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HOUSE BILL NO. 768

Offered January 26, 1998

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2 a section numbered 18.2-264.02, relating to eligibility for concealed handgun permit.

Patrons—Hull, Albo, Almand, Baskerville, Brink, Christian, Jones, J.C., Keating, McEachin, Moran, Robinson, Scott and Spruill; Senators: Lucas, Marsh and Maxwell

Referred to Committee on Militia and Police

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2 a section numbered 18.2-264.02 as follows:

§ 18.2- 264.02. Offenses resulting in ineligibility for concealed handgun permit.

A. No person shall be eligible for a concealed handgun permit if, within the three-year period immediately preceding the application for the permit, he was found guilty of any criminal offense set forth in this article or of a criminal offense of illegal possession or distribution of marijuana or any controlled substance, under the laws of any state, the District of Columbia, or the United States or its territories.

B. No person shall be eligible for a concealed handgun permit with respect to whom, within the three-year period immediately preceding the application, upon a charge of any criminal offense set forth in this article or upon a charge of illegal possession or distribution of marijuana or any controlled substance under the laws of any state, the District of Columbia, or the United States or its territories, the trial court found that the facts of the case were sufficient for a finding of guilt and ordered probation, deferred the case disposition or judgment or issued any other final judgment.