

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 15.2-1726 of the Code of Virginia, relating to interjurisdictional law-*
3 *enforcement agreements.*

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5 Approved

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6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That § 15.2-1726 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 **§ 15.2-1726. Agreements for consolidation of police departments or for cooperation in**
9 **furnishing police services.**

10 Any locality may, in its discretion, enter into a reciprocal agreement with any other locality, any
11 agency of the federal government exercising police powers, the police of any state-supported institution
12 of higher learning appointed pursuant to § 23-233, the Division of Capitol Police, any private police
13 department certified by the Department of Criminal Justice Services, or any combination of the
14 foregoing, for such periods and under such conditions as the contracting parties deem advisable, for
15 cooperation in the furnishing of police services. Such agreements may include designation of mutually
16 agreed-upon boundary lines between contiguous localities for purposes of organizing 911 dispatch and
17 response and clarifying issues related to coverage under workers' compensation and risk management
18 laws. *Such agreements may also include provisions allowing for the loan of unmarked police vehicles.*
19 Such localities also may enter into an agreement for the cooperation in the furnishing of police services
20 with the Department of State Police. The governing body of any locality also may, in its discretion,
21 enter into a reciprocal agreement with any other locality, or combination thereof, for the consolidation of
22 police departments or divisions or departments thereof. Subject to the conditions of the agreement, all
23 police officers, officers, agents and other employees of such consolidated or cooperating police
24 departments shall have the same powers, rights, benefits, privileges and immunities in every jurisdiction
25 subscribing to such agreement, including the authority to make arrests in every such jurisdiction
26 subscribing to the agreement; however, no police officer of any locality shall have authority to enforce
27 federal laws unless specifically empowered to do so by statute, and no federal law-enforcement officer
28 shall have authority to enforce the laws of the Commonwealth unless specifically empowered to do so
29 by statute.

30 The governing body of a county also may enter into a tripartite contract with the governing body of
31 any town, one or more, in such county and the sheriff for such county for the purpose of having the
32 sheriff furnish law-enforcement services in the town. The contract shall be structured as a service
33 contract and may have such other terms and conditions as the contracting parties deem advisable. The
34 sheriff and any deputy sheriff serving as a town law-enforcement officer shall have authority to enforce
35 such town's ordinances. Likewise, subject to the conditions of the contract, the sheriff and deputy
36 sheriffs while serving as a town's law-enforcement officers shall have the same powers, rights, benefits,
37 privileges and immunities as those of regular town police officers. The sheriff under any such contract
38 shall be the town's chief of police.

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