

# 2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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## SENATE BILL NO. 6008

Offered June 16, 2024

1 A BILL to amend and reenact Chapter 2 of the Acts of Assembly of 2024, Special Session I, which  
2 appropriates the public revenues for two years ending, respectively, on June 30, 2025, and June 30, 2026,  
3 by adding an item numbered 3-1.04, and to amend and reenact §§ 2.2-3711, as it is currently effective and  
4 as it may become effective, 18.2-325, 18.2-334, 19.2-389, 37.2-314.2, 58.1-4002, 58.1-4003, 58.1-4006,  
5 58.1-4007, 58.1-4015.1, 58.1-4048, and 58.1-4103 of the Code of Virginia, and to amend the Code of  
6 Virginia by adding in Chapter 3 of Title 11 a section numbered 11-16.3, by adding a section numbered  
7 18.2-334.7, by adding in Title 58.1 a chapter numbered 42, containing articles numbered 1 through 5,  
8 consisting of sections numbered 58.1-4200 through 58.1-4225, and by adding in Title 59.1 a chapter  
9 numbered 57, consisting of a section numbered 59.1-603, relating to portions of the general  
10 appropriation act concerning the transfer of funding from the PreK-12 Priority Fund to the general fund  
11 and the regulation of gaming commerce and development in the Commonwealth; penalties.  
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16 Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations

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18 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

19 1. That Chapter 2 of the Acts of Assembly of 2024, Special Session I, is amended by adding an item  
20 numbered 3-1.04 as follows:

21 Item 3-1.04

22 A. Notwithstanding paragraph RR of Item 3-1.01 of Chapter 2 of the Acts of Assembly of 2024, Special  
23 Session I, the State Comptroller shall transfer \$112,500,000 the second year to the general fund from the  
24 revenue deposited to the PreK-12 Priority Fund pursuant to passage of legislation effective in the 2024-2026  
25 biennium. Section 3 of the first enactment of Chapter 2 of the Acts of Assembly of 2024, Special Session I,  
26 assumes such transfer amount in the total general fund resources available for appropriation. The  
27 Comptroller shall take all actions necessary to effect such transfers monthly, no later than 10 days following  
28 the deposit to the Fund. The amounts transferred shall be used to support the distributions to localities in  
29 Direct Aid to Public Education of this act.

30 2. That §§ 2.2-3711, as it is currently effective and as it may become effective, 18.2-325, 18.2-334, 19.2-  
31 389, 37.2-314.2, 58.1-4002, 58.1-4003, 58.1-4006, 58.1-4007, 58.1-4015.1, 58.1-4048, and 58.1-4103 of the  
32 Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in  
33 Chapter 3 of Title 11 a section numbered 11-16.3, by adding a section numbered 18.2-334.7, by adding  
34 in Title 58.1 a chapter numbered 42, containing articles numbered 1 through 5, consisting of sections  
35 numbered 58.1-4200 through 58.1-4225, and by adding in Title 59.1 a chapter numbered 57, consisting  
36 of a section numbered 59.1-603, as follows:

37 § 2.2-3711. (Effective until date pursuant to Acts 2023, cc. 756 and 778, cl. 5) Closed meetings  
38 authorized for certain limited purposes.

39 A. Public bodies may hold closed meetings only for the following purposes:

40 1. Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment,  
41 appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public  
42 officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; and evaluation of performance of departments or  
43 schools of public institutions of higher education where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of  
44 the performance of specific individuals. Any teacher shall be permitted to be present during a closed meeting  
45 in which there is a discussion or consideration of a disciplinary matter that involves the teacher and some  
46 student and the student involved in the matter is present, provided the teacher makes a written request to be  
47 present to the presiding officer of the appropriate board. Nothing in this subdivision, however, shall be  
48 construed to authorize a closed meeting by a local governing body or an elected school board to discuss  
49 compensation matters that affect the membership of such body or board collectively.

50 2. Discussion or consideration of admission or disciplinary matters or any other matters that would  
51 involve the disclosure of information contained in a scholastic record concerning any student of any public  
52 institution of higher education in the Commonwealth or any state school system. However, any such student,  
53 legal counsel and, if the student is a minor, the student's parents or legal guardians shall be permitted to be  
54 present during the taking of testimony or presentation of evidence at a closed meeting, if such student,  
55 parents, or guardians so request in writing and such request is submitted to the presiding officer of the  
56 appropriate board.

57 3. Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition  
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59 position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

60 4. The protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business.

61 5. Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or  
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63 expanding its facilities in the community.

64 6. Discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is  
65 involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely  
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67 7. Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or  
68 probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the  
69 negotiating or litigating posture of the public body. For the purposes of this subdivision, "probable litigation"  
70 means litigation that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has a  
71 reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. Nothing in this subdivision shall  
72 be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in  
73 attendance or is consulted on a matter.

74 8. Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters  
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77 consulted on a matter.

78 9. Discussion or consideration by governing boards of public institutions of higher education of matters  
79 relating to gifts, bequests and fund-raising activities, and of grants and contracts for services or work to be  
80 performed by such institution. However, the terms and conditions of any such gifts, bequests, grants, and  
81 contracts made by a foreign government, a foreign legal entity, or a foreign person and accepted by a public  
82 institution of higher education in the Commonwealth shall be subject to public disclosure upon written  
83 request to the appropriate board of visitors. For the purpose of this subdivision, (i) "foreign government"  
84 means any government other than the United States government or the government of a state or a political  
85 subdivision thereof, (ii) "foreign legal entity" means any legal entity (a) created under the laws of the United  
86 States or of any state thereof if a majority of the ownership of the stock of such legal entity is owned by  
87 foreign governments or foreign persons or if a majority of the membership of any such entity is composed of  
88 foreign persons or foreign legal entities or (b) created under the laws of a foreign government, and (iii)  
89 "foreign person" means any individual who is not a citizen or national of the United States or a trust territory  
90 or protectorate thereof.

91 10. Discussion or consideration by the boards of trustees of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, the  
92 Virginia Museum of Natural History, the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, the Fort Monroe Authority, and  
93 The Science Museum of Virginia of matters relating to specific gifts, bequests, and grants from private  
94 sources.

95 11. Discussion or consideration of honorary degrees or special awards.

96 12. Discussion or consideration of tests, examinations, or other information used, administered, or  
97 prepared by a public body and subject to the exclusion in subdivision 4 of § 2.2-3705.1.

98 13. Discussion, consideration, or review by the appropriate House or Senate committees of possible  
99 disciplinary action against a member arising out of the possible inadequacy of the disclosure statement filed  
100 by the member, provided the member may request in writing that the committee meeting not be conducted in  
101 a closed meeting.

102 14. Discussion of strategy with respect to the negotiation of a hazardous waste siting agreement or to  
103 consider the terms, conditions, and provisions of a hazardous waste siting agreement if the governing body in  
104 open meeting finds that an open meeting will have an adverse effect upon the negotiating position of the  
105 governing body or the establishment of the terms, conditions and provisions of the siting agreement, or both.  
106 All discussions with the applicant or its representatives may be conducted in a closed meeting.

107 15. Discussion by the Governor and any economic advisory board reviewing forecasts of economic  
108 activity and estimating general and nongeneral fund revenues.

109 16. Discussion or consideration of medical and mental health records subject to the exclusion in  
110 subdivision 1 of § 2.2-3705.5.

111 17. Deliberations of the Virginia Lottery Board in a licensing appeal action conducted pursuant to  
112 subsection D of § 58.1-4007 regarding the denial or revocation of a license of a lottery sales agent; and  
113 discussion, consideration, or review of Virginia Lottery matters related to proprietary lottery game  
114 information and studies or investigations excluded from disclosure under subdivision 6 of § 2.2-3705.3 and  
115 subdivision 11 of § 2.2-3705.7.

116 18. Those portions of meetings in which the State Board of Local and Regional Jails discusses or discloses  
117 the identity of, or information tending to identify, any prisoner who (i) provides information about crimes or  
118 criminal activities, (ii) renders assistance in preventing the escape of another prisoner or in the apprehension  
119 of an escaped prisoner, or (iii) voluntarily or at the instance of a prison official renders other extraordinary

120 services, the disclosure of which is likely to jeopardize the prisoner's life or safety.

121 19. Discussion of plans to protect public safety as it relates to terrorist activity or specific cybersecurity  
 122 threats or vulnerabilities and briefings by staff members, legal counsel, or law-enforcement or emergency  
 123 service officials concerning actions taken to respond to such matters or a related threat to public safety;  
 124 discussion of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 2 or 14 of § 2.2-3705.2, where discussion in  
 125 an open meeting would jeopardize the safety of any person or the security of any facility, building, structure,  
 126 information technology system, or software program; or discussion of reports or plans related to the security  
 127 of any governmental facility, building, or structure, or the safety of persons using such facility, building, or  
 128 structure.

129 20. Discussion by the Board of the Virginia Retirement System, acting pursuant to § 51.1-124.30, or of  
 130 any local retirement system, acting pursuant to § 51.1-803, or by a local finance board or board of trustees of  
 131 a trust established by one or more local public bodies to invest funds for postemployment benefits other than  
 132 pensions, acting pursuant to Article 8 (§ 15.2-1544 et seq.) of Chapter 15 of Title 15.2, or by the board of  
 133 visitors of the University of Virginia, acting pursuant to § 23.1-2210, or by the Board of the Virginia College  
 134 Savings Plan, acting pursuant to § 23.1-706, regarding the acquisition, holding, or disposition of a security or  
 135 other ownership interest in an entity, where such security or ownership interest is not traded on a  
 136 governmentally regulated securities exchange, to the extent that such discussion (i) concerns confidential  
 137 analyses prepared for the board of visitors of the University of Virginia, prepared by the retirement system, or  
 138 a local finance board or board of trustees, or the Virginia College Savings Plan or provided to the retirement  
 139 system, a local finance board or board of trustees, or the Virginia College Savings Plan under a promise of  
 140 confidentiality, of the future value of such ownership interest or the future financial performance of the  
 141 entity, and (ii) would have an adverse effect on the value of the investment to be acquired, held, or disposed  
 142 of by the retirement system, a local finance board or board of trustees, the board of visitors of the University  
 143 of Virginia, or the Virginia College Savings Plan. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prevent  
 144 the disclosure of information relating to the identity of any investment held, the amount invested, or the  
 145 present value of such investment.

146 21. Those portions of meetings in which individual child death cases are discussed by the State Child  
 147 Fatality Review Team established pursuant to § 32.1-283.1, those portions of meetings in which individual  
 148 child death cases are discussed by a regional or local child fatality review team established pursuant to §  
 149 32.1-283.2, those portions of meetings in which individual death cases are discussed by family violence  
 150 fatality review teams established pursuant to § 32.1-283.3, those portions of meetings in which individual  
 151 adult death cases are discussed by the state Adult Fatality Review Team established pursuant to § 32.1-283.5,  
 152 those portions of meetings in which individual adult death cases are discussed by a local or regional adult  
 153 fatality review team established pursuant to § 32.1-283.6, those portions of meetings in which individual  
 154 death cases are discussed by overdose fatality review teams established pursuant to § 32.1-283.7, those  
 155 portions of meetings in which individual maternal death cases are discussed by the Maternal Mortality  
 156 Review Team pursuant to § 32.1-283.8, and those portions of meetings in which individual death cases of  
 157 persons with developmental disabilities are discussed by the Developmental Disabilities Mortality Review  
 158 Committee established pursuant to § 37.2-314.1.

159 22. Those portions of meetings of the board of visitors of the University of Virginia or the Eastern  
 160 Virginia Medical School Board of Visitors, as the case may be, and those portions of meetings of any persons  
 161 to whom management responsibilities for the University of Virginia Medical Center or Eastern Virginia  
 162 Medical School, as the case may be, have been delegated, in which there is discussed proprietary, business-  
 163 related information pertaining to the operations of the University of Virginia Medical Center or Eastern  
 164 Virginia Medical School, as the case may be, including business development or marketing strategies and  
 165 activities with existing or future joint venturers, partners, or other parties with whom the University of  
 166 Virginia Medical Center or Eastern Virginia Medical School, as the case may be, has formed, or forms, any  
 167 arrangement for the delivery of health care, if disclosure of such information would adversely affect the  
 168 competitive position of the Medical Center or Eastern Virginia Medical School, as the case may be.

