

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 54.1-4201.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to firearms shows;*
3 *mandatory background check.*

4 [S 543]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 54.1-4201.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 54.1-4201.2. Firearm transactions by persons other than dealers; mandatory background**
9 **checks.**

10 A. The Department of State Police shall be available at every firearms show held in the
11 Commonwealth ~~to~~ *and shall* make determinations in accordance with the procedures set out in
12 § 18.2-308.2:2 of whether a prospective purchaser or transferee is prohibited under state or federal law
13 from possessing a firearm *prior to the completion of any firearm transaction at a firearms show held in*
14 *the Commonwealth.* The Department of State Police shall establish policies and procedures in accordance
15 with 28 C.F.R. § 25.6 to permit such determinations to be made by the Department of State Police.

16 ~~Unless otherwise required by state or federal law, any party involved in the transaction may decide~~
17 ~~whether or not to have such a determination made.~~

18 The Department of State Police may charge a reasonable fee for the determination.

19 B. The promoter, as defined in § 54.1-4201.1, shall give the Department of State Police notice of the
20 time and location of a firearms show at least 30 days prior to the show. The promoter shall provide the
21 Department of State Police with adequate space, at no charge, to conduct such prohibition
22 determinations. The promoter shall ensure that a notice that such determinations are available is
23 prominently displayed at the show.

24 C. No person who sells or transfers a firearm at a firearms show after receiving a determination from
25 the Department of State Police that the purchaser or transferee is not prohibited by state or federal law
26 from possessing a firearm shall be liable for selling or transferring a firearm to such person.

27 D. The provisions of § 18.2-308.2:2, including definitions, procedures, and prohibitions, shall apply,
28 *mutatis mutandis*, to the provisions of this section.