

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1995 SESSION

## CHAPTER 284

*An Act to amend and reenact § 15.1-518 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.1-518.2, relating to the use of bows.*

[H 600]

Approved March 16, 1995

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

**1. That § 15.1-518 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.1-518.2 as follows:**

§ 15.1-518. Prohibiting shooting of firearms or air-operated or gas-operated weapons in certain areas.

Any county may prohibit the shooting of firearms or air-operated or gas-operated weapons in any areas of the county which are in the opinion of the board of supervisors so heavily populated as to make such conduct dangerous to the inhabitants thereof.

~~Any county may prohibit a person from shooting a compound bow, crossbow, longbow or recurve bow at or upon the property of another without permission.~~

§ 15.1-518.2. *Prohibiting shooting of compound bows, crossbows, longbows and recurve bows.*

*Any county may prohibit the shooting of an arrow from a bow in a manner that can be reasonably expected to result in the impact of the arrow upon the property of another without permission from the owner, fee holder or tenant of the property where the arrow is expected to impact. For the purposes of this section, "bow" includes all compound bows, crossbows, longbows and recurve bows having a peak draw weight of ten pounds or more. The term "bow" does not include bows which have a peak draw of less than ten pounds or which are designed or intended to be used principally as toys. The term "arrow" means a shaft-like projectile intended to be shot from a bow.*