

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2002 SESSION

## CHAPTER 182

*An Act to amend and reenact § 53.1-127.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to stores or commissaries in local correctional facilities.*

[S 687]

Approved March 22, 2002

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

**1. That § 53.1-127.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 53.1-127.1. Establishment of stores in local correctional facilities.

Each sheriff who operates a correctional facility is authorized to provide for the establishment and operation of a store or commissary to deal in such articles as he deems proper. The net profits from the operation of such store shall be used within the facility for educational, recreational or other purposes for the benefit of the inmates as may be prescribed by the sheriff. The sheriff shall be the purchasing agent in all matters involving the commissary and nonappropriated funds received from inmates. *The funds from such operation of a store or commissary and from the inmate telephone services account shall be considered public funds.*

**2. That the provisions of this act are declaratory of existing law.**