169 23. Discussion or consideration by the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority or  
 170 the board of visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University of any of the following: the acquisition or  
 171 disposition by the Authority of real property, equipment, or technology software or hardware and related  
 172 goods or services, where disclosure would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of  
 173 the Authority; matters relating to gifts or bequests to, and fund-raising activities of, the Authority; grants and  
 174 contracts for services or work to be performed by the Authority; marketing or operational strategies plans of  
 175 the Authority where disclosure of such strategies or plans would adversely affect the competitive position of  
 176 the Authority; and members of the Authority's medical and teaching staffs and qualifications for  
 177 appointments thereto.

178 24. Those portions of the meetings of the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program Committee within the  
 179 Department of Health Professions to the extent such discussions identify any practitioner who may be, or who  
 180 actually is, impaired pursuant to Chapter 25.1 (§ 54.1-2515 et seq.) of Title 54.1.

181 25. Meetings or portions of meetings of the Board of the Virginia College Savings Plan wherein personal

182 information, as defined in § 2.2-3801, which has been provided to the Board or its employees by or on behalf  
183 of individuals who have requested information about, applied for, or entered into prepaid tuition contracts or  
184 savings trust account agreements pursuant to Chapter 7 (§ 23.1-700 et seq.) of Title 23.1 is discussed.

185 26. Discussion or consideration, by the former Wireless Carrier E-911 Cost Recovery Subcommittee  
186 created pursuant to former § 56-484.15, of trade secrets submitted by CMRS providers, as defined in § 56-  
187 484.12, related to the provision of wireless E-911 service.

188 27. Those portions of disciplinary proceedings by any regulatory board within the Department of  
189 Professional and Occupational Regulation, Department of Health Professions, or the Board of Accountancy  
190 conducted pursuant to § 2.2-4019 or 2.2-4020 during which the board deliberates to reach a decision or  
191 meetings of health regulatory boards or conference committees of such boards to consider settlement  
192 proposals in pending disciplinary actions or modifications to previously issued board orders as requested by  
193 either of the parties.

194 28. Discussion or consideration of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 11 of § 2.2-3705.6  
195 by a responsible public entity or an affected locality or public entity, as those terms are defined in § 33.2-  
196 1800, or any independent review panel appointed to review information and advise the responsible public  
197 entity concerning such records.

198 29. Discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including  
199 interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in  
200 an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

201 30. Discussion or consideration of grant or loan application information subject to the exclusion in  
202 subdivision 17 of § 2.2-3705.6 by the Commonwealth Health Research Board.

203 31. Discussion or consideration by the Commitment Review Committee of information subject to the  
204 exclusion in subdivision 5 of § 2.2-3705.2 relating to individuals subject to commitment as sexually violent  
205 predators under Chapter 9 (§ 37.2-900 et seq.) of Title 37.2.

206 32. Discussion or consideration of confidential proprietary information and trade secrets developed and  
207 held by a local public body providing certain telecommunication services or cable television services and  
208 subject to the exclusion in subdivision 18 of § 2.2-3705.6. However, the exemption provided by this  
209 subdivision shall not apply to any authority created pursuant to the BVU Authority Act (§ 15.2-7200 et seq.).

210 33. Discussion or consideration by a local authority created in accordance with the Virginia Wireless  
211 Service Authorities Act (§ 15.2-5431.1 et seq.) of confidential proprietary information and trade secrets  
212 subject to the exclusion in subdivision 19 of § 2.2-3705.6.

213 34. Discussion or consideration by the State Board of Elections or local electoral boards of voting security  
214 matters made confidential pursuant to § 24.2-410.2 or 24.2-625.1.

215 35. Discussion or consideration by the Forensic Science Board or the Scientific Advisory Committee  
216 created pursuant to Article 2 (§ 9.1-1109 et seq.) of Chapter 11 of Title 9.1 of criminal investigative files.

217 36. Discussion or consideration by the Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Committee of  
218 information or confidential matters subject to the exclusion in subdivision A 3 of § 2.2-3705.4, and meetings  
219 of the Committee to deliberate concerning the annual maximum scholarship award, review and consider  
220 scholarship applications and requests for scholarship award renewal, and cancel, rescind, or recover  
221 scholarship awards.

222 37. Discussion or consideration by the Virginia Port Authority of information subject to the exclusion in  
223 subdivision 1 of § 2.2-3705.6 related to certain proprietary information gathered by or for the Virginia Port  
224 Authority.

225 38. Discussion or consideration by the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Retirement System acting  
226 pursuant to § 51.1-124.30, by the Investment Advisory Committee appointed pursuant to § 51.1-124.26, by  
227 any local retirement system, acting pursuant to § 51.1-803, by the Board of the Virginia College Savings Plan  
228 acting pursuant to § 23.1-706, or by the Virginia College Savings Plan's Investment Advisory Committee  
229 appointed pursuant to § 23.1-702 of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 24 of § 2.2-3705.7.

230 39. Discussion or consideration of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 3 of § 2.2-3705.6  
231 related to economic development.

232 40. Discussion or consideration by the Board of Education of information relating to the denial,  
233 suspension, or revocation of teacher licenses subject to the exclusion in subdivision 11 of § 2.2-3705.3.

234 41. Those portions of meetings of the Virginia Military Advisory Council or any commission created by  
235 executive order for the purpose of studying and making recommendations regarding preventing closure or  
236 realignment of federal military and national security installations and facilities located in Virginia and  
237 relocation of such facilities to Virginia, or a local or regional military affairs organization appointed by a  
238 local governing body, during which there is discussion of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision  
239 8 of § 2.2-3705.2.

240 42. Discussion or consideration by the Board of Trustees of the Veterans Services Foundation of  
241 information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 28 of § 2.2-3705.7 related to personally identifiable  
242 information of donors.

243 43. Discussion or consideration by the Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission of

244 information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 23 of § 2.2-3705.6 related to certain information contained  
 245 in grant applications.

246 44. Discussion or consideration by the board of directors of the Commercial Space Flight Authority of  
 247 information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 24 of § 2.2-3705.6 related to rate structures or charges for  
 248 the use of projects of, the sale of products of, or services rendered by the Authority and certain proprietary  
 249 information of a private entity provided to the Authority.

250 45. Discussion or consideration of personal and proprietary information related to the resource  
 251 management plan program and subject to the exclusion in (i) subdivision 25 of § 2.2-3705.6 or (ii) subsection  
 252 E of § 10.1-104.7. This exclusion shall not apply to the discussion or consideration of records that contain  
 253 information that has been certified for release by the person who is the subject of the information or  
 254 transformed into a statistical or aggregate form that does not allow identification of the person who supplied,  
 255 or is the subject of, the information.

256 46. Discussion or consideration by the Board of Directors of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control  
 257 Authority of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 1 of § 2.2-3705.3 related to investigations of  
 258 applicants for licenses and of licensees and permittees.

259 47. Discussion or consideration of grant, loan, or investment application records subject to the exclusion  
 260 in subdivision 28 of § 2.2-3705.6 for a grant, loan, or investment pursuant to Article 11 (§ 2.2-2351 et seq.)  
 261 of Chapter 22.

262 48. Discussion or development of grant proposals by a regional council established pursuant to Article 26  
 263 (§ 2.2-2484 et seq.) of Chapter 24 to be submitted for consideration to the Virginia Growth and Opportunity  
 264 Board.

265 49. Discussion or consideration of (i) individual sexual assault cases by a sexual assault response team  
 266 established pursuant to § 15.2-1627.4, (ii) individual child abuse or neglect cases or sex offenses involving a  
 267 child by a child sexual abuse response team established pursuant to § 15.2-1627.5, or (iii) individual cases  
 268 involving abuse, neglect, or exploitation of adults as defined in § 63.2-1603 pursuant to §§ 15.2-1627.5 and  
 269 63.2-1605.

270 50. Discussion or consideration by the Board of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership  
 271 Authority, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, or any subcommittees thereof, of the portions  
 272 of the strategic plan, marketing plan, or operational plan exempt from disclosure pursuant to subdivision 33  
 273 of § 2.2-3705.7.

274 51. Those portions of meetings of the subcommittee of the Board of the Virginia Economic Development  
 275 Partnership Authority established pursuant to subsection F of § 2.2-2237.3 to review and discuss information  
 276 received from the Virginia Employment Commission pursuant to subdivision C 2 of § 60.2-114 and the  
 277 Department of Workforce Development and Advancement pursuant to subsection B of § 2.2-2040.

278 52. Discussion or consideration by the Commonwealth of Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority (the  
 279 Authority), an advisory committee of the Authority, or any other entity designated by the Authority, of  
 280 information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 35 of § 2.2-3705.7.

281 53. Deliberations of the Virginia Lottery Board conducted pursuant to § 58.1-4105 regarding the denial or  
 282 revocation of a license of a casino gaming operator, or the refusal to issue, suspension of, or revocation of  
 283 any license or permit related to casino gaming, and discussion, consideration, or review of matters related to  
 284 investigations excluded from mandatory disclosure under subdivision 1 of § 2.2-3705.3.

285 54. Deliberations of the Virginia Lottery Board in an appeal conducted pursuant to § 58.1-4007 regarding  
 286 the denial of, revocation of, suspension of, or refusal to renew any license or permit related to sports betting  
 287 and any discussion, consideration, or review of matters related to investigations excluded from mandatory  
 288 disclosure under subdivision 1 of § 2.2-3705.3.

289 55. *Deliberations of the Virginia Lottery Board in an appeal conducted pursuant to § 58.1-4007  
 290 regarding the denial of, revocation of, suspension of, or refusal to renew any license related to electronic  
 291 skill gaming devices and any discussion, consideration, or review of matters related to investigations  
 292 excluded from mandatory disclosure under subdivision 1 of § 2.2-3705.3.*

293 B. No resolution, ordinance, rule, contract, regulation, or motion adopted, passed, or agreed to in a closed  
 294 meeting shall become effective unless the public body, following the meeting, reconvenes in open meeting  
 295 and takes a vote of the membership on such resolution, ordinance, rule, contract, regulation, or motion that  
 296 shall have its substance reasonably identified in the open meeting.

297 C. Public officers improperly selected due to the failure of the public body to comply with the other  
 298 provisions of this section shall be de facto officers and, as such, their official actions are valid until they  
 299 obtain notice of the legal defect in their election.

300 D. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the holding of conferences between two or more  
 301 public bodies, or their representatives, but these conferences shall be subject to the same procedures for  
 302 holding closed meetings as are applicable to any other public body.

303 E. This section shall not be construed to (i) require the disclosure of any contract between the Department  
 304 of Health Professions and an impaired practitioner entered into pursuant to Chapter 25.1 (§ 54.1-2515 et seq.)

305 of Title 54.1 or (ii) require the board of directors of any authority created pursuant to the Industrial  
306 Development and Revenue Bond Act (§ 15.2-4900 et seq.), or any public body empowered to issue industrial  
307 revenue bonds by general or special law, to identify a business or industry to which subdivision A 5 applies.  
308 However, such business or industry shall be identified as a matter of public record at least 30 days prior to the  
309 actual date of the board's authorization of the sale or issuance of such bonds.

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354 contracts made by a foreign government, a foreign legal entity, or a foreign person and accepted by a public  
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356 request to the appropriate board of visitors. For the purpose of this subdivision, (i) "foreign government"  
357 means any government other than the United States government or the government of a state or a political  
358 subdivision thereof, (ii) "foreign legal entity" means any legal entity (a) created under the laws of the United  
359 States or of any state thereof if a majority of the ownership of the stock of such legal entity is owned by  
360 foreign governments or foreign persons or if a majority of the membership of any such entity is composed of  
361 foreign persons or foreign legal entities or (b) created under the laws of a foreign government, and (iii)  
362 "foreign person" means any individual who is not a citizen or national of the United States or a trust territory  
363 or protectorate thereof.

