

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 2319  
2 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
3 (Proposed by the House Committee on Public Safety  
4 on \_\_\_\_\_)  
5 (Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Guzman)

6 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-308.2:02, relating to allowing  
7 access to firearms; cohabitants; civil penalty.

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

9 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-308.2:02 as follows:**

10 **§ 18.2-308.2:02. Allowing access to firearms; cohabitants; civil penalty.**

11 A. It is unlawful for any individual who resides or cohabitates with any person who such individual  
12 knows or has reason to believe is prohibited from possessing or transporting a firearm pursuant to § 18.2-  
13 308.2 to allow such person access to any firearm. Any individual in possession of a firearm as defined in  
14 § 18.2-308.2:2 shall store such firearm in a manner that is inaccessible to such co-resident prohibited from  
15 possessing or transporting a firearm, including storing such firearm locked, unloaded, or disassembled.  
16 Except as otherwise provided, any individual who violates the provisions of this section is subject to a  
17 civil penalty of not more than \$500.

18 B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any resident in lawful possession of a firearm as  
19 defined in § 18.2-308.2:2 who carries such firearm on or about his person or exercises control of such  
20 firearm shall not be deemed in violation of this section.

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