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SENATE BILL NO. 904

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE (Proposed by the House Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety on February 17, 2017)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Obenshain)

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 18.2-283.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to commissioners and deputy commissioners of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission; carrying a weapon in a courthouse.

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.

It shall be is unlawful for any person to possess in or transport into any courthouse in this Commonwealth any (i) gun or other weapon designed or intended to propel a missile or projectile of any kind₇; (ii) frame, receiver, muffler, silencer, missile, projectile, or ammunition designed for use with a dangerous weapon and; or (iii) any other dangerous weapon, including explosives, stun weapons as defined in § 18.2-308.1, 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.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to any police officer, sheriff, law-enforcement agent or official, conservation police officer, conservator of the peace, magistrate, court officer, judge, or city or county treasurer, or commissioner or deputy commissioner of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission while in the conduct of such person's official duties.