364 10. Discussion or consideration by the boards of trustees of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, the  
365 Virginia Museum of Natural History, the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, the Fort Monroe Authority, and

366 The Science Museum of Virginia of matters relating to specific gifts, bequests, and grants from private  
 367 sources.

368 11. Discussion or consideration of honorary degrees or special awards.

369 12. Discussion or consideration of tests, examinations, or other information used, administered, or  
 370 prepared by a public body and subject to the exclusion in subdivision 4 of § 2.2-3705.1.

371 13. Discussion, consideration, or review by the appropriate House or Senate committees of possible  
 372 disciplinary action against a member arising out of the possible inadequacy of the disclosure statement filed  
 373 by the member, provided that the member may request in writing that the committee meeting not be  
 374 conducted in a closed meeting.

375 14. Discussion of strategy with respect to the negotiation of a hazardous waste siting agreement or to  
 376 consider the terms, conditions, and provisions of a hazardous waste siting agreement if the governing body in  
 377 open meeting finds that an open meeting will have an adverse effect upon the negotiating position of the  
 378 governing body or the establishment of the terms, conditions and provisions of the siting agreement, or both.  
 379 All discussions with the applicant or its representatives may be conducted in a closed meeting.

380 15. Discussion by the Governor and any economic advisory board reviewing forecasts of economic  
 381 activity and estimating general and nongeneral fund revenues.

382 16. Discussion or consideration of medical and mental health records subject to the exclusion in  
 383 subdivision 1 of § 2.2-3705.5.

384 17. Deliberations of the Virginia Lottery Board in a licensing appeal action conducted pursuant to  
 385 subsection D of § 58.1-4007 regarding the denial or revocation of a license of a lottery sales agent; and  
 386 discussion, consideration, or review of Virginia Lottery matters related to proprietary lottery game  
 387 information and studies or investigations excluded from disclosure under subdivision 6 of § 2.2-3705.3 and  
 388 subdivision 11 of § 2.2-3705.7.

389 18. Those portions of meetings in which the State Board of Local and Regional Jails discusses or discloses  
 390 the identity of, or information tending to identify, any prisoner who (i) provides information about crimes or  
 391 criminal activities, (ii) renders assistance in preventing the escape of another prisoner or in the apprehension  
 392 of an escaped prisoner, or (iii) voluntarily or at the instance of a prison official renders other extraordinary  
 393 services, the disclosure of which is likely to jeopardize the prisoner's life or safety.

394 19. Discussion of plans to protect public safety as it relates to terrorist activity or specific cybersecurity  
 395 threats or vulnerabilities and briefings by staff members, legal counsel, or law-enforcement or emergency  
 396 service officials concerning actions taken to respond to such matters or a related threat to public safety;  
 397 discussion of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 2 or 14 of § 2.2-3705.2, where discussion in  
 398 an open meeting would jeopardize the safety of any person or the security of any facility, building, structure,  
 399 information technology system, or software program; or discussion of reports or plans related to the security  
 400 of any governmental facility, building, or structure, or the safety of persons using such facility, building, or  
 401 structure.

402 20. Discussion by the Board of the Virginia Retirement System, acting pursuant to § 51.1-124.30, or of  
 403 any local retirement system, acting pursuant to § 51.1-803, or by a local finance board or board of trustees of  
 404 a trust established by one or more local public bodies to invest funds for postemployment benefits other than  
 405 pensions, acting pursuant to Article 8 (§ 15.2-1544 et seq.) of Chapter 15 of Title 15.2, or by the board of  
 406 visitors of the University of Virginia, acting pursuant to § 23.1-2210, or by the Board of the Virginia College  
 407 Savings Plan, acting pursuant to § 23.1-706, regarding the acquisition, holding, or disposition of a security or  
 408 other ownership interest in an entity, where such security or ownership interest is not traded on a  
 409 governmentally regulated securities exchange, to the extent that such discussion (i) concerns confidential  
 410 analyses prepared for the board of visitors of the University of Virginia, prepared by the retirement system, or  
 411 a local finance board or board of trustees, or the Virginia College Savings Plan or provided to the retirement  
 412 system, a local finance board or board of trustees, or the Virginia College Savings Plan under a promise of  
 413 confidentiality, of the future value of such ownership interest or the future financial performance of the  
 414 entity, and (ii) would have an adverse effect on the value of the investment to be acquired, held, or disposed  
 415 of by the retirement system, a local finance board or board of trustees, the board of visitors of the University  
 416 of Virginia, or the Virginia College Savings Plan. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prevent  
 417 the disclosure of information relating to the identity of any investment held, the amount invested, or the  
 418 present value of such investment.

419 21. Those portions of meetings in which individual child death cases are discussed by the State Child  
 420 Fatality Review Team established pursuant to § 32.1-283.1, those portions of meetings in which individual  
 421 child death cases are discussed by a regional or local child fatality review team established pursuant to §  
 422 32.1-283.2, those portions of meetings in which individual death cases are discussed by family violence  
 423 fatality review teams established pursuant to § 32.1-283.3, those portions of meetings in which individual  
 424 adult death cases are discussed by the state Adult Fatality Review Team established pursuant to § 32.1-283.5,  
 425 those portions of meetings in which individual adult death cases are discussed by a local or regional adult  
 426 fatality review team established pursuant to § 32.1-283.6, those portions of meetings in which individual

427 death cases are discussed by overdose fatality review teams established pursuant to § 32.1-283.7, those  
428 portions of meetings in which individual maternal death cases are discussed by the Maternal Mortality  
429 Review Team pursuant to § 32.1-283.8, and those portions of meetings in which individual death cases of  
430 persons with developmental disabilities are discussed by the Developmental Disabilities Mortality Review  
431 Committee established pursuant to § 37.2-314.1.

432 22. Those portions of meetings of the board of visitors of the University of Virginia or Old Dominion  
433 University, as the case may be, and those portions of meetings of any persons to whom management  
434 responsibilities for the University of Virginia Medical Center or the Eastern Virginia Health Sciences Center  
435 at Old Dominion University, as the case may be, have been delegated, in which there is discussed proprietary,  
436 business-related information pertaining to the operations of the University of Virginia Medical Center or the  
437 Eastern Virginia Health Sciences Center at Old Dominion University, as the case may be, including business  
438 development or marketing strategies and activities with existing or future joint venturers, partners, or other  
439 parties with whom the University of Virginia Medical Center or the Eastern Virginia Health Sciences Center  
440 at Old Dominion University, as the case may be, has formed, or forms, any arrangement for the delivery of  
441 health care, if disclosure of such information would adversely affect the competitive position of the  
442 University of Virginia Medical Center or the Eastern Virginia Health Sciences Center at Old Dominion  
443 University, as the case may be.

444 23. Discussion or consideration by the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority or  
445 the board of visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University of any of the following: the acquisition or  
446 disposition by the Authority of real property, equipment, or technology software or hardware and related  
447 goods or services, where disclosure would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of  
448 the Authority; matters relating to gifts or bequests to, and fund-raising activities of, the Authority; grants and  
449 contracts for services or work to be performed by the Authority; marketing or operational strategies plans of  
450 the Authority where disclosure of such strategies or plans would adversely affect the competitive position of  
451 the Authority; and members of the Authority's medical and teaching staffs and qualifications for  
452 appointments thereto.

453 24. Those portions of the meetings of the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program Committee within the  
454 Department of Health Professions to the extent such discussions identify any practitioner who may be, or who  
455 actually is, impaired pursuant to Chapter 25.1 (§ 54.1-2515 et seq.) of Title 54.1.

456 25. Meetings or portions of meetings of the Board of the Virginia College Savings Plan wherein personal  
457 information, as defined in § 2.2-3801, which has been provided to the Board or its employees by or on behalf  
458 of individuals who have requested information about, applied for, or entered into prepaid tuition contracts or  
459 savings trust account agreements pursuant to Chapter 7 (§ 23.1-700 et seq.) of Title 23.1 is discussed.

460 26. Discussion or consideration, by the former Wireless Carrier E-911 Cost Recovery Subcommittee  
461 created pursuant to former § 56-484.15, of trade secrets submitted by CMRS providers, as defined in § 56-  
462 484.12, related to the provision of wireless E-911 service.

463 27. Those portions of disciplinary proceedings by any regulatory board within the Department of  
464 Professional and Occupational Regulation, Department of Health Professions, or the Board of Accountancy  
465 conducted pursuant to § 2.2-4019 or 2.2-4020 during which the board deliberates to reach a decision or  
466 meetings of health regulatory boards or conference committees of such boards to consider settlement  
467 proposals in pending disciplinary actions or modifications to previously issued board orders as requested by  
468 either of the parties.

469 28. Discussion or consideration of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 11 of § 2.2-3705.6  
470 by a responsible public entity or an affected locality or public entity, as those terms are defined in § 33.2-  
471 1800, or any independent review panel appointed to review information and advise the responsible public  
472 entity concerning such records.

473 29. Discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including  
474 interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in  
475 an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

476 30. Discussion or consideration of grant or loan application information subject to the exclusion in  
477 subdivision 17 of § 2.2-3705.6 by the Commonwealth Health Research Board.

478 31. Discussion or consideration by the Commitment Review Committee of information subject to the  
479 exclusion in subdivision 5 of § 2.2-3705.2 relating to individuals subject to commitment as sexually violent  
480 predators under Chapter 9 (§ 37.2-900 et seq.) of Title 37.2.

481 32. Discussion or consideration of confidential proprietary information and trade secrets developed and  
482 held by a local public body providing certain telecommunication services or cable television services and  
483 subject to the exclusion in subdivision 18 of § 2.2-3705.6. However, the exemption provided by this  
484 subdivision shall not apply to any authority created pursuant to the BVU Authority Act (§ 15.2-7200 et seq.).

485 33. Discussion or consideration by a local authority created in accordance with the Virginia Wireless  
486 Service Authorities Act (§ 15.2-5431.1 et seq.) of confidential proprietary information and trade secrets  
487 subject to the exclusion in subdivision 19 of § 2.2-3705.6.

488 34. Discussion or consideration by the State Board of Elections or local electoral boards of voting security

489 matters made confidential pursuant to § 24.2-410.2 or 24.2-625.1.

490 35. Discussion or consideration by the Forensic Science Board or the Scientific Advisory Committee  
491 created pursuant to Article 2 (§ 9.1-1109 et seq.) of Chapter 11 of Title 9.1 of criminal investigative files.

492 36. Discussion or consideration by the Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Committee of  
493 information or confidential matters subject to the exclusion in subdivision A 3 of § 2.2-3705.4, and meetings  
494 of the Committee to deliberate concerning the annual maximum scholarship award, review and consider  
495 scholarship applications and requests for scholarship award renewal, and cancel, rescind, or recover  
496 scholarship awards.

497 37. Discussion or consideration by the Virginia Port Authority of information subject to the exclusion in  
498 subdivision 1 of § 2.2-3705.6 related to certain proprietary information gathered by or for the Virginia Port  
499 Authority.

500 38. Discussion or consideration by the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Retirement System acting  
501 pursuant to § 51.1-124.30, by the Investment Advisory Committee appointed pursuant to § 51.1-124.26, by  
502 any local retirement system, acting pursuant to § 51.1-803, by the Board of the Virginia College Savings Plan  
503 acting pursuant to § 23.1-706, or by the Virginia College Savings Plan's Investment Advisory Committee  
504 appointed pursuant to § 23.1-702 of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 24 of § 2.2-3705.7.

505 39. Discussion or consideration of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 3 of § 2.2-3705.6  
506 related to economic development.

507 40. Discussion or consideration by the Board of Education of information relating to the denial,  
508 suspension, or revocation of teacher licenses subject to the exclusion in subdivision 11 of § 2.2-3705.3.

509 41. Those portions of meetings of the Virginia Military Advisory Council or any commission created by  
510 executive order for the purpose of studying and making recommendations regarding preventing closure or  
511 realignment of federal military and national security installations and facilities located in Virginia and  
512 relocation of such facilities to Virginia, or a local or regional military affairs organization appointed by a  
513 local governing body, during which there is discussion of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision  
514 8 of § 2.2-3705.2.

515 42. Discussion or consideration by the Board of Trustees of the Veterans Services Foundation of  
516 information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 28 of § 2.2-3705.7 related to personally identifiable  
517 information of donors.

518 43. Discussion or consideration by the Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission of  
519 information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 23 of § 2.2-3705.6 related to certain information contained  
520 in grant applications.

521 44. Discussion or consideration by the board of directors of the Commercial Space Flight Authority of  
522 information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 24 of § 2.2-3705.6 related to rate structures or charges for  
523 the use of projects of, the sale of products of, or services rendered by the Authority and certain proprietary  
524 information of a private entity provided to the Authority.

525 45. Discussion or consideration of personal and proprietary information related to the resource  
526 management plan program and subject to the exclusion in (i) subdivision 25 of § 2.2-3705.6 or (ii) subsection  
527 E of § 10.1-104.7. This exclusion shall not apply to the discussion or consideration of records that contain  
528 information that has been certified for release by the person who is the subject of the information or  
529 transformed into a statistical or aggregate form that does not allow identification of the person who supplied,  
530 or is the subject of, the information.

531 46. Discussion or consideration by the Board of Directors of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control  
532 Authority of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 1 of § 2.2-3705.3 related to investigations of  
533 applicants for licenses and permits and of licensees and permittees.

534 47. Discussion or consideration of grant, loan, or investment application records subject to the exclusion  
535 in subdivision 28 of § 2.2-3705.6 for a grant, loan, or investment pursuant to Article 11 (§ 2.2-2351 et seq.)  
536 of Chapter 22.

537 48. Discussion or development of grant proposals by a regional council established pursuant to Article 26  
538 (§ 2.2-2484 et seq.) of Chapter 24 to be submitted for consideration to the Virginia Growth and Opportunity  
539 Board.

540 49. Discussion or consideration of (i) individual sexual assault cases by a sexual assault response team  
541 established pursuant to § 15.2-1627.4, (ii) individual child abuse or neglect cases or sex offenses involving a  
542 child by a child sexual abuse response team established pursuant to § 15.2-1627.5, or (iii) individual cases  
543 involving abuse, neglect, or exploitation of adults as defined in § 63.2-1603 pursuant to §§ 15.2-1627.5 and  
544 63.2-1605.

545 50. Discussion or consideration by the Board of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership  
546 Authority, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, or any subcommittees thereof, of the portions  
547 of the strategic plan, marketing plan, or operational plan exempt from disclosure pursuant to subdivision 33  
548 of § 2.2-3705.7.

549 51. Those portions of meetings of the subcommittee of the Board of the Virginia Economic Development

550 Partnership Authority established pursuant to subsection F of § 2.2-2237.3 to review and discuss information  
551 received from the Virginia Employment Commission pursuant to subdivision C 2 of § 60.2-114 and the  
552 Department of Workforce Development and Advancement pursuant to subsection B of § 2.2-2040.

553 52. Discussion or consideration by the Commonwealth of Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority (the  
554 Authority), an advisory committee of the Authority, or any other entity designated by the Authority, of  
555 information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 35 of § 2.2-3705.7.

556 53. Deliberations of the Virginia Lottery Board conducted pursuant to § 58.1-4105 regarding the denial or  
557 revocation of a license of a casino gaming operator, or the refusal to issue, suspension of, or revocation of  
558 any license or permit related to casino gaming, and discussion, consideration, or review of matters related to  
559 investigations excluded from mandatory disclosure under subdivision 1 of § 2.2-3705.3.

560 54. Deliberations of the Virginia Lottery Board in an appeal conducted pursuant to § 58.1-4007 regarding  
561 the denial of, revocation of, suspension of, or refusal to renew any license or permit related to sports betting  
562 and any discussion, consideration, or review of matters related to investigations excluded from mandatory  
563 disclosure under subdivision 1 of § 2.2-3705.3.

564 55. *Deliberations of the Virginia Lottery Board in an appeal conducted pursuant to § 58.1-4007  
565 regarding the denial of, revocation of, suspension of, or refusal to renew any license related to electronic  
566 skill gaming devices and any discussion, consideration, or review of matters related to investigations  
567 excluded from mandatory disclosure under subdivision 1 of § 2.2-3705.3.*

568 B. No resolution, ordinance, rule, contract, regulation, or motion adopted, passed, or agreed to in a closed  
569 meeting shall become effective unless the public body, following the meeting, reconvenes in open meeting  
570 and takes a vote of the membership on such resolution, ordinance, rule, contract, regulation, or motion that  
571 shall have its substance reasonably identified in the open meeting.

572 C. Public officers improperly selected due to the failure of the public body to comply with the other  
573 provisions of this section shall be de facto officers and, as such, their official actions are valid until they  
574 obtain notice of the legal defect in their election.

575 D. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the holding of conferences between two or more  
576 public bodies, or their representatives, but these conferences shall be subject to the same procedures for  
577 holding closed meetings as are applicable to any other public body.

578 E. This section shall not be construed to (i) require the disclosure of any contract between the Department  
579 of Health Professions and an impaired practitioner entered into pursuant to Chapter 25.1 (§ 54.1-2515 et seq.)  
580 of Title 54.1 or (ii) require the board of directors of any authority created pursuant to the Industrial  
581 Development and Revenue Bond Act (§ 15.2-4900 et seq.), or any public body empowered to issue industrial  
582 revenue bonds by general or special law, to identify a business or industry to which subdivision A 5 applies.  
583 However, such business or industry shall be identified as a matter of public record at least 30 days prior to the  
584 actual date of the board's authorization of the sale or issuance of such bonds.

585 **§ 11-16.3. Exemption; play of authorized electronic skill gaming devices.**

586 *This chapter shall not apply to the play of electronic skill gaming devices or related activity that is lawful  
587 under Chapter 42 (§ 58.1-4200 et seq.) of Title 58.1 or to any contract, conduct, or transaction arising from  
588 conduct lawful thereunder.*

589 **§ 18.2-325. Definitions.**

590 *†. As used in this article, unless the context requires a different meaning:*

591 "Gambling device" includes:

592 1. Any device, machine, paraphernalia, equipment, or other thing, including books, records, and other  
593 papers, that are actually used in an illegal gambling operation or activity; and

594 2. Any machine, apparatus, implement, instrument, contrivance, board, or other thing, or electronic or  
595 video versions thereof, including those dependent upon the insertion of a coin or other object for their  
596 operation, that operates, either completely automatically or with the aid of some physical act by the player or  
597 operator, in such a manner that, depending upon elements of chance, it may eject something of value or  
598 determine the prize or other thing of value to which the player is entitled, provided, however, that the return  
599 to the user of nothing more than additional chances or the right to use such machine is not deemed something  
600 of value within the meaning of this subdivision, and provided further, that machines that only sell, or entitle  
601 the user to, items of merchandise of equivalent value that may differ from each other in composition, size,  
602 shape, or color shall not be deemed gambling devices within the meaning of this subdivision.

603 Such devices are no less gambling devices if they indicate beforehand the definite result of one or more  
604 operations but not all the operations. Nor are they any less gambling devices because, apart from their use or  
605 adaptability as such, they may also sell or deliver something of value on a basis other than chance.

606 "Gambling device" does not include an electronic skill gaming device authorized pursuant to the  
607 provisions of Chapter 42 (§ 58.1-4200 et seq.) of Title 58.1.

608 "Illegal gambling" means the making, placing, or receipt of any bet or wager in the Commonwealth of  
609 money or other consideration or thing of value, made in exchange for a chance to win a prize, stake, or other  
610 consideration or thing of value, dependent upon the result of any game, contest, or any other event the

611 outcome of which is uncertain or a matter of chance, whether such game, contest, or event occurs or is to  
 612 occur inside or outside the limits of the Commonwealth.

613 For the purposes of this subdivision definition and notwithstanding any provision in this section to the  
 614 contrary, the making, placing, or receipt of any bet or wager of money or other consideration or thing of  
 615 value shall include the purchase of a product, Internet access, or other thing made in exchange for a chance to  
 616 win a prize, stake, or other consideration or thing of value by means of the operation of a gambling device as  
 617 described in subdivision 3 b, 2 of the definition of "gambling device," regardless of whether the chance to win  
 618 such prize, stake, or other consideration or thing of value may be offered in the absence of a purchase.

619 "Illegal gambling" also means the playing or offering for play of any skill game.

620 2. "Illegal gambling" does not include the playing or offering for play of any electronic skill gaming  
 621 device authorized pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 42 (§ 58.1-4200 et seq.) of Title 58.1.

622 "Interstate gambling" means the conduct of an enterprise for profit that engages in the purchase or sale  
 623 within the Commonwealth of any interest in a lottery of another state or country whether or not such interest  
 624 is an actual lottery ticket, receipt, contingent promise to pay, order to purchase, or other record of such  
 625 interest.

626 3. "Gambling device" includes:

627 a. Any device, machine, paraphernalia, equipment, or other thing, including books, records, and other  
 628 papers, which are actually used in an illegal gambling operation or activity;

629 b. Any machine, apparatus, implement, instrument, contrivance, board, or other thing, or electronic or  
 630 video versions thereof, including but not limited to those dependent upon the insertion of a coin or other  
 631 object for their operation, which operates, either completely automatically or with the aid of some physical  
 632 act by the player or operator, in such a manner that, depending upon elements of chance, it may eject  
 633 something of value or determine the prize or other thing of value to which the player is entitled, provided,  
 634 however, that the return to the user of nothing more than additional chances or the right to use such machine  
 635 is not deemed something of value within the meaning of this subsection; and provided further, that machines  
 636 that only sell, or entitle the user to, items of merchandise of equivalent value that may differ from each other  
 637 in composition, size, shape, or color, shall not be deemed gambling devices within the meaning of this  
 638 subsection; and

639 e. Skill games.

640 Such devices are no less gambling devices if they indicate beforehand the definite result of one or more  
 641 operations but not all the operations. Nor are they any less a gambling device because, apart from their use or  
 642 adaptability as such, they may also sell or deliver something of value on a basis other than chance.

643 4. "Operator" includes any person, firm, or association of persons, who conducts, finances, manages,  
 644 supervises, directs, or owns all or part of an illegal gambling enterprise, activity, or operation.

645 5. "Skill" means the knowledge, dexterity, or any other ability or expertise of a natural person.

646 6. "Skill game" means an electronic, computerized, or mechanical contrivance, terminal, machine, or  
 647 other device that requires the insertion of a coin, currency, ticket, token, or similar object to operate, activate,  
 648 or play a game, the outcome of which is determined by any element of skill of the player and that may deliver  
 649 or entitle the person playing or operating the device to receive cash or cash equivalents, gift cards, vouchers,  
 650 bills, tickets, tokens, or electronic credits to be exchanged for cash or cash equivalents whether the payoff is  
 651 made automatically from the device or manually. "Skill game" includes (i) a device that contains a meter or  
 652 measurement device that records the number of free games or portions of games that are rewarded and (ii) a  
 653 device designed or adapted to enable a person using the device to increase the chances of winning free games  
 654 or portions of games by paying more than the amount that is ordinarily required to play the game. "Skill  
 655 game" does not include any amusement device, as defined in § 18.2-334.6.

656 7. "Unregulated location" means any location that is not regulated or operated by the Virginia Lottery or  
 657 the Virginia Lottery Board, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Virginia Alcoholic  
 658 Beverage Control Authority, or the Virginia Racing Commission.

#### 659 § 18.2-334. Exception to article; private residences.

660 Nothing in this article shall be construed to make it illegal to participate in a game of chance conducted in  
 661 a private residence, provided that such private residence is not commonly used for such games of chance and  
 662 there is no operator as defined in subsection 4 of § 18.2-325.

