

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-915.5, relating to disposition  
3 of firearms.

4 [H 22]  
5 Approved

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

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-915.5 as follows:**

8 *§ 15.2-915.5. Disposition of firearms acquired by localities.*

9 *A. No locality or agent of such locality may participate in any program in which individuals are*  
10 *given a thing of value provided by another individual or other entity in exchange for surrendering a*  
11 *firearm to the locality or agent of such locality unless the governing body of the locality has enacted an*  
12 *ordinance, pursuant to § 15.2-1425, authorizing the participation of the locality or agent of such locality*  
13 *in such program.*

14 *B. Any ordinance enacted pursuant to this section shall require that any firearm received, except a*  
15 *firearm of the type defined in § 18.2-288 or 18.2-299, shall be offered for sale by public auction or*  
16 *sealed bids to a person licensed as a dealer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 921 et seq. Notice of the date,*  
17 *time, and place of sale shall be given by advertisement in at least two newspapers published and having*  
18 *general circulation in the Commonwealth, at least one of which shall have general circulation in the*  
19 *locality in which the property to be sold is located. At least 30 days shall elapse between publication of*  
20 *the notice and the auction or the date on which sealed bids will be opened. Any firearm remaining in*  
21 *possession of the locality or agent of the locality after attempts to sell at public auction or by sealed*  
22 *bids shall be disposed of in a manner the locality deems proper, which may include destruction of the*  
23 *firearm or, subject to any registration requirements of federal law, sale of the firearm to a licensed*  
24 *dealer.*

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