

CURFEW LAWS

A large effort was made to gather information on the status of curfew laws in all jurisdictions. Telephone calls were made to police and sheriff departments in all counties, cities and town to inquire about the existence of a curfew law. Of the contacts that were made to 324 jurisdictions, all but 47 provided information on the curfew law status. Of those who responded (277), 110 indicated that they had a curfew law, and 167 did not have one. Those who indicated that they have a curfew law were asked to forward the written documentation of this for compilation. Compared to 1996, when a comprehensive study of curfew laws in Virginia was undertaken, eight jurisdictions who had a curfew law in 1996 discontinued it in 2000, while eight jurisdictions who did not have one in 1996, issued a curfew law by the year 2000.

The summary of the status of curfew laws, by jurisdiction (county, city and town) is provided in the Appendix to this report. Also separately compiled is a compilation of all the curfew laws provided by the jurisdictions.