

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-287.01, relating to weapons*  
3 *in airports.*

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5 Approved

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

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-287.01 as follows:**

8 *§ 18.2-287.01. Carrying weapon in air carrier airport terminal.*

9 *It shall be unlawful for any person to possess or transport into any air carrier airport terminal in*  
10 *the Commonwealth any (i) gun or other weapon designed or intended to propel a missile or projectile*  
11 *of any kind, (ii) frame, receiver, muffler, silencer, missile, projectile or ammunition designed for use*  
12 *with a dangerous weapon, and (iii) any other dangerous weapon, including explosives, tasers, stun*  
13 *weapons and those weapons specified in subsection A of §18.2-308. Any such weapon shall be subject to*  
14 *seizure by a law-enforcement officer. A violation of this section is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor.*  
15 *Any weapon possessed or transported in violation of this section shall be forfeited to the Commonwealth*  
16 *and disposed of as provided in subsection A of § 18.2-308.*

17 *The provisions of this section shall not apply to any police officer, sheriff, law-enforcement agent or*  
18 *official, or game warden, or conservator of the peace employed by the air carrier airport, nor shall the*  
19 *provisions of this section apply to any passenger of an airline who, to the extent otherwise permitted by*  
20 *law, transports a lawful firearm, weapon, or ammunition into or out of an air carrier airport terminal*  
21 *for the sole purposes, respectively, of (i) presenting such firearm, weapon, or ammunition to U.S.*  
22 *Customs agents in advance of an international flight, in order to comply with federal law, (ii) checking*  
23 *such firearm, weapon, or ammunition with his luggage, or (iii) retrieving such firearm, weapon, or*  
24 *ammunition from the baggage claim area.*

25 *Any other statute, rule, regulation, or ordinance specifically addressing the possession or*  
26 *transportation of weapons in any airport in the Commonwealth shall be invalid, and this section shall*  
27 *control.*

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