

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 2295
2 FLOOR AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
3 (Proposed by Senator McPike
4 on _____)
5 (Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Levine)

6 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-283.2, relating to possessing
7 or transporting a weapon within Capitol Square or into building owned or leased by the
8 Commonwealth; penalty.

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

10 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-283.2 as follows:**

11 **§ 18.2-283.2. Possessing or transporting a weapon within Capitol Square or into a building**
12 **owned or leased by the Commonwealth; penalty.**

13 A. For the purposes of this section, "Capitol Square" means the grounds and the interior of all
14 buildings in that area in the City of Richmond bounded by Bank, Governor, Broad, and Ninth Streets.

15 B. It is unlawful for any person to possess or transport any (i) firearm or other weapon designed
16 or intended to propel a missile or projectile of any kind; (ii) frame, receiver, muffler, silencer, missile,
17 projectile, or ammunition designed for use with a dangerous weapon; or (iii) other dangerous weapon,
18 including explosives, stun weapons as defined in § 18.2-308.1, and those weapons specified in subsection
19 A of § 18.2-308 within (a) Capitol Square or (b) any building (1) owned or leased by the Commonwealth
20 or any agency thereof and (2) where employees of the Commonwealth or agency thereof are regularly
21 present for the purpose of performing their official duties.

22 C. A violation of this section is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor. Any weapon or item
23 possessed or transported in violation of this section shall be subject to seizure by a law-enforcement officer
24 and forfeited to the Commonwealth and disposed of as provided in § 19.2-386.28.

25 D. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any law-enforcement officer as defined in §
26 9.1-101, State Police officer retired from the Department of State Police, conservator of the peace,

27 magistrate, court officer, judge, county or city treasurer, commissioner or deputy commissioner of the
28 Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission, authorized security personnel, bail bondsman as defined
29 in § 9.1-185, bail enforcement agent as defined in § 9.1-186, or active military personnel while such
30 persons are in the conduct of such person's official duties. Additionally, any person who uses a knife or
31 blade customarily in his trade may lawfully possess such knife or blade while in the conduct of such
32 person's official duties within Capitol Square or any buildings owned or leased by the Commonwealth or
33 any agency thereof.

34 E. Notice of the provisions of this section shall be posted conspicuously at each public entrance to
35 the grounds of Capitol Square and each building owned or leased by the Commonwealth or any agency
36 thereof and no person shall be convicted of an offense under subsection B if such notice is not so posted
37 at such public entrance or such building, unless such person had actual notice of the prohibitions in
38 subsection B.

39 **2. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment or**
40 **commitment. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, the estimated amount of the necessary**
41 **appropriation is \$0 for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities and cannot be**
42 **determined for periods of commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.**

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