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HOUSE BILL NO. 1006

Offered January 25, 1994

A BILL to amend and reenact § 15.1-29.20 of the Code of Virginia, relating to local noise ordinances.

Patrons—Morgan, Almand, Christian, Connally, Cooper, Crittenden, Grayson, Hull, Parrish and Scott;
Senators: Andrews, Maxwell and Norment

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.1-29.20 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.1-29.20. Applicability of local noise ordinances to certain sport shooting ranges.

No local ordinance regulating noise shall subject a sport shooting range to noise control standards more stringent than those in effect at the time the construction or operation of the range initially was approved. The operation or use of a sport shooting range shall not be enjoined on the basis of noise, nor shall any person be subject to action for nuisance or criminal prosecution in any matter relating to noise resulting from the operation of the range, if the range is in compliance with all ordinances relating to noise in effect at the time construction or operation of the range was approved. *The provisions of this section shall not apply to any county having a population between 40,000 and 45,000.*

For purposes of this section, "sport shooting range" means an area or structure designed for the use of rifles, shotguns, pistols, silhouettes, skeet, trap, black powder, or any other similar sport shooting.

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