

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-473.2, relating to covering a*  
3 *security camera in a correctional facility; penalty.*

4 [H 1332]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-473.2 as follows:**8 ***§ 18.2-473.2. Covering a security camera in a correctional facility; penalty.***

9 *A. As used in this section, "security camera" means an analog or digital photographic or video*  
10 *camera or other device capable of recording or transmitting a photograph, motion picture, or other*  
11 *digital image that has been installed in a state or local correctional facility or any juvenile correctional*  
12 *center.*

13 *B. Any person who intentionally covers, removes, damages, renders inoperable, or otherwise*  
14 *obscures a security camera without the permission of the sheriff, jail superintendent, warden, or*  
15 *Director of the Department of Corrections or Department of Juvenile Justice is guilty of a Class 1*  
16 *misdemeanor.*

17 *C. Any person who intentionally covers, removes, damages, renders inoperable, or otherwise*  
18 *obscures a security camera with the intent of inhibiting or preventing a security camera from recording*  
19 *or transmitting a photograph, motion picture, or other digital image of the commission of a felony is*  
20 *guilty of a Class 6 felony.*

21 **2. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment or**  
22 **commitment. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, the estimated amount of the**  
23 **necessary appropriation cannot be determined for periods of imprisonment in state adult**  
24 **correctional facilities; therefore, Chapter 552 of the Acts of Assembly of 2021, Special Session I,**  
25 **requires the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission to assign a minimum fiscal impact of**  
26 **\$50,000. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, the estimated amount of the necessary**  
27 **appropriation cannot be determined for periods of commitment to the custody of the Department**  
28 **of Juvenile Justice.**

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