

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 30-34.2:2, relating to disposal of*
3 *unclaimed firearms or other weapons by the Capitol Police.*

4 [S 573]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 30-34.2:2 as follows:**8 *§ 30-34.2:2. Disposal of unclaimed firearms or other weapons in possession of the Division of*
9 *Capitol Police.*

10 *Subject to the provisions of § 19.2-386.29, the Division of Capitol Police may destroy unclaimed*
11 *firearms and other weapons that have been in the possession of the Division for a period of more than*
12 *60 days. For the purposes of this section, "unclaimed firearms and other weapons" means any firearm*
13 *or other weapon belonging to another that has been acquired by a law-enforcement officer pursuant to*
14 *his duties, that is not needed in any criminal prosecution, that has not been claimed by its rightful*
15 *owner, and that the State Treasurer has indicated will be declined if remitted under the Uniform*
16 *Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act (§ 55-210.1 et seq.).*

17 *At the discretion of the chief of police or his designee, unclaimed firearms or other weapons may be*
18 *destroyed by any means that renders the firearms or other weapons permanently inoperable. Prior to*
19 *the destruction of such firearms or other weapons, the chief of police or his designee shall (i) make*
20 *reasonable attempts to notify by mail the rightful owner of the property and (ii) obtain from the attorney*
21 *for the Commonwealth of the jurisdiction from which the unclaimed item came into the possession of the*
22 *Division of Capitol Police in writing a statement advising that the item is not needed in any criminal*
23 *prosecution.*

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