

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2002 SESSION

CHAPTER 484

An Act to amend and reenact § 15.2-915 of the Code of Virginia, relating to control of firearms.

[S 593]

Approved April 4, 2002

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.2-915 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.2-915. Control of firearms.

From and after January 1, 1987, no locality shall adopt any ordinance ~~to govern~~, resolution or motion, as permitted by § 15.2-1425, and no agent of such locality shall take any administrative action, governing the purchase, possession, transfer, ownership, carrying or transporting of firearms, ammunition, or components or combination thereof other than those expressly authorized by statute. For purposes of this section, a statute that does not refer to firearms, ammunition, or components or combination thereof, shall not be construed to provide express authorization.

Nothing in this section shall affect the validity or invalidity of any ordinance, resolution or motion adopted prior to January 1, 1987. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a locality from adopting workplace rules relating to terms and conditions of employment of the workforce. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a law-enforcement officer, as defined in § 9.1-101 from acting within the scope of his duties. Nothing in this section shall have any effect on any pending litigation. However, no person may be prosecuted or convicted of a violation of any ordinance regulating the transportation of a firearm if he is (i) in lawful possession of the firearm and he has a valid concealed handgun permit issued pursuant to § 18.2-308 or (ii) otherwise transporting the firearm in a lawful manner.