.1, the court may discharge the defendant and dismiss the proceedings against him if, after
117 consideration of the views of the complaining witness and such other evidence as may be relevant, the
118 court finds such action will promote maintenance of the family unit and be in the best interest of the

119 complaining witness.

120 § 19.2-303. Suspension or modification of sentence; probation; taking of fingerprints as condition of
121 probation.

122 After conviction, whether with or without jury, the court may suspend imposition of sentence or
123 suspend the sentence in whole or part and in addition may place the ~~accused~~ defendant on probation
124 under such conditions as the court shall determine or may, as a condition of a suspended sentence,
125 require the ~~accused~~ defendant to make at least partial restitution to the aggrieved party or parties for
126 damages or loss caused by the offense for which convicted, or to perform community service, or both,
127 under terms and conditions which shall be entered in writing by the court. The judge, after convicting
128 the ~~accused~~ defendant of a felony, shall determine whether a copy of the ~~accused's~~ defendant's
129 fingerprints are on file at the Central Criminal Records Exchange. In any case where fingerprints are not
130 on file, the judge shall require that fingerprints be taken as a condition of probation. Such fingerprints
131 shall be submitted to the Central Criminal Records Exchange under the provisions of subsection D of
132 § 19.2-390.

133 *In any case where a defendant is convicted of a violation of § 18.2-48, 18.2-61, 18.2-63, 18.2-67.1,*
134 *18.2-67.2, 18.2-67.3, 18.2-370, or 18.2-370.1, committed on or after July 1, 2006, and some portion of*
135 *the sentence is suspended, the judge shall order that the period of suspension shall be for a length of*
136 *time at least equal to the statutory maximum period for which the defendant might originally have been*
137 *sentenced to be imprisoned, and the defendant shall be placed on probation for that period of*
138 *suspension subject to revocation by the court. The conditions of probation may include such conditions*
139 *as the court shall determine, including active supervision. Where the conviction is for a violation of*
140 *clause (iii) of subsection A of §18.2-61, subdivision A 1 of § 18.2-67.1, or subdivision A 1 of*
141 *§ 18.2-67.2, the court shall order that at least three years of the probation include active supervision of*
142 *the defendant under a postrelease supervision program operated by the Department of Corrections, and*
143 *for at least three years of such active supervision, the defendant shall be subject to electronic*
144 *monitoring by means of a GPS (Global Positioning System) tracking device, or other similar device.*

145 If a person is sentenced to jail upon conviction of a misdemeanor or a felony, the court may, at any
146 time before the sentence has been completely served, suspend the unserved portion of any such sentence,
147 place the person on probation for such time as the court shall determine, or otherwise modify the
148 sentence imposed.

149 If a person has been sentenced for a felony to the Department of Corrections but has not actually
150 been transferred to a receiving unit of the Department, the court which heard the case, if it appears
151 compatible with the public interest and there are circumstances in mitigation of the offense, may, at any
152 time before the person is transferred to the Department, suspend or otherwise modify the unserved
153 portion of such a sentence. The court may place the person on probation for such time as the court shall
154 determine.

155 **2. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment or**
156 **commitment. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation is**
157 **\$2,218,729 for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities and is \$0 for periods of**
158 **commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.**