2019 SESSION

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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend and reenact § 18.2-461 of the Code of Virginia, relating to false information and hoax criminal activities; penalty.

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Approved

6 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

7 1. That § 18.2-461 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

8 § 18.2-461. Falsely summoning or giving false reports to law-enforcement officials.

9 It shall be unlawful for any person (i) to knowingly give a false report as to the commission of any 10 crime to any law-enforcement official with intent to mislead; (ii) to knowingly, with the intent to mislead a law-enforcement agency, cause another to give a false report to any law-enforcement official 11 by publicly simulating a violation of Chapter 4 (§ 18.2-30 et seq.) or Chapter 5 (§ 18.2-77 et seq.); or 12 (iii) (iii) without just cause and with intent to interfere with the operations of any law-enforcement 13 14 official, to call or summon any law-enforcement official by telephone or other means, including engagement or activation of an automatic emergency alarm. Violation of the provisions of this section 15 16 shall be punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor.