

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1997 SESSION

CHAPTER 34

An Act to amend and reenact § 19.2-12 of the Code of Virginia, relating to conservators of the peace.

[H 1620]

Approved March 2, 1997

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 19.2-12 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 19.2-12. Who are conservators of the peace.

Every judge throughout the Commonwealth and every magistrate within the geographical area for which he is appointed or elected, shall be a conservator of the peace. In addition, every commissioner in chancery, while sitting as such commissioner, ~~and~~ any special agent *or law-enforcement officer* of the United States Department of Justice, National Marine Fisheries Service of the United States Department of Commerce, Department of Treasury, Department of Agriculture, Department of State, and Department of Interior, any inspector, law-enforcement official or police personnel of the United States Postal Inspection Service and any United States marshal or deputy United States marshal whose duties involve the enforcement of the criminal laws of the United States, any officer of the Virginia Marine Patrol, any criminal investigator of the United States Department of Labor, and any special agent of the United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service shall be a conservator of the peace, while engaged in the performance of their official duties.