#### 663 § 18.2-334.7. Exemptions to article; electronic skill gaming devices.

664 Nothing in this article shall be construed to make it illegal to play any electronic skill gaming device or  
 665 conduct any related activity that is lawful under Chapter 42 (§ 58.1-4200 et seq.) of Title 58.1.

#### 666 § 19.2-389. Dissemination of criminal history record information.

667 A. Criminal history record information shall be disseminated, whether directly or through an intermediary,  
 668 only to:

669 1. Authorized officers or employees of criminal justice agencies, as defined by § 9.1-101, for purposes of  
 670 the administration of criminal justice and the screening of an employment application or review of  
 671 employment by a criminal justice agency with respect to its own employees or applicants, and dissemination

672 to the Virginia Parole Board, pursuant to this subdivision, of such information on all state-responsible  
673 inmates for the purpose of making parole determinations pursuant to subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 of § 53.1-  
674 136 shall include collective dissemination by electronic means every 30 days. For purposes of this  
675 subdivision, criminal history record information includes information sent to the Central Criminal Records  
676 Exchange pursuant to §§ 37.2-819 and 64.2-2014 when disseminated to any full-time or part-time employee  
677 of the State Police, a police department or sheriff's office that is a part of or administered by the  
678 Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof, and who is responsible for the prevention and detection  
679 of crime and the enforcement of the penal, traffic, or highway laws of the Commonwealth for the purposes of  
680 the administration of criminal justice;

681 2. Such other individuals and agencies that require criminal history record information to implement a  
682 state or federal statute or executive order of the President of the United States or Governor that expressly  
683 refers to criminal conduct and contains requirements or exclusions expressly based upon such conduct, except  
684 that information concerning the arrest of an individual may not be disseminated to a noncriminal justice  
685 agency or individual if an interval of one year has elapsed from the date of the arrest and no disposition of the  
686 charge has been recorded and no active prosecution of the charge is pending;

687 3. Individuals and agencies pursuant to a specific agreement with a criminal justice agency to provide  
688 services required for the administration of criminal justice pursuant to that agreement which shall specifically  
689 authorize access to data, limit the use of data to purposes for which given, and ensure the security and  
690 confidentiality of the data;

691 4. Individuals and agencies for the express purpose of research, evaluative, or statistical activities pursuant  
692 to an agreement with a criminal justice agency that shall specifically authorize access to data, limit the use of  
693 data to research, evaluative, or statistical purposes, and ensure the confidentiality and security of the data;

694 5. Agencies of state or federal government that are authorized by state or federal statute or executive order  
695 of the President of the United States or Governor to conduct investigations determining employment  
696 suitability or eligibility for security clearances allowing access to classified information;

697 6. Individuals and agencies where authorized by court order or court rule;

698 7. Agencies of any political subdivision of the Commonwealth, public transportation companies owned,  
699 operated, or controlled by any political subdivision, and any public service corporation that operates a public  
700 transit system owned by a local government for the conduct of investigations of applicants for employment,  
701 permit, or license whenever, in the interest of public welfare or safety, it is necessary to determine under a  
702 duly enacted ordinance if the past criminal conduct of a person with a conviction record would be compatible  
703 with the nature of the employment, permit, or license under consideration;

704 7a. Commissions created pursuant to the Transportation District Act of 1964 (§ 33.2-1900 et seq.) of Title  
705 33.2 and their contractors, for the conduct of investigations of individuals who have been offered a position  
706 of employment whenever, in the interest of public welfare or safety and as authorized in the Transportation  
707 District Act of 1964, it is necessary to determine if the past criminal conduct of a person with a conviction  
708 record would be compatible with the nature of the employment under consideration;

709 8. Public or private agencies when authorized or required by federal or state law or interstate compact to  
710 investigate (i) applicants for foster or adoptive parenthood or (ii) any individual, and the adult members of  
711 that individual's household, with whom the agency is considering placing a child or from whom the agency is  
712 considering removing a child due to abuse or neglect, on an emergency, temporary, or permanent basis  
713 pursuant to §§ 63.2-901.1 and 63.2-1505, subject to the restriction that the data shall not be further  
714 disseminated to any party other than a federal or state authority or court as may be required to comply with an  
715 express requirement of law;

716 9. To the extent permitted by federal law or regulation, public service companies as defined in § 56-1, for  
717 the conduct of investigations of applicants for employment when such employment involves personal contact  
718 with the public or when past criminal conduct of an applicant would be incompatible with the nature of the  
719 employment under consideration;

720 10. The appropriate authority for purposes of granting citizenship and for purposes of international travel,  
721 including, but not limited to, issuing visas and passports;

722 11. A person requesting a copy of his own criminal history record information as defined in § 9.1-101 at  
723 his cost, except that criminal history record information shall be supplied at no charge to a person who has  
724 applied to be a volunteer with (i) a Virginia affiliate of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America; (ii) a volunteer  
725 fire company; (iii) the Volunteer Emergency Families for Children; (iv) any affiliate of Prevent Child Abuse,  
726 Virginia; (v) any Virginia affiliate of Compeer; or (vi) any board member or any individual who has been  
727 offered membership on the board of a Crime Stoppers, Crime Solvers, or Crime Line program as defined in §  
728 15.2-1713.1;

729 12. Administrators and board presidents of and applicants for licensure or registration as a child welfare  
730 agency as defined in § 63.2-100 for dissemination to the Commissioner of Social Services' representative  
731 pursuant to § 63.2-1702 for the conduct of investigations with respect to employees of and volunteers at such  
732 facilities, caretakers, and foster and adoptive parent applicants of private child-placing agencies, pursuant to

733 §§ 63.2-1719, 63.2-1720, and 63.2-1721, subject to the restriction that the data shall not be further  
 734 disseminated by the facility or agency to any party other than the data subject, the Commissioner of Social  
 735 Services' representative or a federal or state authority or court as may be required to comply with an express  
 736 requirement of law for such further dissemination; however, nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to  
 737 prohibit the Commissioner of Social Services' representative from issuing written certifications regarding the  
 738 results of a background check that was conducted before July 1, 2021, in accordance with subsection J of §  
 739 22.1-289.035 or § 22.1-289.039;

740 13. The school boards of the Commonwealth for the purpose of screening individuals who are offered or  
 741 who accept public school employment and those current school board employees for whom a report of arrest  
 742 has been made pursuant to § 19.2-83.1;

743 14. The Virginia Lottery for the conduct of investigations as set forth in the Virginia Lottery Law (§ 58.1-  
 744 4000 et seq.) and, casino gaming as set forth in Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.) of Title 58.1, and electronic  
 745 skill gaming devices as set forth in Chapter 42 (§ 58.1-4200 et seq.) of Title 58.1 and the Department of  
 746 Agriculture and Consumer Services for the conduct of investigations as set forth in Article 1.1:1 (§ 18.2-  
 747 340.15 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2;

748 15. Licensed nursing homes, hospitals, and home care organizations for the conduct of investigations of  
 749 applicants for compensated employment in licensed nursing homes pursuant to § 32.1-126.01, hospital  
 750 pharmacies pursuant to § 32.1-126.02, and home care organizations pursuant to § 32.1-162.9:1, subject to the  
 751 limitations set out in subsection E;

752 16. Licensed assisted living facilities and licensed adult day care centers for the conduct of investigations  
 753 of applicants for compensated employment in licensed assisted living facilities and licensed adult day care  
 754 centers pursuant to § 63.2-1720, subject to the limitations set out in subsection F;

755 17. The Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority for the conduct of investigations as set forth in §  
 756 4.1-103.1;

757 18. The State Board of Elections and authorized officers and employees thereof and general registrars  
 758 appointed pursuant to § 24.2-110 in the course of conducting necessary investigations with respect to voter  
 759 registration, limited to any record of felony convictions;

760 19. The Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (the Commissioner) or his  
 761 designees for individuals who are committed to the custody of or being evaluated by the Commissioner  
 762 pursuant to §§ 19.2-168.1, 19.2-169.1, 19.2-169.2, 19.2-169.5, 19.2-169.6, 19.2-182.2, 19.2-182.3, 19.2-  
 763 182.8, and 19.2-182.9 where such information may be beneficial for the purpose of placement, evaluation,  
 764 treatment, or discharge planning;

765 20. Any alcohol safety action program certified by the Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action  
 766 Program for (i) interventions with first offenders under § 18.2-251 or (ii) services to offenders under § 18.2-  
 767 51.4, 18.2-266, or 18.2-266.1;

768 21. Residential facilities for juveniles regulated or operated by the Department of Social Services, the  
 769 Department of Education, or the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for the  
 770 purpose of determining applicants' fitness for employment or for providing volunteer or contractual services;

771 22. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and facilities operated by the  
 772 Department for the purpose of determining an individual's fitness for employment pursuant to departmental  
 773 instructions;

774 23. Pursuant to § 22.1-296.3, the governing boards or administrators of private elementary or secondary  
 775 schools which are accredited pursuant to § 22.1-19 or a private organization coordinating such records  
 776 information on behalf of such governing boards or administrators pursuant to a written agreement with the  
 777 Department of State Police;

778 24. Public institutions of higher education and nonprofit private institutions of higher education for the  
 779 purpose of screening individuals who are offered or accept employment;

780 25. Members of a threat assessment team established by a local school board pursuant to § 22.1-79.4, by a  
 781 public institution of higher education pursuant to § 23.1-805, or by a private nonprofit institution of higher  
 782 education, for the purpose of assessing or intervening with an individual whose behavior may present a threat  
 783 to safety; however, no member of a threat assessment team shall redisclose any criminal history record  
 784 information obtained pursuant to this section or otherwise use any record of an individual beyond the purpose  
 785 that such disclosure was made to the threat assessment team;

786 26. Executive directors of community services boards or the personnel director serving the community  
 787 services board for the purpose of determining an individual's fitness for employment, approval as a sponsored  
 788 residential service provider, permission to enter into a shared living arrangement with a person receiving  
 789 medical assistance services pursuant to a waiver, or permission for any person under contract with the  
 790 community services board to serve in a direct care position on behalf of the community services board  
 791 pursuant to §§ 37.2-506, 37.2-506.1, and 37.2-607;

792 27. Executive directors of behavioral health authorities as defined in § 37.2-600 for the purpose of  
 793 determining an individual's fitness for employment, approval as a sponsored residential service provider,

794 permission to enter into a shared living arrangement with a person receiving medical assistance services  
795 pursuant to a waiver, or permission for any person under contract with the behavioral health authority to  
796 serve in a direct care position on behalf of the behavioral health authority pursuant to §§ 37.2-506, 37.2-506.1  
797 , and 37.2-607;

798 28. The Commissioner of Social Services for the purpose of locating persons who owe child support or  
799 who are alleged in a pending paternity proceeding to be a putative father, provided that only the name,  
800 address, demographics, and social security number of the data subject shall be released;

801 29. Authorized officers or directors of agencies licensed pursuant to Article 2 (§ 37.2-403 et seq.) of  
802 Chapter 4 of Title 37.2 by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for the purpose  
803 of determining if any applicant who accepts employment in any direct care position or requests approval as a  
804 sponsored residential service provider, permission to enter into a shared living arrangement with a person  
805 receiving medical assistance services pursuant to a waiver, or permission for any person under contract with  
806 the provider to serve in a direct care position has been convicted of a crime that affects his fitness to have  
807 responsibility for the safety and well-being of individuals with mental illness, intellectual disability, or  
808 substance abuse pursuant to §§ 37.2-416, 37.2-416.1, 37.2-506, 37.2-506.1, and 37.2-607;

809 30. The Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, for the purpose of evaluating applicants for  
810 and holders of a motor carrier certificate or license subject to the provisions of Chapters 20 (§ 46.2-2000 et  
811 seq.) and 21 (§ 46.2-2100 et seq.) of Title 46.2;

812 31. The Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary or the Chairman of the House Committee for  
813 Courts of Justice for the purpose of determining if any person being considered for election to any judgeship  
814 has been convicted of a crime;

815 32. Heads of state agencies in which positions have been identified as sensitive for the purpose of  
816 determining an individual's fitness for employment in positions designated as sensitive under Department of  
817 Human Resource Management policies developed pursuant to § 2.2-1201.1;

