

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2020 SESSION

CHAPTER 144

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 15 of Title 15.2 a section numbered 15.2-1512.5, relating to authority of local government employees to issue summonses for misdemeanor violations of certain local ordinances.

[H 1213]

Approved March 4, 2020

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 15 of Title 15.2 a section numbered 15.2-1512.5 as follows:

§ 15.2-1512.5. Authority of local government employees to issue summonses for misdemeanor violations of certain local ordinances.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a locality may appoint and train local government employees to enforce local ordinances within the scope of the employee's employment by issuing summonses for misdemeanor violations of ordinances, except those offenses listed in Title 18.2 or Chapter 8 (§ 46.2-800 et seq.) of Title 46.2 or those violations of local ordinances for offenses that are substantially similar to such offenses. Such employees shall not have the power and authority of constables at common law; their power shall be limited to issuing such summonses in their locality.