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SENATE BILL NO. 1007

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-283.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to possession of weapons; law-enforcement facilities.

Patrons—Saslaw, Howell, Puller and Ticer; Delegates: Amundson, Bulova, Caputo, Ebbin, Marsden, Plum, Rust, Scott, J.M. and Watts

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-283.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-283.1. Carrying weapon into courthouse or law-enforcement facility.

It shall be unlawful for any person to possess in or transport into any courthouse or law-enforcement facility in this 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) any other dangerous weapon, including 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.

For purposes of this section, "law-enforcement facility" means any facility that is owned or leased by the Commonwealth or a politicial subdivision thereof and that is operated by a law-enforcement agency and used primarily by law-enforcement officers.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to any police officer, sheriff, law-enforcement agent or official, game warden, conservator of the peace, magistrate, court officer, or judge while in the conduct of such person's official duties.