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Chairman Patrick Hope of the Virginia House Public Safety Committee announces new gun legislation passes committee

Arlington, Virginia --- Delegate Patrick Hope of Virginia House District 47 (D-Virginia), Chairman of the House Public Safety Committee, announced the passing of new gun legislation through committee today, with the legislation scheduled to be voted on by the full House on Wednesday, January 27.

HB 1992, patroned 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, patroned 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, patroned 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.

H.B 1909, patroned by Delegate Suhas Subramanyam permits any school board to deem any non-school zone property that it owns or leases as a gun-free zone and prohibits any individual from knowingly possessing any firearm upon such property.

H.B. 2128, patroned by Delegate Alfonso Lopez to increase from three business days to five business days the time provided for the Department of State Police to complete a background check before a firearm may be transferred.

Chairman Hope announced after the legislation cleared committee, **“Today marks another important milestone that reflects the commitment of this committee to always put the health and safety of Virginia families first. As long as I chair the Public Safety Committee we will never stop protecting Virginians from gun violence. I hope the morally and financially bankrupt NRA will hear this message loud and clear.”**

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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