

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-404.1, relating to obstructing*
 3 *reproductive health care facility; penalties.*

4 [S 137]

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 18.2-404.1 as follows:**

8 **§ 18.2-404.1. Obstructing reproductive health care facility; penalties.**

9 *A. As used in this section, unless the context requires a different meaning:*

10 *"Interfere with" means to restrict a person's freedom of movement.*

11 *"Intimidate" means to place a person in reasonable apprehension of bodily harm to himself or to another*
 12 *person.*

13 *"Physical obstruction" means rendering impassable ingress to or egress from a facility that provides*
 14 *reproductive health services or rendering passage to or from such facility unreasonably or unnecessarily*
 15 *difficult or hazardous to another person.*

16 *"Reproductive health care facility" a facility that provides reproductive health services and includes a*
 17 *hospital, clinic, and physician's office and the building or structure in which the facility is located.*

18 *"Reproductive health services" means reproductive health services provided in a hospital, clinic,*
 19 *physician's office, or other facility and includes any institution, place, building, or agency that is licensed,*
 20 *certified, or otherwise authorized or permitted by law in the Commonwealth to administer or provide medical*
 21 *treatment, including medical, surgical, counseling, or referral services relating to the human reproductive*
 22 *system such as pregnancy or termination of a pregnancy.*

23 *B. Any person who (i) by force or threat of force, or by physical obstruction, intentionally injures,*
 24 *intimidates, or interferes with, or attempts to injure, intimidate, or interfere with, another person because*
 25 *such other person is or has been, or in order to intimidate such person or any other person or any class of*
 26 *persons from, obtaining or providing reproductive health services or (ii) intentionally damages or destroys,*
 27 *or attempts to damage or destroy, a reproductive health care facility because such facility provides*
 28 *reproductive health services is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.*

29 *C. Nothing in this section shall be construed to place any restriction on the content of any message that*
 30 *anyone may wish to communicate to anyone else, either inside or outside the regulated areas.*

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