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HOUSE BILL NO. 1105

Offered January 22, 1996

A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.1-116.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to procedural guarantees for deputy sheriffs in personnel matters.

Patron—Keating

Referred to Committee on Militia and Police

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 2.1-116.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.1-116.1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

- 1. "Law-enforcement officer" means any person, other than a Chief of Police or the Superintendent of the Department of State Police, who, in his official capacity, is (i) authorized by law to make arrests and (ii) a nonprobationary officer of one of the following agencies:
- (a) The Department of State Police, the Division of Capitol Police, the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, the Virginia Port Authority, the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, or the Department of Motor Vehicles; or
- (b) The police department, bureau or force of any political subdivision or the campus police department of any public institution of higher education of the Commonwealth of Virginia where such department, bureau or force has ten or more law-enforcement officers; however, this shall not include the sheriff's department of any city or county.

This term also means any game warden as defined in § 9-169 (9).

- 2. "Agency" means:
- (a) The Department of State Police, the Division of Capitol Police, the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, the Virginia Port Authority, the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, or the Department of Motor Vehicles; or
- (b) The political subdivision or the campus police department of any public institution of higher education of the Commonwealth of Virginia employing the law-enforcement officer.