

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-283.2, relating to possessing*  
3 *a dangerous weapon in a publicly owned community or recreation center; penalty.*

4 [S 763]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-283.2 as follows:**

8 *§ 18.2-283.2. Possessing dangerous weapons in a publicly owned community or recreation center;*  
9 *penalty.*

10 *Notwithstanding the provisions of § 15.1-29.15, the governing body of any county that has adopted*  
11 *the urban county executive form of government may, by ordinance, make it unlawful for any person to*  
12 *possess a dangerous weapon upon the property, including buildings and grounds of any publicly owned*  
13 *or publicly operated recreation or community center facility. The ordinance shall provide for*  
14 *appropriate exemptions from this section for activities including but not limited to educational,*  
15 *instructural, theatrical and historical events and other events and activities for which permission from*  
16 *the governing body is required. Notice of any such ordinance shall be posted at each public entrance*  
17 *to each such county facility that is within the scope of the ordinance. A violation of such an ordinance*  
18 *shall be punishable as no more than a Class 1 misdemeanor, and upon conviction, any weapon seized*  
19 *shall be disposed of in accordance with § 15.1-133.01.*

20 *For the purposes of this section, the term "dangerous weapon" means: (i) any gun or other weapon*  
21 *designed or intended to propel a missile or projectile of any kind; (ii) any frame, receiver, muffler,*  
22 *silencer, missile, projectile or ammunition designed for use with any gun or other weapon designed or*  
23 *intended to propel a missile or projectile of any kind; or (iii) any explosive, taser, stun weapon, knife or*  
24 *other weapon specified in subsection A of § 18.2-308.*

25 *The exemptions set out in § 18.2-308 shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to the provisions of any*  
26 *ordinance adopted pursuant to this section. No such ordinance shall apply to the following individuals*  
27 *who are carrying dangerous weapons: (i) any law-enforcement officer, as defined by § 9-169; (ii) any*  
28 *game warden, animal warden or deputy animal warden; (iii) any special police officer; (iv) any*  
29 *magistrate, court officer or judge; (v) any person who holds a valid concealed weapons permit; or (vi)*  
30 *any person who legally possesses a dangerous weapon on the grounds outside of said facility and who*  
31 *does not use or threaten to use such weapon in a manner which may endanger another person.*

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