

Delegate Patrick Hope

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Chairman Patrick Hope of the Virginia House Public Safety Committee announces upcoming actions on enhanced gun safety legislation for Commonwealth

Arlington, Virginia --- Delegate Patrick Hope of Virginia House District 47 (D-Virginia), who chairs the House Public Safety Committee, announced after the bills passed subcommittee today, that on Friday the full committee will be taking up legislation to continue to prevent gun violence.

HB 1992, sponsored by Delegate Kathleen Murphy will impose penalties for the purchase, possession, or transportation of firearms following conviction for assault and battery of a family or household member. Importantly this bill will allow for the Commonwealth to enforce federal law, and help to limit potential gun related fatalities resulting from domestic disputes.

HB 2276, sponsored by Delegate Marcus Simon will prohibit the manufacture, import, sale, transfer, or possession of plastic firearms and unfinished frames or receivers and unserialized firearms. This legislation will address the critical and emerging threat posed by so-called "Ghost guns" and 3D printed guns.

HB 2295, sponsored by Delegate Mark Levine will prohibit any person from carrying a firearm or stun weapon within Capitol Square and the surrounding area, as well as into buildings owned or leased by the Commonwealth. Crucially this legislation will codify the House and Senate Rules prohibiting firearms from the Capitol building and grounds. This is especially important in light of recent events in Washington DC.

Chairman Hope said of the new legislation, **"This legislation is another important step in our efforts to protect families in Virginia from the epidemic of gun violence that has ravaged our communities. The House Public Safety Committee will continue to ensure that we are doing everything we can to protect Virginia families. Last year President Trump vowed our actions would lead to a backlash, and he was correct - he will be out of a job this week while we continue to keep Virginia safe."**

In his sixth term, Delegate Patrick Hope chairs the Public Safety Committee. Patrick is a champion for working families and community safety. Under Chairman Hope's leadership, the Public Safety Committee has passed a record amount of legislation to institute common-sense gun safety, to protect families in the Commonwealth from the scourge of gun violence.

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