

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1997 SESSION

CHAPTER 550

An Act to amend and reenact § 15.1-29.15 of the Code of Virginia, relating to carrying concealed weapons; ordinances.

[H 2490]

Approved March 19, 1997

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. Nothing in this section shall have any effect on any pending litigation. *However, no person may be prosecuted or convicted of a violation of any ordinance regulating the transportation of a firearm if he is (i) in lawful possession of the firearm and he has a valid concealed handgun permit issued pursuant to § 18.2-308 or (ii) otherwise transporting the firearm in a lawful manner.*