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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 508

Offered January 14, 2015

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*Proposing an amendment to Section 13 of Article I of the Constitution of Virginia, relating to the right to keep and bear arms.*

Patron—Cole

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, a majority of the members elected to each house agreeing, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Virginia be, and the same hereby is, proposed and referred to the General Assembly at its first regular session held after the next general election of members of the House of Delegates for its concurrence in conformity with the provisions of Section 1 of Article XII of the Constitution of Virginia, namely:

Amend Section 13 of Article I of the Constitution of Virginia as follows:

### ARTICLE I

### BILL OF RIGHTS

Section 13. Militia; standing armies; military subordinate to civil power.

That a well regulated militia, composed of the body of the people, trained to arms, is the proper, natural, and safe defense of a free state, therefore, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed; that standing armies, in time of peace, should be avoided as dangerous to liberty; and that in all cases the military should be under strict subordination to, and governed by, the civil power.

*The right to keep and bear arms conferred by this section is an individual right and guarantees the right of an individual to keep and bear arms for defense of self, others, or property or for any other lawful purpose.*

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