

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2000 SESSION

CHAPTER 229

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 15.2-1113 and 15.2-1209 of the Code of Virginia, relating to discharge of firearms.

[H 521]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 15.2-1113 and 15.2-1209 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.2-1113. Dangerous, etc., business or employment; transportation of offensive substances; explosive or inflammable substances; fireworks.

A municipal corporation may regulate or prohibit the conduct of any dangerous, offensive or unhealthful business, trade or employment; the transportation of any offensive substance; the manufacture, storage, transportation, possession and use of any explosive or inflammable substance; and the use and exhibition of fireworks and the discharge of firearms. A municipal corporation may also require the maintenance of safety devices on storage equipment for such substances or items.

Any municipal corporation that regulates or prohibits the discharge of firearms shall provide an exemption for the killing of deer pursuant to § 29.1-529. Such exemption shall apply on land of at least five acres that is zoned for agricultural use.

§ 15.2-1209. Prohibiting shooting of firearms or air-operated or gas-operated weapons in certain areas.

Any county may prohibit the shooting of firearms or air-operated or gas-operated weapons in any areas of the county which are in the opinion of the governing body so heavily populated as to make such conduct dangerous to the inhabitants thereof.

Any county that prohibits the firing of firearms shall provide an exemption for the killing of deer pursuant to § 29.1-529. Such exemption shall apply on land of at least five acres that is zoned for agricultural use.