

# 2022 SESSION

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## HOUSE BILL NO. 554

Offered January 12, 2022

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-23 of the Code of Virginia, relating to larceny of a catalytic converter; penalty.*

Patrons—Hayes; Senator: Spruill

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

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

#### 1. That § 18.2-23 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

##### § 18.2-23. Conspiring to trespass or commit larceny.

A. If any person shall conspire, confederate, or combine with another or others in the Commonwealth to go upon or remain upon the lands, buildings, or premises of another, or any part, portion, or area thereof, having knowledge that any of them have been forbidden, either orally or in writing, to do so by the owner, lessee, custodian, or other person lawfully in charge thereof, or having knowledge that any of them have been forbidden to do so by a sign or signs posted on such lands, buildings, premises, or part, portion, or area thereof at a place or places where it or they may reasonably be seen, he ~~shall be deemed~~ *is* guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

B. If any person shall conspire, confederate, or combine with another or others in the Commonwealth to commit larceny or counsel, assist, aid, or abet another in the performance of a larceny, where the aggregate value of the goods or merchandise involved is \$1,000 or more, he is guilty of a felony punishable by confinement in a state correctional facility for not less than one year nor more than 20 years. *If any person shall conspire, confederate, or combine with another or others in the Commonwealth to commit larceny or counsel, assist, aid, or abet another in the performance of a larceny of a catalytic converter from a motor vehicle where the value of such catalytic converter is less than \$1,000, he is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.* The willful concealment of goods or merchandise of any store or other mercantile establishment, while still on the premises thereof, shall be prima facie evidence of an intent to convert and defraud the owner thereof out of the value of the goods or merchandise. A violation of this subsection constitutes a separate and distinct ~~felony~~ offense.

C. Jurisdiction for the trial of any person charged under this section shall be in the county or city wherein any part of such conspiracy is planned, or in the county or city wherein any act is done toward the consummation of such plan or conspiracy.

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