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HOUSE BILL NO. 704

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety
on February 10, 2006)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Hogan)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-1210 of the Code of Virginia and to repeal § 15.2-1209 of the Code of Virginia, relating to hunting and the discharge of firearms.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.2-1210 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.2-1210. Prohibiting hunting and the discharge of firearms in certain areas.

Any county may by ordinance prohibit all hunting with firearms or other weapons *and the discharge of firearms* in, or within one-half mile of, any subdivision or other area of such county which, in the opinion of the governing body, is so heavily populated as to make such hunting dangerous to the inhabitants thereof. Any such ordinance shall clearly describe each area in which hunting *or the discharge of firearms* is prohibited, and shall further provide that appropriate signs shall be erected designating the boundaries of such area. *However, no county shall adopt any ordinance, resolution, or motion that is more restrictive in the regulation of the discharge of firearms than has been adopted for hunting with firearms or other weapons under this section. Any ordinance adopted after January 1, 1995, governing the discharge of firearms or hunting that is more restrictive than the provisions of this section shall be null and void.*

2. That § 15.2-1209 of the Code of Virginia is repealed.

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