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**SENATE BILL NO. 660****FLOOR AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**(Proposed by Delegate Shuler  
on March 9, 2004)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Stolle)

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-287.01, relating to weapons in airports.*

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-287.01 as follows:**

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

*It shall be unlawful for any person to possess or transport into any air carrier airport terminal in the Commonwealth any (i) gun or other weapon designed or intended to propel a missile or projectile of any kind, (ii) frame, receiver, muffler, silencer, missile, projectile or ammunition designed for use with a dangerous weapon, and (iii) explosives, tasers, stun weapons and those weapons specified in subsection A of §18.2-308. Any such weapon shall be subject to seizure by a law-enforcement officer. A violation of this section is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor. Any weapon possessed or transported in violation of this section shall be forfeited to the Commonwealth and disposed of as provided in § 18.2-310.*

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

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

*As used in this section, "air carrier airport terminal" means the area of the airport property that provides passengers access to boarding aircraft and to which access generally is controlled by security provided by an air carrier or the airport authority through the screening of persons and property.*