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Pending Anti-2A Legislation in the Virginia General Assembly
Compiled by the Shenandoah County Republican Committee (SCRC)
January 2025

HB1597: Secure storage of firearms; penalties.

Present Status: In Subcommittee

Introduced by: [Michael B. Feggans \(Chief Patron\)](#)

Summary as Introduced : Secure storage of firearms; penalties. “Creates a Class 4 misdemeanor for any person who fails to securely store a firearm on any premises where such person knows, or reasonably should know, that a minor or a person who is prohibited by law from possessing a firearm is, or is likely to be, present. The bill increases the penalty to a Class 1 misdemeanor if a minor or a person who is prohibited by law from possessing a firearm obtains such firearm and to a Class 5 felony if such possession of the firearm results in a crime or injury. The bill includes certain exceptions and requires firearms dealers to post a notice stating firearm storage requirements and the penalty for improperly storing such firearms. The bill also creates a Class 4 misdemeanor for any person who fails to securely store a firearm in an unattended vehicle, a Class 1 misdemeanor if another person obtains such firearm, and a Class 5 felony if such possession results in injury to the person obtaining the firearm or to another. Finally, the bill requires the Superintendent of State Police, in conjunction with the Commissioner of Health, to create a public awareness campaign on the importance of the secure storage of firearms by January 1, 2026.”

Source: <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB1597>

HB1607: Purchase, sale, transfer, etc., of assault firearms and certain ammunition feeding devices prohibited; penalties.

Present Status: In Committee

Introduced by: [Dan I. Helmer \(Chief Patron\)](#)



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Summary as Introduced: “Purchase, sale, transfer, etc., of assault firearms and certain ammunition feeding devices prohibited; penalties. “Creates a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person who imports, sells, manufactures, purchases, or transfers an assault firearm, as that term is defined in the bill, and prohibits a person who has been convicted of such violation from purchasing, possessing, or transporting a firearm for a period of three years from the date of conviction. The bill provides that an assault firearm does not include any firearm that is an antique firearm, has been rendered permanently inoperable, is manually operated by bolt, pump, lever, or slide action, or was manufactured before July 1, 2025. The bill also prohibits the sale of a large capacity ammunition feeding device, as that term is defined in the bill. The bill provides that any person who willfully and intentionally (i) sells an assault firearm to another person or (ii) purchases an assault firearm from another person is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor and that any person who imports, sells, barter, or transfers a large capacity ammunition feeding device is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill also makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person younger than 21 years of age to import, sell, manufacture, purchase, possess, transport, or transfer an assault firearm regardless of the date of manufacture of such assault firearm.”

Source: <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB1607>

HB1608: Firearm industry members; standards of responsible conduct; civil liability.

Present Status: Passed House

Introduced by: [Dan I. Helmer \(Chief Patron\)](#)

Summary as Introduced: Firearm industry members; standards of responsible conduct; civil liability. “Creates standards of responsible conduct for firearm industry members and requires such members to establish and implement reasonable controls regarding the manufacture, sale, distribution, use, and marketing of the firearm industry member’s firearm-related products, as those terms are defined in the bill. Such reasonable controls include reasonable procedures, safeguards, and business practices that are designed to (i) prevent the sale or distribution of a firearm-related product to a straw purchaser, a firearm trafficker, a person prohibited from



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possessing a firearm under state or federal law, or a person who the firearm industry member has reasonable cause to believe is at substantial risk of using a firearm-related product to harm themselves or unlawfully harm another or of unlawfully possessing or using a firearm-related product; (ii) prevent the loss of a firearm-related product or theft of a firearm-related product from a firearm industry member; (iii) ensure that the firearm industry member complies with all provisions of state and federal law and does not otherwise promote the unlawful manufacture, sale, possession, marketing, or use of a firearm-related product; and (iv) ensure that the firearm industry member does not engage in an act or practice in violation of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act. The bill also provides that a firearm industry member may not knowingly or recklessly create, maintain, or contribute to a public nuisance, as defined in the bill, through the sale, manufacturing, importing, or marketing of a firearm-related product. The bill creates a civil cause of action for the Attorney General or a local county or city attorney to enforce the provisions of the bill or for any person who has been injured as a result of a firearm industry member's violation to seek an injunction and to recover costs and damages.”

Source: <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB1608>

HB1622: Firearm in unattended motor vehicle; civil penalty.

Present Status: In House

Introduced by: [Amy J. Laufer \(Chief Patron\)](#)

Summary As Introduced: Firearm in unattended motor vehicle; civil penalty. “Provides that no person shall leave, place, or store a handgun in an unattended motor vehicle, as defined in the bill, when such handgun is visible to any person who is outside such unattended motor vehicle. The bill provides that any person violating such prohibition is subject to a civil penalty of no more than \$500 and that such unattended motor vehicle may be subject to removal for safekeeping.”

Source: <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB1622>



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HB1660: Trigger activator definition; penalty.

Present Status: In Subcommittee

Introduced by: [Michael J. Jones \(Chief Patron\)](#)

Summary As Introduced: Trigger activator definition; penalty. Defines "trigger activator" as a conversion kit, tool, accessory, or device designed to alter the rate of fire of a semi-automatic firearm to mimic automatic weapon fire or used to increase the rate of fire to a rate faster than that possible for a person to fire such semi-automatic firearm unassisted by a conversion kit, tool, accessory, or device."

