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HOUSE BILL NO. 1277

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 4 of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2 a section numbered 18.2-287.5, relating to the possession of firearms on Capitol Square.

Patron—Spruill

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 in Article 4 of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2 a section numbered 18.2-287.5 as follows:

§ 18.2-287.5. Possession of firearms on Capitol Square prohibited; penalty.

Any person who carries a firearm on Capitol Square is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any sworn law-enforcement officer or licensed security guard while in the performance of his official duties.

For purposes of this section, "Capitol Square" means the grounds in that area in the City of Richmond bounded by Bank, Governor, Broad, and Ninth Streets, and the interior of the State Capitol, the Patrick Henry Building, and the General Assembly Building.

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