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SENATE BILL NO. 729

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice
on February 8, 2016)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Stuart)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-462.2, relating to use of unmanned aircraft system to commit a crime or while obstructing certain officials; penalty.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-462.2 as follows:

§ 18.2-462.2. Use of unmanned aircraft system to commit crime; while obstructing certain officials; penalty.

Any person who knowingly uses or attempts to use an unmanned aircraft system as defined in § 19.2-60.1 (i) to commit or attempt to commit a crime, (ii) while obstructing or attempting to obstruct the delivery of emergency medical services by emergency medical services agency personnel, or (iii) while obstructing or attempting to obstruct any law-enforcement officer or animal control officer in the performance of his duties is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. A violation of this section is a separate and distinct offense.