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SENATE BILL NO. 100**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**

(Proposed by the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice
on February 11, 1996)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Gartlan)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-283.2, relating to possessing or carrying a dangerous weapon in police stations; penalty.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-283.2 as follows:**

§ 18.2-283.2. Possessing or carrying dangerous weapons into police station; penalty.

Notwithstanding the provisions of § 15.1-29.15, the governing body of any county that has adopted the urban county executive form of government may, by ordinance, make it unlawful for any person to possess a dangerous weapon in a police station or to transport a dangerous weapon into a police station. Notice of any such ordinance shall be posted at each public entrance to each police station that is within the scope of any such ordinance. A violation of such an ordinance shall be punishable as a Class 3 misdemeanor, and upon conviction, any weapon seized shall be forfeited to the county and disposed of in accordance with law.

For the purposes of this section, the term "dangerous weapon" means those weapons specified in § 18.2-283.1 or subsection A of § 18.2-308.

No such ordinance shall apply to the following individuals who are carrying dangerous weapons while conducting official business: (i) any law-enforcement officer, as defined by § 9-169; (ii) any game warden, animal warden or deputy animal warden; (iii) any special police officer; or (iv) any magistrate, court officer or judge. Nothing in any such ordinance shall affect § 18.2-283.1.