

1998 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL NO. 845

Offered January 26, 1998

A BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-1812 of the Code of Virginia, relating to memorials for war veterans.

Patrons—Reid, Abbitt, Armstrong, Baker, Barlow, Croshaw, Davies, Day, Deeds, Diamonstein, Dillard, Drake, Griffith, Hargrove, Howell, Hull, Ingram, Katzen, Kilgore, Marshall, May, McDonnell, Moran, Morgan, Nixon, Plum, Puller, Rollison, Tate, Van Yahres, Wagner, Ware, Wilkins and Woodrum; Senators: Colgan, Hawkins, Holland, Houck, Marye, Miller, K.G., Quayle, Reynolds, Trumbo, Walker and Woods

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.2-1812 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.2-1812. Memorials for war veterans.

A locality may authorize and permit the erection of *Algonquin War (1622), French and Indian War (1754-1763), Revolutionary War (1775-1783), War of 1812 (1812-1815), Mexican War (1846-1848), Confederate War (1861-1865), Spanish-American War (1898), World War I (1917-1918), World War II (1941-1945), Korean War (1950-1953), Vietnam War (1965-1973), and Persian Gulf War (1990-1991)* monuments or memorials ~~or monuments or memorials~~ for any war or engagement of such wars, within the geographical limits of the locality designated in ~~§ 2.1-21~~ upon any of its property. If such are erected, it shall be unlawful for the authorities of the locality, or any other person or persons, to disturb or interfere with any monuments or memorials so erected, or to prevent ~~its~~ the citizens of the Commonwealth from taking proper measures and exercising proper means for the protection, preservation and care of same.

The governing body may appropriate a sufficient sum of money out of its funds to complete or aid in the erection of monuments or memorials to the veterans of such wars. The governing body may also make a special levy to raise the money necessary for the erection or completion of any such monuments or memorials, or to supplement the funds already raised or that may be raised by private persons, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion or other organizations. It may also appropriate, out of any funds of such locality, a sufficient sum of money to permanently care for, protect and preserve such monuments or memorials and may expend the same thereafter as other funds are expended.

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