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**SENATE BILL NO. 643** 

Offered January 8, 1997 Prefiled September 9, 1996

A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-308.1:4. of the Code of Virginia, relating to carrying a firearm while subject to a protective order; penalty.

Patron—Newman

Referred to the Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-308.1:4. of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-308.1:4. Purchase or transportation of firearm by persons subject to protective orders; penalty. A. It shall be unlawful for any person who is subject to (i) a protective order entered pursuant to §§ 16.1-253, 16.1-253.1, 16.1-253.4, or § 16.1-279.1, (ii) an order issued pursuant to subsection b of § 20-103 or (iii) an order entered pursuant to subsection E of § 18.2-60.3 to purchase or transport any firearm while the order is in effect. A violation of this subsection shall be punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor. However, upon petition to the court issuing the order, and for good cause shown, the court may allow a law-enforcement officer to transport a firearm during the performance of his duty.

B. Any firearm purchased or transported in violation of this section shall be forfeited to the Commonwealth and disposed of as provided in § 18.2-310.