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## **HOUSE BILL NO. 1088**

Offered January 22, 1996

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-77.1:1, relating to disarming a law-enforcement officer.

Patrons—Weatherholtz (By Request), Albo, Landes and Wardrup

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-57.1:1 as follows:

§ 18.2-57.1:1. Disarming a law enforcement officer; penalty.

Any individual who knows or has reason to know a person is a law-enforcement officer and who, while such officer is acting within the scope of his duties, (i) knowingly removes a firearm from the possession of the officer or deprives the officer of the use of the firearm is guilty of a Class 4 felony, or (ii) knowingly removes a chemical irritant weapon, stun weapon or impact weapon from the possession of the officer or deprives the officer of the use of the weapon is guilty of a Class 5 felony.