

1994 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL NO. 563

House Amendments in [] — February 14, 1994

A BILL to amend and reenact § 19.2-83 of the Code of Virginia, relating to police officer's right to stop and frisk a suspect.

Patrons—Reynolds and Armstrong; Senator: Goode

Referred to Committee on Militia and Police

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 19.2-83 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 19.2-83. Authority of police officers to stop, question and search suspicious persons.

Any police officer may detain a person in a public place [whom ~~who~~] he reasonably suspects is committing, has committed or is about to commit a ~~felony or possesses a concealed weapon in violation of § 18.2-308 a crime~~, and may require of such person his name and address. Provided further, that such police officer may, if he reasonably believes that such person intends to do him bodily harm, search his person for a dangerous weapon, and if such person is found illegally to possess a dangerous weapon, the police officer shall take possession of the same and dispose of it as is provided by law.

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