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HOUSE BILL NO. 1712

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 4 of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2 a section numbered 18.2-287.5, relating to possessing dangerous weapons in county-owned buildings; penalty.

Patrons—Scott, Amundson, Hull, Plum and Rust; Senators: Byrne, Howell and Puller

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 4 of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2 a section numbered 18.2-287.5 as follows:

§ 18.2-287.5. Possessing dangerous weapons in county-owned buildings; penalty.

Notwithstanding the provisions of § 15.2-915, the governing body of any county that has adopted the urban county executive form of government may, by ordinance, make it unlawful for any person to possess a dangerous weapon while in any county-owned building. Any such ordinance shall include appropriate exceptions for educational, instructional, theatrical and historical events, and shall not apply to the following individuals: (i) any law-enforcement officer, as defined by § 9-169; (ii) any game warden, animal warden, or deputy animal warden; (iii) any special police officer; or (iv) any magistrate, court officer or judge. Notice of the ordinance shall be posted at each public entrance of every county-owned building.

A violation of the ordinance shall be punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor, and upon conviction, any weapon seized shall be disposed of in accordance with § 18.2-310.

For the purposes of this section, the term "dangerous weapon" means (i) any gun or other weapon designed or intended to propel a missile or projectile of any kind; (ii) any frame, receiver, muffler, silencer, missile, projectile or ammunition designed for use with any gun or other weapon designed or intended to propel a missile or projectile of any kind; or (iii) any explosive, taser, stun weapon, knife or other weapon specified in subsection A of § 18.2-308.

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