

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 53.1-127 of the Code of Virginia, relating to local correctional facilities;*  
3 *entry privileges.*

4 [S 673]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 53.1-127 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 53.1-127. Who may enter interior of local correctional facilities; searches of those entering.**

9 A. Members of the local governing bodies that participate in the funding of a local correctional  
10 facility may go into the interior of that facility. ~~Agents~~ *The Governor, members of the General*  
11 *Assembly, and agents* of the Board may go into the interior of any local correctional facility. In addition,  
12 Department of Corrections staff and state and local health department staff shall, in the performance of  
13 their duties, have access to the interior of any local correctional facility subject to the standards  
14 promulgated pursuant to subsections A and B of § 53.1-68. Attorneys shall be permitted in the interior  
15 of a local correctional facility to confer with prisoners who are their clients and with prisoners who are  
16 witnesses in cases in which they are involved. Except for the announced or unannounced inspections  
17 authorized pursuant to subsections A and B of § 53.1-68 or a review conducted pursuant to § 53.1-69.1,  
18 the sheriff, jail administrator, or other person in charge of the facility shall prescribe the time and  
19 conditions under which attorneys and other persons may enter the local correctional facility for which he  
20 is responsible.

21 B. Any person seeking to enter the interior of any local correctional facility shall be subject to a  
22 search of his person and effects. Such search shall be performed in a manner reasonable under the  
23 circumstances and may be a condition precedent to entering a local correctional facility.

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