

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1994 SESSION

## CHAPTER 18

*An Act to amend and reenact §§ 18.2-286 and 29.1-521.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to shooting in or across road or in street; penalties.*

[H 163]

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**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That §§ 18.2-286 and 29.1-521.2 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 18.2-286. Shooting in or across road or in street.

If any person ~~discharge~~ *discharges* a firearm, *crossbow or bow and arrow* in or across any road, or within the right-of-way thereof, or in a street of any city or town, he shall, for each offense, be guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to firing ranges or shooting matches maintained, and supervised or approved, by law-enforcement officers and military personnel in performance of their lawful duties.

§ 29.1-521.2. Violation of § 18.2-286 while hunting; forfeiture of certain weapons; revocation of license.

A. Any firearm, *crossbow or bow and arrow* used by any person to hunt any game bird or game animal in a manner which violates § 18.2-286 may, upon conviction of such person violating § 18.2-286, be forfeited to the Commonwealth by order of the court trying the case. The forfeiture shall be enforced as provided in Chapter 22 (§ 19.2-369 et seq.) of Title 19.2. The officer or other person seizing the property shall immediately give notice to the attorney for the Commonwealth.

B. The court may revoke the current hunting license, if any, of a person hunting any game bird or game animal ~~with a firearm~~ in a manner that constitutes a violation of § 18.2-286. The court may prohibit the issuance of any hunting license to that person for a period of up to five years. If found hunting during this prohibited period, the person shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. Notification of such revocation or prohibition shall be forwarded to the Department pursuant to subsection C of § 18.2-56.1.