Source: <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB1660>

HB1797: Concealed handgun permits; reciprocity with other states.

Present Status: Passed House

Introduced by: [Dan I. Helmer \(Chief Patron\)](#)

Summary As Introduced: Concealed handgun permits; reciprocity with other states. "Provides that the Superintendent of State Police, in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General, shall determine whether states meet the statutory qualifications for Virginia to recognize the concealed handgun permit of a person from another state. Under current law, any out-of-state permit is recognized in the Commonwealth provided that (i) the issuing authority provides the means for instantaneous verification of the validity of all such permits or licenses issued within that state, accessible 24 hours a day; (ii) the permit or license holder carries a photo identification issued by a government agency of any state or by the U.S. Department of Defense or U.S. Department of State and displays the permit or license and such identification upon demand by a law-enforcement officer; and (iii) the permit or license holder has not previously had a Virginia concealed handgun permit revoked. The bill also provides that a Virginia resident who has not been issued a valid resident concealed handgun permit may not use a concealed



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handgun or concealed weapon permit or license issued by another state to carry a concealed handgun in the Commonwealth.

“The bill requires the Superintendent of State Police, in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General, to review any agreements for reciprocal recognition that are in place with any other states as of July 1, 2025, to determine whether the requirements and qualifications of those states' laws are adequate to prevent possession of a permit or license by persons who would be denied a permit in the Commonwealth and revoke any reciprocity agreement or recognition of any states that do not meet such requirements or qualifications by December 1, 2025. The bill requires the Attorney General to provide a written explanation for any determination that a state's laws are adequate to prevent possession of such permit or license by persons who would be denied such permit in the Commonwealth.”

Source: <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB1797>

HB1869: Purchase, possession, or transportation of firearm; assault and battery of a family or household member or intimate partner; penalties.

Present Status: In Committee

Introduced by: [Adele Y. McClure \(Chief Patron\)](#)

Summary As Introduced: Purchase, possession, or transportation of firearm; assault and battery of a family or household member or intimate partner; penalties. “Adds to the definition of “family or household member,” as such definition relates to juvenile and domestic relations district court, a person's intimate partner, defined in the bill as an individual who, within the previous 12 months, was in a romantic, dating, or sexual relationship with the person. The bill also adds to the definition of “family or household member,” as such definition relates to a person's purchase, possession, or transportation of a firearm following an assault and battery of a family or household member, any individual who cohabits or who, within the previous 12 months, cohabitated with the person. Finally, the bill provides that any person who knowingly



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and intentionally purchases, possesses, or transports any firearm following a misdemeanor conviction for an offense that occurred on or after July 1, 2025, for the offense of assault and battery against an intimate partner or an offense substantially similar under the laws of any other state or of the United States is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.”

Source: <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB1869>

HB1876: Carrying a firearm or explosive material within Capitol Square or building owned or leased by the Commonwealth; exemptions; public institutions of higher education; penalty.

Present Status: In Committee

Introduced by: [Katrina Callsen \(Chief Patron\)](#)

Summary As Introduced: Carrying a firearm or explosive material within Capitol Square or building owned or leased by the Commonwealth; exemptions; public institutions of higher education; penalty. “Limits the exemption from the prohibition on the carrying of any firearm or explosive material within any building owned or leased by the Commonwealth or agency thereof or any office where employees of the Commonwealth or any agency thereof are regularly present for the purpose of performing their official duties that currently applies to any property owned or operated by a public institution of higher education to instead apply to any individual within a building owned or operated by a public institution of higher education who possesses a weapon as part of such public institution of higher education's curriculum or activities or as part of any organization authorized by such public institution of higher education to conduct its programs or activities within such building, as such uses are approved through the law-enforcement or public safety unit of such institution. The bill permits the governing board of a public institution of higher education to adopt a policy prohibiting the carrying of any firearm, ammunition, or components or combination thereof within any building owned or operated by such public institution of higher education. Finally, the bill exempts certain activities, defined in



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the bill, operated at public or private institutions of higher education from any policy created by a governing board.”

Source: <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB1876>

HB1960: Firearm transfers to another person from a prohibited person.

Present Status: Engrossed

Introduced by: [Elizabeth B. Bennett-Parker \(Chief Patron\)](#)

Summary As Introduced: “Firearm transfers to another person from a prohibited person. Provides that a person who is prohibited from possessing a firearm because such person is subject to a protective order or has been convicted of an assault and battery of a family or household member may transfer a firearm owned by such prohibited person to any person who is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing such firearm, provided that such person who is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing such firearm is 21 years of age or older and does not reside with the person who is subject to the protective order. Under current law, there is no requirement that such transferee cannot be younger than 21 years of age and cannot reside with such prohibited person. The bill also provides that such prohibited person who transfers, sells, or surrenders a firearm pursuant to the provisions of the bill shall inform the clerk of the court of the name and address of the transferee, the federally licensed firearms dealer, or the law-enforcement agency in possession of the firearm and shall provide a copy of such form to the transferee. The bill also provides that a person who is prohibited from possessing a firearm because such person is subject to a protective order or has been convicted of an assault and battery of a family or household member shall be advised that a law-enforcement officer may obtain a search warrant to search for any firearms from such person if such law-enforcement officer has reason to believe that such person has not relinquished all firearms in his possession.”

Source: <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB1960>