818 33. The Office of the Attorney General, for all criminal justice activities otherwise permitted under  
819 subdivision A 1 and for purposes of performing duties required by the Civil Commitment of Sexually Violent  
820 Predators Act (§ 37.2-900 et seq.);

821 34. Shipyards, to the extent permitted by federal law or regulation, engaged in the design, construction,  
822 overhaul, or repair of nuclear vessels for the United States Navy, including their subsidiary companies, for  
823 the conduct of investigations of applications for employment or for access to facilities, by contractors, leased  
824 laborers, and other visitors;

825 35. Any employer of individuals whose employment requires that they enter the homes of others, for the  
826 purpose of screening individuals who apply for, are offered, or have accepted such employment;

827 36. Public agencies when and as required by federal or state law to investigate (i) applicants as providers  
828 of adult foster care and home-based services or (ii) any individual with whom the agency is considering  
829 placing an adult on an emergency, temporary, or permanent basis pursuant to § 63.2-1601.1, subject to the  
830 restriction that the data shall not be further disseminated by the agency to any party other than a federal or  
831 state authority or court as may be required to comply with an express requirement of law for such further  
832 dissemination, subject to limitations set out in subsection G;

833 37. The Department of Medical Assistance Services, or its designee, for the purpose of screening  
834 individuals who, through contracts, subcontracts, or direct employment, volunteer, apply for, are offered, or  
835 have accepted a position related to the provision of transportation services to enrollees in the Medicaid  
836 Program or the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) Program, or any other program  
837 administered by the Department of Medical Assistance Services;

838 38. The State Corporation Commission for the purpose of investigating individuals who are current or  
839 proposed members, senior officers, directors, and principals of an applicant or person licensed under Chapter  
840 16 (§ 6.2-1600 et seq.), Chapter 19 (§ 6.2-1900 et seq.), or Chapter 26 (§ 6.2-2600 et seq.) of Title 6.2.  
841 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if an application is denied based in whole or in part on  
842 information obtained from the Central Criminal Records Exchange pursuant to Chapter 16, 19, or 26 of Title  
843 6.2, the Commissioner of Financial Institutions or his designee may disclose such information to the applicant  
844 or its designee;

845 39. The Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation for the purpose of investigating  
846 individuals for initial licensure pursuant to § 54.1-2106.1;

847 40. The Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services and the Department for the Blind and Vision  
848 Impaired for the purpose of evaluating an individual's fitness for various types of employment and for the  
849 purpose of delivering comprehensive vocational rehabilitation services pursuant to Article 11 (§ 51.5-170 et  
850 seq.) of Chapter 14 of Title 51.5 that will assist the individual in obtaining employment;

851 41. Bail bondsmen, in accordance with the provisions of § 19.2-120;

852 42. The State Treasurer for the purpose of determining whether a person receiving compensation for  
853 wrongful incarceration meets the conditions for continued compensation under § 8.01-195.12;

854 43. The Department of Education or its agents or designees for the purpose of screening individuals

855 seeking to enter into a contract with the Department of Education or its agents or designees for the provision  
 856 of child care services for which child care subsidy payments may be provided;

857 44. The Department of Juvenile Justice to investigate any parent, guardian, or other adult members of a  
 858 juvenile's household when completing a predispositional or postdispositional report required by § 16.1-273 or  
 859 a Board of Juvenile Justice regulation promulgated pursuant to § 16.1-233;

860 45. The State Corporation Commission, for the purpose of screening applicants for insurance licensure  
 861 under Chapter 18 (§ 38.2-1800 et seq.) of Title 38.2;

862 46. Administrators and board presidents of and applicants for licensure or registration as a child day  
 863 program or family day system, as such terms are defined in § 22.1-289.02, for dissemination to the  
 864 Superintendent of Public Instruction's representative pursuant to § 22.1-289.013 for the conduct of  
 865 investigations with respect to employees of and volunteers at such facilities pursuant to §§ 22.1-289.034  
 866 through 22.1-289.037, subject to the restriction that the data shall not be further disseminated by the facility  
 867 or agency to any party other than the data subject, the Superintendent of Public Instruction's representative, or  
 868 a federal or state authority or court as may be required to comply with an express requirement of law for such  
 869 further dissemination; however, nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit the Superintendent  
 870 of Public Instruction's representative from issuing written certifications regarding the results of prior  
 871 background checks in accordance with subsection J of § 22.1-289.035 or § 22.1-289.039;

872 47. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children for the purpose of screening individuals who  
 873 are offered or accept employment or will be providing volunteer or contractual services with the National  
 874 Center for Missing and Exploited Children; and

875 48. Other entities as otherwise provided by law.

876 Upon an ex parte motion of a defendant in a felony case and upon the showing that the records requested  
 877 may be relevant to such case, the court shall enter an order requiring the Central Criminal Records Exchange  
 878 to furnish the defendant, as soon as practicable, copies of any records of persons designated in the order on  
 879 whom a report has been made under the provisions of this chapter.

880 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, upon a written request sworn to  
 881 before an officer authorized to take acknowledgments, the Central Criminal Records Exchange, or the  
 882 criminal justice agency in cases of offenses not required to be reported to the Exchange, shall furnish a copy  
 883 of conviction data covering the person named in the request to the person making the request; however, such  
 884 person on whom the data is being obtained shall consent in writing, under oath, to the making of such  
 885 request. A person receiving a copy of his own conviction data may utilize or further disseminate that data as  
 886 he deems appropriate. In the event no conviction data is maintained on the data subject, the person making  
 887 the request shall be furnished at his cost a certification to that effect.

888 B. Use of criminal history record information disseminated to noncriminal justice agencies under this  
 889 section shall be limited to the purposes for which it was given and may not be disseminated further, except as  
 890 otherwise provided in subdivision A 46.

891 C. No criminal justice agency or person shall confirm the existence or nonexistence of criminal history  
 892 record information for employment or licensing inquiries except as provided by law.

893 D. Criminal justice agencies shall establish procedures to query the Central Criminal Records Exchange  
 894 prior to dissemination of any criminal history record information on offenses required to be reported to the  
 895 Central Criminal Records Exchange to ensure that the most up-to-date disposition data is being used.  
 896 Inquiries of the Exchange shall be made prior to any dissemination except in those cases where time is of the  
 897 essence and the normal response time of the Exchange would exceed the necessary time period. A criminal  
 898 justice agency to whom a request has been made for the dissemination of criminal history record information  
 899 that is required to be reported to the Central Criminal Records Exchange may direct the inquirer to the  
 900 Central Criminal Records Exchange for such dissemination. Dissemination of information regarding offenses  
 901 not required to be reported to the Exchange shall be made by the criminal justice agency maintaining the  
 902 record as required by § 15.2-1722.

903 E. Criminal history information provided to licensed nursing homes, hospitals and to home care  
 904 organizations pursuant to subdivision A 15 shall be limited to the convictions on file with the Exchange for  
 905 any offense specified in §§ 32.1-126.01, 32.1-126.02, and 32.1-162.9:1.

906 F. Criminal history information provided to licensed assisted living facilities and licensed adult day care  
 907 centers pursuant to subdivision A 16 shall be limited to the convictions on file with the Exchange for any  
 908 offense specified in § 63.2-1720.

909 G. Criminal history information provided to public agencies pursuant to subdivision A 36 shall be limited  
 910 to the convictions on file with the Exchange for any offense set forth in clause (i) of the definition of barrier  
 911 crime in § 19.2-392.02.

912 H. Upon receipt of a written request from an employer or prospective employer, the Central Criminal  
 913 Records Exchange, or the criminal justice agency in cases of offenses not required to be reported to the  
 914 Exchange, shall furnish at the employer's cost a copy of conviction data covering the person named in the  
 915 request to the employer or prospective employer making the request, provided that the person on whom the

916 data is being obtained has consented in writing to the making of such request and has presented a photo-  
917 identification to the employer or prospective employer. In the event no conviction data is maintained on the  
918 person named in the request, the requesting employer or prospective employer shall be furnished at his cost a  
919 certification to that effect. The criminal history record search shall be conducted on forms provided by the  
920 Exchange.

921 I. Nothing in this section shall preclude the dissemination of a person's criminal history record  
922 information pursuant to the rules of court for obtaining discovery or for review by the court.

923 **§ 37.2-314.2. Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Fund.**

924 A. As used in this section:

925 "Compulsive gambling" means persistent and recurrent problem gambling behavior leading to clinically  
926 significant impairment or distress, as indicated by an individual exhibiting four or more of the criteria as  
927 defined by the Diagnostic Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders in a 12-month period and where the  
928 behavior is not better explained by a manic episode.

929 "Problem gambling" means a gambling behavior that causes disruptions in any major area of life,  
930 including the psychological, social, or vocational areas of life, but does not fulfill the criteria for diagnosis as  
931 a gambling disorder.

932 B. There is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund to be known as the Problem  
933 Gambling Treatment and Support Fund, referred to in this section as "the Fund." The Fund shall be  
934 established on the books of the Comptroller. All revenue accruing to the Fund pursuant to subsection A of §  
935 58.1-4038, *moneys required to be deposited into the Fund pursuant to subsection B of § 59.1-603*, and  
936 moneys required to be deposited into the Fund pursuant to Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.) of Title 58.1 shall  
937 be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Fund. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in  
938 the Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys remaining in the Fund, including interest thereon, at the end of  
939 each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Moneys in the Fund shall be  
940 used solely for the purposes of (i) providing counseling and other support services for compulsive and  
941 problem gamblers, (ii) developing and implementing compulsive and problem gambling treatment and  
942 prevention programs, and (iii) providing grants to support organizations that provide assistance to compulsive  
943 and problem gamblers. Expenditures and disbursements from the Fund shall be made by the State Treasurer  
944 on warrants issued by the Comptroller upon written request signed by the Commissioner.

945 **§ 58.1-4002. Definitions.**

946 As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

947 "Board" means the Virginia Lottery Board established by this chapter.

948 "Casino gaming" or "game" means baccarat, blackjack, twenty-one, poker, craps, dice, slot machines,  
949 roulette wheels, Klondike tables, punchboards, faro layouts, numbers tickets, push cards, jar tickets, or pull  
950 tabs and any other activity that is authorized by the Board as a wagering game or device under Chapter 41 (§  
951 58.1-4100 et seq.). "Casino gaming" or "game" includes on-premises mobile casino gaming.

952 "Department" means the independent agency responsible for the administration of the Virginia Lottery  
953 pursuant to this article ~~and, the regulation of~~ sports betting pursuant to Article 2 (§ 58.1-4030 et seq.), *casino*  
954 *gaming pursuant to Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.), and electronic skill gaming devices pursuant to*  
955 *Chapter 42 (§ 58.1-4200 et seq.).*

956 "Director" means the Director of the Virginia Lottery.

957 "Lottery" or "state lottery" means the lottery or lotteries established and operated pursuant to this ~~chapter~~  
958 *article.*

959 "On-premises mobile casino gaming" means casino gaming offered by a casino gaming operator at a  
960 casino gaming establishment using a computer network of both federal and nonfederal interoperable packet-  
961 switched data networks through which the casino gaming operator may offer casino gaming to individuals  
962 who have established an on-premises mobile casino gaming account with the casino gaming operator and  
963 who are physically present on the premises of the casino gaming establishment, as authorized by regulations  
964 promulgated by the Board.

965 "Sports betting" means placing wagers on sporting events as such activity is regulated by the Board.

966 "Ticket courier service" means a service operated for the purpose of purchasing Virginia Lottery tickets  
967 on behalf of individuals located within or outside of the Commonwealth and delivering or transmitting such  
968 tickets, or electronic images thereof, to such individuals as a business-for-profit delivery service.

969 "Voluntary exclusion program" means a program established by the Board pursuant to § 58.1-4015.1 that  
970 allows individuals to voluntarily exclude themselves from engaging in the activities described in subdivision  
971 B 1 of § 58.1-4015.1 by placing their name on a voluntary exclusion list and following the procedures set  
972 forth by the Board.

