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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2998**

House Amendments in [ ] - February 5, 2007

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-308.2:02, relating to purchase and possession of handguns by certain individuals.*

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Scott, J.M.

Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-308.2:02 as follows:**

*§ 18.2-308.2:02. Possession of firearms by certain persons who have had parental rights terminated; penalty.*

*It shall be unlawful for any person who has had his parental rights terminated pursuant to § 16.1-283, based upon a finding that he has subjected any child to aggravated circumstances, to purchase, possess, or transport any firearm. A violation of this section shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor.*

*For purposes of this section, "aggravated circumstances" means torture, chronic or severe abuse, or chronic or severe sexual abuse, if the victim of such conduct was a child of the parent or a child with whom the parent resided at the time such conduct occurred [ ; including the failure to protect such a child from such conduct, which conduct or failure to protect: (i) evinces a wanton or depraved indifference to human life, or (ii) has resulted in the death of such a child or in serious bodily injury to such a child ] .*

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