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18 19 HOUSE BILL NO. 2291 Offered January 17, 2013

A BILL to amend and reenact § 53.1-127.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to stores in local correctional facilities.

Patron—Stolle

Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 53.1-127.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 53.1-127.1. Establishment of stores in local correctional facilities.

Each sheriff who operates a correctional facility is authorized to provide for the establishment and operation of a store or commissary to deal in such articles and services as he deems proper. The net profits from the operation of such store that are generated from the inmates' accounts shall be used within the facility for educational, recreational or other purposes for the benefit of the inmates as may be prescribed by the sheriff. Any other profits may be used for the general operation of the sheriff's office. The sheriff shall be the purchasing agent in all matters involving the commissary and nonappropriated funds received from inmates. The funds from such operation of a store or commissary and from the inmate telephone services account shall be considered public funds.