2014 SESSION

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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 22.2 of Title 19.2 a section numbered 3 19.2-386.35, relating to forfeiture of property used in commission of certain crimes.

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Approved

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 6

7 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 22.2 of Title 19.2 a section 8 numbered 19.2-386.35 as follows: 9

§ 19.2-386.35. Seizure of property used in connection with certain offenses.

10 All money, equipment, motor vehicles, and other personal and real property of any kind or character together with any interest or profits derived from the investment of such proceeds or other property that 11 12 (i) was used in connection with the commission of, or in an attempt to commit, a violation of subsection B of § 18.2-47, § 18.2-48 or 18.2-59, subsection B of § 18.2-346, or § 18.2-347, 18.2-348, 18.2-349, 13 18.2-355, 18.2-356, 18.2-357, 40.1-29, 40.1-100.2, or 40.1-103; (ii) is traceable to the proceeds of some 14 form of activity that violates subsection B of § 18.2-47, § 18.2-48 or 18.2-59, subsection B of § 18.2-346, 15 or § 18.2-347, 18.2-348, 18.2-349, 18.2-355, 18.2-356, 18.2-357, 40.1-29, 40.1-100.2, or 40.1-103; or 16 (iii) was used to or intended to be used to promote some form of activity that violates subsection B of 17 § 18.2-47, § 18.2-48 or 18.2-59, subsection B of § 18.2-346, or § 18.2-347, 18.2-348, 18.2-349, 18 18.2-355, 18.2-356, 18.2-357, 40.1-29, 40.1-100.2, or 40.1-103 is subject to lawful seizure by a 19 20 law-enforcement officer and subject to forfeiture to the Commonwealth pursuant to Chapter 22.1 21 (§ 19.2-386.1 et seq.). Any forfeiture action under this section shall be stayed until conviction, and 22 property eligible for forfeiture pursuant to this section shall be forfeited only upon the entry of a final 23 judgment of conviction for an offense listed in this section; if no such judgment is entered, all property 24 seized pursuant to this section shall be released from seizure.

25 Real property shall not be subject to seizure unless the minimum prescribed punishment for the 26 violation is a term of imprisonment of not less than five years.

27 All seizures and forfeitures under this section shall be governed by Chapter 22.1 (§ 19.2-386.1 et 28 seq.), and the procedures specified therein shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to all forfeitures under this 29 section.

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