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### SENATE BILL NO. 615

Offered January 21, 2004

*A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 53.1-27, 53.1-115.2 and 53.1-127.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to establishment of stores in correctional facilities; use of profits.*

Patrons—Bell, Deeds and Ticer

Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

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

**1. That §§ 53.1-27, 53.1-115.2 and 53.1-127.1 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 53.1-27. Establishment of stores in state correctional facilities.

The Director is hereby authorized to provide for the establishment and operation of stores or commissaries in state correctional facilities to deal in such articles as he deems proper. The profits from the operation of such stores shall be used for educational, recreational, *prerelease and postrelease employment and housing assistance*, or other purposes beneficial to the inmate population as may be prescribed by the Director.

§ 53.1-115.2. Establishment of stores in regional jails and regional jail farms.

The superintendent of a regional jail or regional jail farm may, with the approval of the governing regional jail or jail farm board or jail authority, provide for the establishment and operation of stores or commissaries in regional jail or regional jail farm facilities to deal in such articles as he deems proper. The net profits from the operation of such stores shall be used within each facility respectively for educational, recreational, *prerelease and postrelease employment and housing assistance*, or other beneficial purposes as may be prescribed by the superintendent.

§ 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, *prerelease and postrelease employment and housing assistance*, 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.

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