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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1150

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-915 of the Code of Virginia, relating to control of firearms and ammunition.*

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Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety

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

#### **1. That § 15.2-915 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 15.2-915. Control of firearms; applicability to authorities and local governmental agencies.

~~From and after January 1, 1987, no~~ No locality shall adopt any ordinance, resolution or motion, as permitted by § 15.2-1425, and no agent of such locality shall take any administrative action, governing the purchase, possession, transfer, ownership, *storage*, carrying or transporting of firearms, ammunition, or components or combination thereof other than those expressly authorized by statute. For purposes of this section, a statute that does not refer to firearms, ammunition, or components or combination thereof, shall not be construed to provide express authorization.

~~Nothing in this section shall affect the validity or invalidity of any ordinance, resolution or motion adopted prior to January 1, 1987.~~ Nothing in this section shall prohibit a locality from adopting workplace rules relating to terms and conditions of employment of the workforce. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a law-enforcement officer, as defined in § 9.1-101 from acting within the scope of his duties. No person may be prosecuted or convicted of a violation of any ordinance regulating the possession, carrying, *storage*, or transportation of a firearm if he is (i) possessing, carrying, *storing*, or transporting the firearm without violating any provision of Title 18.2 and he has a valid concealed handgun permit issued pursuant to § 18.2-308 or (ii) otherwise transporting the firearm in a lawful manner.

The provisions of this section applicable to a locality shall also apply to any authority or to a local governmental entity, including a department or agency, but not including any local or regional jail or juvenile detention facility.

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