

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1996 SESSION

CHAPTER 804

An Act to amend and reenact § 53.1-29 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the use of force by correctional officers.

[S 222]

Approved April 7, 1996

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 53.1-29 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 53.1-29. Authority for correctional officers and other employees to carry weapons.

It shall be lawful for any correctional officer and any noncustodial employee who has been designated by the Director of the Department, and who has completed the basic course in firearms for correctional officers as approved by the Department of Criminal Justice Services, to carry and use sufficient weapons to prevent escapes, suppress rebellion, and *to defend himself or others in the course of his assigned duties.*