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HOUSE BILL NO. 907
Offered January 14, 2026
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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 54.1-4202 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 54.1-4201.3, relating to security requirements for dealers in firearms; civil penalty.*

Patrons—Shin and McGuire; Senator: Salim

Referred to Committee on Public Safety

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 54.1-4202 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 54.1-4201.3 as follows:

§ 54.1-4201.3. Security requirements for dealers in firearms; civil penalties.

A. For purposes of this section, "retail mercantile establishment" means any place where merchandise is displayed, held, stored, or offered for sale to the public. "Retail mercantile establishment" does not include any location that also serves as a private residence.

B. No dealer in firearms operating from a retail mercantile establishment and holding a valid federal firearms license issued by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives may conduct business and store firearms at a location unless:

1. The premises on which the dealer in firearms operates is equipped with security features, including:

a. Equipment capable of filming and recording video footage inside and outside buildings where firearms are stored;

b. At least one of the following security features designed to prevent unauthorized entry is installed on all exterior doors and windows of all buildings where firearms are stored:

(1) Bars;

(2) Security screens;

(3) Commercial grade metal doors;

(4) Grates; or

(5) Other physical barriers approved by the Superintendent of State Police;

c. A burglary alarm system that is continually monitored; and

d. If practicable, physical barriers designed to prevent the use of motor vehicles to breach any buildings where firearms are stored; or

2. Outside business hours, the dealer in firearms locks all firearms stored on the premises in a (i) vault; (ii) safe; or (iii) room or building that meets the requirements under subdivision 1.

C. A person who violates the provisions of subsection A is subject to a civil penalty not exceeding \$1,000. This subsection does not apply if the security features required pursuant to subsection B become temporarily inoperable at no fault of the dealer in firearms.

§ 54.1-4202. Penalties for violation of the provisions of this chapter.

~~Any~~ Notwithstanding the provisions of § 54.1-4201.3, any person convicted of a first offense for willfully violating the provisions of this chapter ~~shall be~~ is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. ~~Any~~ and any person convicted of a second or subsequent offense under the provisions of this chapter ~~shall be~~ is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

2. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on January 1, 2028.