

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1997 SESSION

CHAPTER 604

An Act to amend and reenact § 15.1-159.7 of the Code of Virginia, relating to law-enforcement mutual aid agreements.

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Approved March 20, 1997

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.1-159.7 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.1-159.7. Mutual aid agreements among governing bodies of contiguous counties, cities, towns and institutions of higher learning.

The governing bodies of counties, cities, towns and state-supported institutions of higher learning having a police force appointed pursuant to § 23-233, *as well as sheriffs with law-enforcement authority within localities without a police force*, or any combination thereof whose boundaries are contiguous, by proper resolutions, may enter in and become a party to contracts or mutual aid agreements for the use of their joint police *or other law-enforcement* forces, both regular and auxiliary, their equipment and materials to maintain peace and good order. Any police *or other law-enforcement* officer, regular or auxiliary, while performing his duty under any such contract or agreement, shall have the same authority in any county, city, or town as he has within the county, city, or town where he was appointed.

In counties where no police department has been established, the sheriff may, in his discretion, enter into mutual aid agreements as provided by this section.