

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 53.1-1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to definitions; prisons.*

3 [H 1877]

4 Approved

5 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**6 **1. That § 53.1-1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

7 § 53.1-1. Definitions.

8 As used in this title unless the context requires otherwise or it is otherwise provided:

9 "Board" or "State Board" means the State Board of Corrections.

10 "Community correctional facility" means any group home, halfway house or other physically
11 unrestricting facility used for the housing, treatment or care of adult offenders established or operated
12 with funds appropriated to the Department of Corrections from the state treasury and maintained or
13 operated by any political subdivision, combination of political subdivisions or privately operated agency
14 within the Commonwealth.15 "Correctional officer" means a duly sworn employee of the Department of Corrections whose normal
16 duties relate to maintaining immediate control, supervision and custody of prisoners confined in any
17 state correctional facility.

18 "Department" means the Department of Corrections.

19 "*Deputy sheriff*" means a duly sworn officer appointed by a sheriff pursuant to § 15.1-48 whose
20 normal duties include, but are not limited to, maintaining immediate control, supervision and custody of
21 prisoners confined in any local correctional facility and may include those duties of a jail officer.

22 "Director" means the Director of the Department of Corrections.

23 "Jail officer" means a duly sworn employee of a local correctional facility, except for deputy sheriffs,
24 whose normal duties relate to maintaining immediate control, supervision and custody of prisoners
25 confined in any local correctional facility. This definition in no way limits any authority otherwise
26 granted to a duly sworn deputy sheriff whose duties may include those of a jail officer.27 "Local correctional facility" means any jail, jail farm or other place used for the detention or
28 incarceration of adult offenders, excluding a lock-up, which is owned, maintained or operated by any
29 political subdivision or combination of political subdivisions of the Commonwealth.30 "Lock-up" means a facility whose primary use is to detain persons for a short period of time as
31 determined by the Board.32 "State correctional facility" means any correctional center or correctional field unit used for the
33 incarceration of adult offenders established and operated by the Department of Corrections. This term
34 shall include "penitentiary" whenever used in this title or other titles of the Code.

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