

 HOUSE BILL NO. 983 Offered January 22, 1996

A BILL to amend and reenact § 15.1-29.15 of the Code of Virginia, relating to ordinances governing firearms.

Patron—Robinson

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.1-29.15 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.1-29.15. Control of firearms.

From and after January 1, 1987, no county, city or town shall adopt any ordinance to govern the purchase, possession, transfer, ownership, carrying or transporting of firearms, ammunition, or components or combination thereof other than those expressly authorized by statute.

Nothing in this section shall affect the validity or invalidity of any ordinance adopted prior to January 1, 1987, except that any such ordinance which (i) regulates the carrying of concealed weapons or the issuance of permits therefor and (ii) does so in any respect differently from the provisions of Article 7 (§ 18.2-308 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2 is null and void. Nothing in this section shall have any effect on any pending litigation.