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HOUSE BILL NO. 123

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee for Courts of Justice

on _____)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Wyatt)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-151.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to destroying, removing, or tampering with firefighting or emergency medical services equipment or law-enforcement vehicles and equipment; penalty.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-151.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-151.1. Injuring, destroying, removing, or tampering with firefighting or emergency medical services equipment or law-enforcement equipment or vehicles; penalty.

Any person who injures, destroys, removes, tampers with, or otherwise interferes with the operation of (i) any equipment or apparatus used for fighting fires or for protecting property or human life by a fire company or fire department, as those terms are defined in § 27-6.01, ~~or~~ (ii) any equipment or vehicle used by emergency medical services personnel, as defined in § 32.1-111.1, or (iii) any emergency medical services vehicle, as defined in § 32.1-111.1, equipment or vehicle used by law-enforcement officers intending to temporarily or permanently prevent the useful operation of such equipment, vehicle, or apparatus is guilty of a ~~Class 1 misdemeanor~~ 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 is _____ for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities; therefore, Chapter 552 of the Acts of Assembly of 2021, 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 is _____ for periods of commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.

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