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HOUSE BILL NO. 669

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-308.01 of the Code of Virginia, relating to carrying concealed handgun with a permit; employees of any agency of the Commonwealth or political subdivision thereof.*

Patrons—Cole, M.L.; Senators: Chase, Peake and Vogel

Referred to Committee on Public Safety

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-308.01 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-308.01. Carrying a concealed handgun with a permit.

A. The prohibition against carrying a concealed handgun in clause (i) of subsection A of § 18.2-308 shall not apply to a person who has a valid concealed handgun permit issued pursuant to this article. The person issued the permit shall have such permit on his person at all times during which he is carrying a concealed handgun and shall display the permit and a photo identification issued by a government agency of the Commonwealth or by the U.S. Department of Defense or U.S. State Department (passport) upon demand by a law-enforcement officer. A person to whom a nonresident permit is issued shall have such permit on his person at all times when he is carrying a concealed handgun in the Commonwealth and shall display the permit on demand by a law-enforcement officer. A person whose permit is extended due to deployment shall carry with him and display, upon request of a law-enforcement officer, a copy of the documents required by subsection B of § 18.2-308.010.

B. Failure to display the permit and a photo identification upon demand by a law-enforcement officer shall be punishable by a \$25 civil penalty, which shall be paid into the state treasury. Any attorney for the Commonwealth of the county or city in which the alleged violation occurred may bring an action to recover the civil penalty. A court may waive such penalty upon presentation to the court of a valid permit and a government-issued photo identification. Any law-enforcement officer may issue a summons for the civil violation of failure to display the concealed handgun permit and photo identification upon demand.

C. The granting of a concealed handgun permit pursuant to this article shall not thereby authorize the possession of any handgun or other weapon on property or in places where such possession is otherwise prohibited by law or is prohibited by the owner of private property.

D. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or any rule, regulation, or workplace policy to the contrary, an employee of any agency of the Commonwealth or a political subdivision thereof with a valid concealed handgun permit issued pursuant to this article may possess or carry a concealed handgun at his workplace.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision 1, any agency of the Commonwealth or a political subdivision thereof may prohibit employees from possessing or carrying a concealed handgun at his workplace only if such agency of the Commonwealth or a political subdivision thereof has employed (i) law-enforcement officers as defined in § 9.1-101 or (ii) armed security officers, licensed pursuant to Article 4 (§ 9.1-138 et seq.) of Chapter 1 of Title 9.1, to provide security and protection at such workplace, and such officers are stationed within the workplace building during operating hours.

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