

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2005 SESSION

## CHAPTER 544

*An Act to amend and reenact § 15.2-917 of the Code of Virginia, relating to shooting ranges.*

[H 2282]

Approved March 22, 2005

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

**1. That § 15.2-917 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 15.2-917. Applicability of local noise ordinances to certain sport shooting ranges.

No local ordinance regulating *any* noise shall subject a sport shooting range to noise control standards more stringent than those in effect at the time the construction or operation of the range initially was approved, *or at the time any application was submitted for the construction or operation of the range*. The operation or use of a sport shooting range shall not be enjoined on the basis of noise, nor shall any person be subject to action for nuisance or criminal prosecution in any matter relating to noise resulting from the operation of the range, if the range is in compliance with all ordinances relating to noise in effect at the time construction or operation of the range was approved, *or at the time any application was submitted for the construction or operation of the range*.

For purposes of this section, "sport shooting range" means an area or structure designed for the use of rifles, shotguns, pistols, silhouettes, skeet, trap, black powder, or any other similar sport shooting.