

# 2023 SESSION

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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1673

Offered January 11, 2023

Prefiled January 9, 2023

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-51.6 of the Code of Virginia, relating to strangulation by blocking or obstructing the airway of another; penalty.*

Patron—Bell

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 18.2-51.6 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 18.2-51.6. Strangulation of another; penalty.**

Any person who, without consent, impedes the blood circulation or respiration of another person by knowingly, intentionally, and unlawfully (i) applying pressure to the neck of such person resulting in the wounding or bodily injury of such person or (ii) blocking or obstructing the airway of such person is guilty of strangulation, a Class 6 felony.

**2. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment or commitment. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation cannot be determined for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities; therefore, Chapter 2 of the Acts of Assembly of 2022, Special Session I, requires the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission to assign a minimum fiscal impact of \$50,000. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation cannot be determined for periods of commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.**

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