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HOUSE BILL NO. 1018

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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 2.2-509.1 and 4.1-105 of the Code of Virginia, relating to powers of investigators; enforcement of certain tobacco laws.

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Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That §§ 2.2-509.1 and 4.1-105 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 2.2-509.1. Powers of investigators; enforcement of certain tobacco laws.**

Investigators with the Office of the Attorney General as designated by the Attorney General shall be authorized to seize cigarettes as defined in § 3.2-4200, ~~which~~ *that* are sold, possessed, distributed, transported, imported, or otherwise held in violation of § 3.2-4207, 18.2-246.14, 58.1-1015, 58.1-1017, or 58.1-1037. In addition, such investigators shall be authorized to accompany and participate with special agents of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority or other law-enforcement officials engaging in an enforcement action under § 3.2-4207, 18.2-246.14, 58.1-1015, 58.1-1017, or 58.1-1037.

§ 4.1-105. Police power of members, agents and employees of Board.

Members of the Board are vested, and such agents and employees of the Board designated by it shall be vested, with like power to enforce the provisions of (i) this subtitle and the criminal laws of the Commonwealth as is vested in the chief law-enforcement officer of a county, city, or town; (ii) § 3.2-4207; (iii) § 18.2-246.14; (iv) § 18.2-371.2; ~~and (iv)~~ (v) § 58.1-1015; (vi) § 58.1-1017; and (vii) § 58.1-1037.

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