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HOUSE BILL NO. 2636

Offered January 21, 1999

A BILL to amend and reenact § 53.1-29 of the Code of Virginia, relating to authority for correctional officers to carry weapons.

Patrons—Harris, Blevins, Bryant, Byron, Cox, Davis, Griffith, Katzen, Kilgore, Landes, McDonnell, Reid, Rollison, Rust, Weatherholtz and Wilkins; Senator: Couric

Referred to Committee on Militia and Police

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 53.1-29 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 53.1-29. Authority for correctional officers and other employees to carry weapons.

It shall be lawful for any correctional officer ~~and any~~, *regional jail officer or* noncustodial employee who has been designated by the Director of the Department, and who has completed the basic course in firearms for correctional officers as approved by the Department of Criminal Justice Services, to carry and use sufficient weapons to prevent escapes, suppress rebellion, and defend or protect himself or others in the course of his assigned duties.

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