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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2490**

House Amendments in [ ] — February 3, 1997

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

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Referred to Committee on Militia and Police

**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~~ *This section shall not affect the validity or invalidity of any ordinance adopted prior to January 1, 1987, except that no such ordinance governing carrying concealed weapons shall be valid.* ~~Nothing in this section shall have any effect on any pending litigation.~~ 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. ]*

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