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HOUSE BILL NO. 351

Offered January 15, 1998

A BILL to amend and reenact § 7, as amended, of Chapter 598 of the 1985 Acts of Assembly, relating to the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

Patrons—Mims, Almand, Darner and May

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 7, as amended, of Chapter 598 of the Acts of Assembly of 1985 is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 7. Police.

A. The Commonwealth hereby grants, accepts and agrees to concurrent police power authority over the Metropolitan Washington Airports as provided in Section 6009 (c) of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Act of 1986.

B. The Authority is authorized to establish and maintain a regular police force and to confer police powers to be exercised with respect to offenses occurring on the Authority Facilities upon its employees meeting the minimum requirements of the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

Such police officers shall have all powers vested in police officers under Chapter 3 17 of Title 45.1 15.2, Chapter 11 of Title 16.1, Title 18.2, Title 19.2 and Title 46.1 46.2 of the Code of Virginia *as it may be amended from time to time* and shall be responsible upon the Authority Facilities and within 300 yards of the Facilities for enforcing the laws of the Commonwealth, the Authority's rules and regulations and all other applicable ordinances, rules, and regulations.

Such police officers may issue summons to appear, or arrest on view or on information without warrant as permitted by law, and conduct before any judicial officer of competent jurisdiction any person violating, upon Authority Facilities, any rule or regulation of the Authority, any ordinance or regulation of any local political subdivision, or any other law of the Commonwealth.

C. The Department of State Police shall exercise the same powers upon Authority Facilities as elsewhere in the Commonwealth.

D. The Authority may enter into reciprocal or mutual aid agreements with the local political subdivisions in which the Authority Facilities are situated, any agency of the Commonwealth or of the federal government, or any combination of the foregoing, for cooperation in the furnishing of police services.

E. The police force of Arlington County shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the police force established herein at Washington National Airport. The Authority shall enter into an agreement with Arlington County regarding the exercise of police authority.

F. The sheriffs and police forces of Loudoun and Fairfax Counties shall continue to exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the police force established herein over the Authority Facilities situated within their respective counties.

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