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HOUSE BILL NO. 175

Offered January 10, 1996

A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-283.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to carrying weapons into certain local facilities; penalty.

Patrons—Hull, Almand, Christian, Connally, Cunningham, Darner, Jones, D.C., Jones, J.C., Keating, Moran, Plum, Puller, Robinson, Scott, Spruill and Watts

Referred to Committee on Militia and Police

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-283.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-283.1. Carrying weapon into courthouse or other local facility.

It shall be unlawful for any person to possess in or transport into any courthouse *or local facility* in this Commonwealth any (i) gun or other weapon designed or intended to propel a missile or projectile of any kind, (ii) frame, receiver, muffler, silencer, missile, projectile or ammunition designed for use with a dangerous weapon and (iii) ~~any~~ other dangerous weapon, including explosives, tasers, stun weapons and those weapons specified in subsection A of § 18.2-308. Any such weapon shall be subject to seizure by a law-enforcement officer. A violation of this section is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor, and upon the person's conviction, the weapon seized shall be forfeited to the Commonwealth and disposed of as provided in subsection A of § 18.2-308.

For purposes of this section, "local facility" means any building or part of a building that is owned, leased or managed by a county, city or town.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to any police officer, sheriff, law-enforcement agent or official, game warden, conservator of the peace, magistrate, court officer, or judge while in the conduct of such person's official duties.

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