

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact §§ 15.2-1612, 18.2-174, and 18.2-174.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating*
3 *to impersonating a law-enforcement officer or other public safety personnel; penalty.*

4 [H 1955]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That §§ 15.2-1612, 18.2-174, and 18.2-174.1 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted**
8 **as follows:**9 **§ 15.2-1612. Wearing of same or similar uniforms by unauthorized persons; penalty.**10 Any unauthorized person who wears a uniform identical to or substantially similar to a standard
11 uniform used by an office of sheriff in accordance with § 15.2-1610 with the intent to deceive a casual
12 observer or with the intent to impersonate the office of sheriff, ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of a Class 3 1
13 misdemeanor. *A second or subsequent offense is punishable as a Class 6 felony.*14 For purposes of this section, "substantially similar" means so similar in appearance as to be likely to
15 deceive the casual observer.16 **§ 18.2-174. Impersonating law-enforcement officer; penalty.**17 Any person who ~~shall falsely assume or exercise~~ *assumes or exercises* the functions, powers, duties,
18 and privileges incident to the office of sheriff, police officer, marshal, or other peace officer, or who
19 ~~shall falsely assume or pretend~~ *assumes, or pretends*, to be any such officer, ~~shall be deemed~~ *is* guilty of
20 a Class 1 misdemeanor. *A second or subsequent offense is punishable as a Class 6 felony.*21 **§ 18.2-174.1. Impersonating certain public safety personnel; penalty.**22 Any person who willfully impersonates, with the intent to make another believe he is, a certified
23 emergency medical services personnel, firefighter, ~~including any~~ special forest warden designated
24 pursuant to § 10.1-1135, fire marshal, or fire chief is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. *A second or*
25 *subsequent offense is punishable as a Class 6 felony.*26 **2. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment or**
27 **commitment. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation is**
28 **\$4,048 for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities and cannot be determined**
29 **for periods of commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.**30 **3. That the provisions of this act shall not become effective unless an appropriation of general**
31 **funds effectuating the purposes of this act is included in a general appropriation act passed by the**
32 **2013 Session of the General Assembly, which becomes law.**33 **4. That the General Assembly determines that the requirements of the third enactment of this act**
34 **have been met.**

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