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HOUSE BILL NO. 1319

Offered January 21, 2016

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 18.2 a section numbered 18.2-177.1, relating to fraudulent representation about receipt of military decorations; penalty.*

Patrons—Collins, Keam, Lingamfelter, Bell, John J., Murphy and Villanueva

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 18.2 a section numbered 18.2-177.1 as follows:

§ 18.2-177.1. Fraudulent representation about receipt of military decorations or medals; penalty.

A. For purposes of this section, "military decoration or medal" means a Congressional Medal of Honor awarded under 10 U.S.C. § 3741, 10 U.S.C. § 6241, 10 U.S.C. § 8741, or 14 U.S.C. § 491; a distinguished service cross awarded under 10 U.S.C. § 3742; a Navy cross awarded under 10 U.S.C. § 6242; an Air Force cross awarded under 10 U.S.C. § 8742; a silver star awarded under 10 U.S.C. § 3746, 10 U.S.C. § 6244, or 10 U.S.C. § 8746; a Purple Heart awarded under 10 U.S.C. § 1129; a Combat Infantryman's Badge; a Combat Action Badge; a Combat Medical Badge; a Combat Action Ribbon; or a Combat Action Medal.

B. Any person who, with the intent to obtain money, property, or other tangible benefit, fraudulently holds himself out to be a recipient of a military decoration or medal is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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