973 **§ 58.1-4003. Virginia Lottery established.**

974 Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 1 (§ 18.2-325 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2 or any other  
975 provision of law, there is hereby established as an independent agency of the Commonwealth, exclusive of  
976 the legislative, executive, or judicial branches of government, the Virginia Lottery, which shall include a

977 Director and ~~a~~ the Virginia Lottery Board for the ~~purpose~~ purposes of operating a state lottery *and regulating*  
 978 *sports betting pursuant to Article 2 (§ 58.1-4030 et seq.), casino gaming pursuant to Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100*  
 979 *et seq.), and electronic skill gaming devices pursuant to Chapter 42 (§ 58.1-4200 et seq.).*

980 **§ 58.1-4006. Powers of the Director.**

981 A. The Director shall supervise and administer:

982 1. The operation of the lottery in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and with the rules and  
 983 regulations promulgated ~~hereunder~~ *pursuant to this chapter; and*

984 2. *The regulation of sports betting in accordance with Article 2 (§ 58.1-4030 et seq.) and with the rules*  
 985 *and regulations promulgated pursuant to this chapter;*

986 3. The regulation of casino gaming in accordance with Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.) *and with the rules*  
 987 *and regulations promulgated pursuant to that chapter; and*

988 4. *The regulation of electronic skill gaming devices in accordance with Chapter 42 (§ 58.1-4200 et seq.)*  
 989 *and with the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to that chapter.*

990 B. The Director shall also:

991 1. Employ such deputy directors, professional, technical, and clerical assistants, and other employees as  
 992 may be required to carry out the functions and duties of the Department.

993 2. Act as secretary and executive officer of the Board.

994 3. Require bond or other surety satisfactory to the Director from licensed agents as provided in subsection  
 995 E of § 58.1-4009 and Department employees with access to Department funds or lottery funds, in such  
 996 amount as provided in the rules and regulations of the Board. The Director may also require bond from other  
 997 employees as he deems necessary.

998 4. Confer regularly, but not less than four times each year, with the Board on the operation and  
 999 administration of the lottery, and the regulation of *sports betting, casino gaming, and electronic skill gaming*  
 1000 *devices*; make available for inspection by the Board, upon request, all books, records, files, and other  
 1001 information and documents of the Department; and advise the Board and recommend such matters as he  
 1002 deems necessary and advisable to improve the operation and administration of the lottery and the regulation  
 1003 of *sports betting, casino gaming, and electronic skill gaming devices*.

1004 5. Suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew any license issued pursuant to this chapter or the rules and  
 1005 regulations adopted ~~hereunder~~ *pursuant to this chapter.*

1006 6. Suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew any license or permit issued pursuant to Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et  
 1007 seq.).

1008 7. Eject or exclude from a casino gaming establishment any person, whether or not he possesses a license  
 1009 or permit, whose conduct or reputation is such that his presence may, in the opinion of the Director, reflect  
 1010 negatively on the honesty and integrity of casino gaming or interfere with the orderly gaming operations.

1011 8. Immediately upon the receipt of a credible complaint of an alleged criminal violation of Chapter 41 (§  
 1012 58.1-4100 et seq.), report the complaint to the Attorney General and the State Police for appropriate action.

1013 9. Inspect and investigate, and have free access to, the offices, facilities, or other places of business of any  
 1014 licensee or permit holder and may compel the production of any of the books, documents, records, or  
 1015 memoranda of any licensee or permit holder for the purpose of ensuring compliance with Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-  
 1016 4100 et seq.) and Department regulations.

1017 10. Compel any person holding a license or permit pursuant to Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.) to file  
 1018 with the Department such information as shall appear to the Director to be necessary for the performance of  
 1019 the Department's functions, including financial statements and information relative to principals and all others  
 1020 with any pecuniary interest in such person.

1021 11. Impose a fine or penalty not to exceed \$1 million upon any person determined, in proceedings  
 1022 commenced pursuant to § 58.1-4105, to have violated any of the provisions of Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et  
 1023 seq.) or regulations promulgated by the Board.

1024 12. Enter into arrangements with any foreign or domestic governmental agency for the purposes of  
 1025 exchanging information or performing any other act to better ensure the proper conduct of casino gaming  
 1026 operations or the efficient conduct of the Director's duties.

1027 13. Enter into contracts for the operation of the lottery, or any part thereof, for the promotion of the lottery  
 1028 and into interstate lottery contracts with other states. A contract awarded or entered into by the Director shall  
 1029 not be assigned by the holder thereof except by specific approval of the Director.

1030 14. Certify monthly to the State Comptroller and the Board a full and complete statement of lottery  
 1031 revenues, prize disbursements, and other expenses for the preceding month.

1032 15. Report monthly to the Governor, the Secretary of Finance, and the Chairmen of the Senate Committee  
 1033 on Finance and Appropriations, House Committee on Finance, and House Committee on Appropriations the  
 1034 total lottery revenues, prize disbursements, and other expenses for the preceding month and make an annual  
 1035 report, which shall include a full and complete statement of lottery revenues, prize disbursements, and other  
 1036 expenses, as well as a separate financial statement of the expenses incurred in the regulation of casino gaming  
 1037 operations as defined in § 58.1-4100, to the Governor and the General Assembly. Such annual report shall

1038 also include such recommendations for changes in this chapter and Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.) as the  
1039 Director and Board deem necessary or desirable.

1040 16. Report immediately to the Governor and the General Assembly any matters that require immediate  
1041 changes in the laws of the Commonwealth in order to prevent abuses and evasions of this chapter ~~and~~,  
1042 Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.), *and Chapter 42 (§ 58.1-4200 et seq.)*, or the rules and regulations adopted  
1043 ~~hereunder pursuant to this chapter~~, or to rectify undesirable conditions in connection with the administration  
1044 or operation of the lottery.

1045 17. Notify prize winners and appropriate state and federal agencies of the payment of prizes in excess of  
1046 \$600 in the manner required by the lottery rules and regulations.

1047 18. Provide for the withholding of the applicable amount of state and federal income tax of persons  
1048 claiming a prize for a winning ticket in excess of \$5,001.

1049 19. Participate in the Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Advisory Committee established  
1050 pursuant to § 37.2-304 by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to enable  
1051 collaboration among prevention and treatment providers and operators of legal gaming in the Commonwealth  
1052 on efforts to reduce the negative effects of problem gambling.

1053 C. The Director and the director of security or investigators appointed by the Director shall be vested with  
1054 the powers of sheriff and sworn to enforce the statutes and regulations pertaining to the Department and to  
1055 investigate violations of the statutes and regulations that the Director is required to enforce.

1056 D. The Director may authorize temporary bonus or incentive programs for payments to licensed sales  
1057 agents that he determines will be cost effective and support increased sales of lottery products.

1058 **§ 58.1-4007. Powers of the Board.**

1059 A. The Board shall have the power to adopt regulations governing the establishment and operation of a  
1060 lottery pursuant to this article ~~and~~, sports betting pursuant to Article 2 (§ 58.1-4030 et seq.), *casino gaming*  
1061 *pursuant to Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.)*, *and electronic skill gaming devices pursuant to Chapter 42 (§*  
1062 *58.1-4200 et seq.)*. The regulations governing the establishment and operation of the lottery ~~and~~, sports  
1063 betting, *casino gaming*, *and electronic skill gaming devices* shall be promulgated by the Board after  
1064 consultation with the Director. Such regulations shall be in accordance with the Administrative Process Act  
1065 (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.). The regulations shall provide for all matters necessary or desirable for the efficient,  
1066 honest, and economical operation and administration of the lottery ~~and~~, sports betting, *casino gaming*, *and*  
1067 *electronic skill gaming devices* and for the convenience of the purchasers of tickets or shares, the holders of  
1068 winning tickets or shares, ~~and~~ sports bettors, *casino gaming patrons*, *and the players of electronic skill*  
1069 *gaming devices*. The regulations, which may be amended, repealed, or supplemented as necessary, shall  
1070 include the following:

1071 1. The type or types of lottery or game to be conducted in accordance with § 58.1-4001.

1072 2. The price or prices of tickets or shares in the lottery.

1073 3. The numbers and sizes of the prizes on the winning tickets or shares, including informing the public of  
1074 the approximate odds of winning and the proportion of lottery revenues (i) disbursed as prizes and (ii)  
1075 returned to the Commonwealth as net revenues.

1076 4. The manner of selecting the winning tickets or shares.

1077 5. The manner of payment of prizes to the holders of winning tickets or shares.

1078 6. The frequency of the drawings or selections of winning tickets or shares without limitation.

1079 7. Without limitation as to number, the type or types of locations at which tickets or shares may be sold.

1080 8. The method to be used in selling tickets or shares, including the sale of tickets or shares over the  
1081 Internet.

1082 9. The advertisement of the lottery in accordance with the provisions of subsection E of § 58.1-4022.

1083 10. The licensing of agents to sell tickets or shares who will best serve the public convenience and  
1084 promote the sale of tickets or shares. No person under the age of 18 shall be licensed as an agent. A licensed  
1085 agent may employ a person who is 16 years of age or older to sell or otherwise vend tickets at the agent's  
1086 place of business so long as the employee is supervised in the selling or vending of tickets by the manager or  
1087 supervisor in charge at the location where the tickets are being sold. Employment of such person shall be in  
1088 compliance with Chapter 5 (§ 40.1-78 et seq.) of Title 40.1.

1089 11. The manner and amount of compensation, if any, to be paid licensed sales agents necessary to provide  
1090 for the adequate availability of tickets or shares to prospective buyers and for the convenience of the public.  
1091 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision, the Board shall not be required to approve temporary  
1092 bonus or incentive programs for payments to licensed sales agents.

1093 12. Apportionment of the total revenues accruing from the sale of tickets or shares and from all other  
1094 sources and establishment of the amount of the special reserve fund as provided in § 58.1-4022.

1095 13. Such other matters necessary or desirable for the efficient and economical operation and  
1096 administration of the lottery.

1097 14. The operation of sports betting pursuant to Article 2 (§ 58.1-4030 et seq.). In adopting such  
1098 regulations, the Board shall establish a consumer protection program and publish a consumer protection bill

1099 of rights. Such program and bill of rights shall include measures to protect sports bettors, as defined in §  
 1100 58.1-4030, with respect to identity, funds and accounts, consumer complaints, self-exclusion, and any other  
 1101 consumer protection measure the Board determines to be reasonable.

1102 15. The administration of a voluntary exclusion program as provided in § 58.1-4015.1.

1103 The Department shall not be subject to the provisions of *Chapter 43 the Virginia Public Procurement Act*  
 1104 (§ 2.2-4300 et seq.) of *Title 2.2*; however, the Board shall promulgate regulations, after consultation with the  
 1105 Director, relative to departmental procurement which include standards of ethics for procurement consistent  
 1106 with the provisions of Article 6 (§ 2.2-4367 et seq.) of *Chapter 43 of Title 2.2 the Virginia Public*  
 1107 *Procurement Act* and which ensure that departmental procurement will be based on competitive principles.

1108 The Board shall have the power to advise and recommend, but shall have no power to veto or modify  
 1109 administrative decisions of the Director. However, the Board shall have the power to accept, modify, or reject  
 1110 any revenue projections before such projections are forwarded to the Governor.

1111 B. The Board shall carry on a continuous study and investigation of the lottery ~~and~~, sports betting, *casino*  
 1112 *gaming, and electronic skill gaming devices* throughout the Commonwealth to:

1113 1. Ascertain any defects of this chapter or the regulations issued ~~hereunder~~ *which pursuant to this chapter*  
 1114 *that cause abuses in the administration and operation of the lottery and, sports betting and, casino gaming, or*  
 1115 *electronic skill gaming devices or any evasions of such provisions.*

1116 2. Formulate, with the Director, recommendations for changes in this chapter and the regulations  
 1117 promulgated ~~hereunder~~ *pursuant to this chapter* to prevent such abuses and evasions.

