

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 15.2-1812 of the Code of Virginia, relating to memorials and*
3 *monuments.*

4 [H 587]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 15.2-1812 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 15.2-1812. Memorials for war veterans.**

9 A. A locality may, within the geographical limits of the locality, authorize and permit the erection of
10 monuments or memorials for any war or conflict, or for any engagement of such war or conflict, to
11 include the following monuments or memorials: Algonquin (1622), French and Indian (1754-1763),
12 Revolutionary (1775-1783), War of 1812 (1812-1815), Mexican (1846-1848), Confederate or Union
13 monuments or memorials of the War Between the States (1861-1865), Spanish-American (1898), World
14 War I (1917-1918), World War II (1941-1945), Korean (1950-1953), Vietnam (1965-1973), Operation
15 Desert Shield-Desert Storm (1990-1991), Global War on Terrorism (2000-), Operation Enduring
16 Freedom (2001-), and Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003-).

17 ~~If such are erected, it~~ B. It shall be unlawful for the authorities of the locality, or any other person or
18 persons, to disturb or interfere with any *such* monuments or memorials so erected, or to prevent its
19 citizens from taking proper measures and exercising proper means for the protection, preservation and
20 care of same. For purposes of this section, "disturb or interfere with" includes removal of, damaging or
21 defacing monuments or memorials, or, in the case of the War Between the States, the placement of
22 Union markings or monuments on previously designated Confederate memorials or the placement of
23 Confederate markings or monuments on previously designated Union memorials. *The provisions of this*
24 *subsection shall apply to all such monuments and memorials, regardless of when erected.*

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