1118 3. Guard against the use of this chapter and the regulations promulgated ~~hereunder~~ *pursuant to this*  
 1119 *chapter as a subterfuge for organized crime and illegal gambling.*

1120 4. Ensure that this law and the regulations of the Board are in such form and are so administered as to  
 1121 serve the true purpose of this chapter.

1122 C. The Board shall make a continuous study and investigation of (i) the operation and the administration  
 1123 of similar laws that may be in effect in other states or countries; (ii) any literature on the subject that may be  
 1124 published or available; (iii) any federal laws that may affect the operation of the lottery ~~and~~, sports betting,  
 1125 *casino gaming, and electronic skill gaming devices*; and (iv) the reaction of Virginia citizens to the potential  
 1126 features of the lottery ~~and~~, sports betting, *casino gaming, and electronic skill gaming devices* with a view to  
 1127 recommending or effecting changes that will serve the purpose of this chapter.

1128 D. The Board shall hear and decide an appeal of any ~~denial~~:

1129 1. *Denial* by the Director of the licensing or revocation of a license of a lottery agent pursuant to  
 1130 subdivision A 10 of this section and subdivision B 5 of § 58.1-4006. *The Board shall hear and decide an*  
 1131 *appeal of any penalty;*

1132 2. *Penalty*, denial of a permit or renewal, or suspension or revocation of a permit imposed by the Director  
 1133 pursuant to Article 2 (§ 58.1-4030 et seq.);

1134 3. *Penalty, denial of a permit or license or renewal, or suspension or revocation of a permit or license*  
 1135 *imposed by the Director pursuant to Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.); and*

1136 4. *Penalty, denial by the Director of a license or renewal, or suspension or revocation of a license*  
 1137 *imposed by the Director pursuant to Chapter 42 (§ 58.1-4200 et seq.).*

1138 E. The Board shall have the authority to initiate procedures for the planning, acquisition, and construction  
 1139 of capital projects as set forth in Article 4 (§ 2.2-1129 et seq.) of Chapter 11 and Article 3 (§ 2.2-1819 et seq.)  
 1140 of Chapter 18 of Title 2.2.

1141 F. The Board may adjust the percentage of uncollectible gaming receivables allowed to be subtracted from  
 1142 adjusted gross revenue, as defined in § 58.1-4030, if it determines that a different percentage is reasonable  
 1143 and customary in the sports betting industry.

#### 1144 **§ 58.1-4015.1. Voluntary exclusion program.**

1145 A. The Board shall adopt regulations to establish and implement a voluntary exclusion program.

1146 B. The regulations shall include the following provisions:

1147 1. Except as provided by regulation of the Board, a person who participates in the voluntary exclusion  
 1148 program agrees to refrain from (i) playing any account-based lottery game authorized under the provisions of  
 1149 this article; (ii) participating in sports betting, as defined in § 58.1-4030; (iii) engaging in any form of casino  
 1150 gaming that may be allowed under the laws of the Commonwealth; (iv) *playing any electronic skill gaming*  
 1151 *device authorized pursuant to Chapter 42 (§ 58.1-4200 et seq.); (v) participating in charitable gaming, as*  
 1152 *defined in § 18.2-340.16; (vi) participating in fantasy contests, as defined in § 59.1-556; or (vii)*  
 1153 *wagering on horse racing, as defined in § 59.1-365.* Any state agency, at the request of the Department, shall  
 1154 assist in administering the voluntary exclusion program pursuant to the provisions of this section.

1155 2. A person who participates in the voluntary exclusion program may choose an exclusion period of two  
 1156 years, five years, or lifetime.

1157 3. Except as provided by regulation of the Board, a person who participates in the voluntary exclusion  
 1158 program may not petition the Board for removal from the program for the duration of his exclusion period.

1159 4. The name of a person participating in the program shall be included on a list of excluded persons. The

1160 list of persons entering the voluntary exclusion program and the personal information of the participants shall  
1161 be confidential, with dissemination by the Department limited to sales agents and permit holders, as defined  
1162 in § 58.1-4030, and any other parties the Department deems necessary for purposes of enforcement. The list  
1163 and the personal information of participants in the voluntary exclusion program shall not be subject to  
1164 disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.). In addition, the Board may  
1165 disseminate the list to other parties upon request by the participant and agreement by the Board.

1166 5. Sales agents and permit holders shall make all reasonable attempts as determined by the Board to cease  
1167 all direct marketing efforts to a person participating in the program. The voluntary exclusion program shall  
1168 not preclude sales agents and permit holders from seeking the payment of a debt incurred by a person before  
1169 entering the program. In addition, a permit holder may share the names of individuals who self-exclude  
1170 across its corporate enterprise, including sharing such information with any of its affiliates.

1171 **§ 58.1-4048. Gaming Regulatory Fund.**

1172 There is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund to be known as the Gaming  
1173 Regulatory Fund, referred to in this section as "the Fund." The Fund shall be established on the books of the  
1174 Comptroller. All funds appropriated for such purpose and any gifts, donations, grants, bequests, and other  
1175 funds received on its behalf shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Fund. Interest earned on  
1176 moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys remaining in the Fund,  
1177 including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in  
1178 the Fund. Moneys in the Fund shall be used solely to offset the Department's costs associated with (i) the  
1179 conduct of investigations required by § 58.1-4032, 58.1-4043, 58.1-4104, 58.1-4109, 58.1-4116, 58.1-4120,  
1180 or 58.1-4121 or any other provision of this article ~~or~~, Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.), or Chapter 42 (§ 58.1-  
1181 4200 et seq.) and (ii) the enforcement of regulations promulgated by the **Virginia Lottery** Board pursuant to  
1182 subdivisions A 14 and 15 of § 58.1-4007, subdivision 2 of § 58.1-4102, and § §§ 58.1-4103, 58.1-4202, and  
1183 58.1-4204. Expenditures and disbursements from the Fund shall be made by the State Treasurer on warrants  
1184 issued by the Comptroller upon written request signed by the Director.

1185 **§ 58.1-4103. Voluntary exclusion program.**

1186 A. The Board shall adopt regulations to establish and implement a voluntary exclusion program.

1187 B. The regulations shall include the following provisions:

1188 1. Except as provided by regulation of the Board, a person who participates in the voluntary exclusion  
1189 program agrees to refrain from (i) playing any account-based lottery game authorized under the provisions of  
1190 this chapter or Chapter 40 (§ 58.1-4000 et seq.); (ii) participating in sports betting as such activity is regulated  
1191 by the Board; (iii) engaging in any form of casino gaming authorized under the provisions of this chapter; (iv)  
1192 *playing any electronic skill gaming device authorized pursuant to Chapter 42 (§ 58.1-4200 et seq.)*; (v)  
1193 participating in charitable gaming, as defined in § 18.2-340.16; ~~(vi)~~ (vi) participating in fantasy contests, as  
1194 defined in § 59.1-556; or ~~(vii)~~ (vii) wagering on horse racing, as defined in § 59.1-365. Any state agency, at  
1195 the request of the Department, shall assist in administering the voluntary exclusion program pursuant to the  
1196 provisions of this section.

1197 2. A person who participates in the voluntary exclusion program may choose an exclusion period of two  
1198 years, five years, or lifetime.

1199 3. Except as provided by regulation of the Board, a person who participates in the voluntary exclusion  
1200 program may not petition the Board for removal from the program for the duration of his exclusion period.

1201 4. The name of a person participating in the program shall be included on a list of excluded persons. The  
1202 list of persons entering the voluntary exclusion program and the personal information of the participants shall  
1203 be confidential, with dissemination by the Department limited to lottery sales agents licensed under Chapter  
1204 40 (§ 58.1-4000 et seq.), owners and operators of casino gaming establishments, and any other parties the  
1205 Department deems necessary for purposes of enforcement. The list and the personal information of  
1206 participants in the voluntary exclusion program shall not be subject to disclosure under the Virginia Freedom  
1207 of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.). In addition, the Board may disseminate the list to other parties upon  
1208 request by the participant and agreement by the Board.

1209 5. Lottery sales agents and owners and operators of casino gaming establishments shall make all  
1210 reasonable attempts as determined by the Board to cease all direct marketing efforts to a person participating  
1211 in the program. The voluntary exclusion program shall not preclude lottery sales agents and owners and  
1212 operators of casino gaming establishments from seeking the payment of a debt incurred by a person before  
1213 entering the program. In addition, the owner or operator of a casino gaming establishment may share the  
1214 names of individuals who self-exclude across its corporate enterprise, including sharing such information  
1215 with any of its affiliates.

1216 **CHAPTER 42.**

1217 **VIRGINIA GAMING COMMERCE AND DEVELOPMENT.**

1218 **Article 1.**

1219 **General Provisions.**

1220 **§ 58.1-4200. Definitions.**

1221 *As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:*

1222     "Board" means the Virginia Lottery Board established in the Virginia Lottery Law (§ 58.1-4000 et seq.).

1223     "Category" means the type of license granted by the Department, to include a manufacturer, distributor, operator, or host location license.

1225     "Commercial motor vehicle" means the same as that term is defined in § 46.2-341.4.

1226     "Department" means the independent agency responsible for the administration of the Virginia Lottery pursuant to Article 1 (§ 58.1-4000 et seq.) of Chapter 40 and the regulation of sports betting pursuant to Article 2 (§ 58.1-4030 et seq.) of Chapter 40, casino gaming pursuant to Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.), and electronic skill gaming devices pursuant to this chapter.

1230     "Director" means the Director of the Virginia Lottery.

1231     "Distributor" means any person registered with the Board that sells, leases, offers, or provides and distributes electronic skill gaming devices to an operator for use or play in the Commonwealth, and buys or leases electronic skill gaming devices from a manufacturer licensee. No distributor shall contract directly with a host location.

1235     "Electronic skill gaming device" means a physical terminal, machine, or other device, including electronic or computerized devices, that requires the insertion of a coin, currency, ticket, token, or similar object to operate, activate, or play a game, the outcome of which shall be determined predominantly by the skill of the player, and that may deliver or entitle the person playing or operating the device to receive cash in excess of the cost of operating, activating, or playing the game. "Electronic skill gaming device" does not include any amusement device, as defined in § 18.2-334.6, any mobile telephone device, charitable games authorized pursuant to Article 1.1:1 (§ 18.2-340.15 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2, sports betting authorized under Article 2 (§ 58.1-4030 et seq.) of Chapter 40, casino gaming authorized under Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.), or historical horse racing authorized pursuant to Chapter 29 (§ 59.1-364 et seq.) of Title 59.1.

1245     "Gaming tax" means the tax imposed on gross profits.

1246     "Gross profits" means all revenue generated from the play of electronic skill gaming devices minus prizes or cash winnings paid out to successful players.

1248     "Host location" means a business establishment at which electronic skill gaming devices are placed, operated, and offered to the public for play by an operator licensee. "Host location" includes truck stops, as defined in this chapter.

1251     "Independent testing laboratory" means a laboratory selected by the Director with a national reputation for honesty, independence, and timeliness that is demonstrably competent and qualified to scientifically test and evaluate electronic skill gaming devices for compliance with this chapter and to otherwise perform the functions assigned to it by this chapter. No manufacturer, operator, distributor, or host location licensee shall have any ownership interest in any independent testing laboratory approved by the Director.

1256     "Individual" means a natural person.

1257     "Inducement" means anything of value offered, given, transferred, or paid, directly or indirectly, by a manufacturer, distributor, procurement agent, operator, or any employee, agent, contractor, or other person acting on behalf of any manufacturer, distributor, operator, or procurement agent to any host location licensee or any applicant for a host location license pursuant to this chapter, or to any employee, investor, owner, or officer of a host location licensee or applicant for a host location license as an enticement to solicit, enter into, grant, execute, renew, extend, or maintain a use agreement by and between a host location licensee and a distributor licensee, including any cash, incentive, marketing or advertising cost, gift, food, beverage, loan, financing arrangement, prepayment of gross revenue, or any other contribution payment that offsets a host location licensee's capital or operational costs, or as otherwise determined by the Board.

1266     "Inducement" does not include costs paid by a distributor or operator licensee related to:

1267       1. Costs for structural changes or modular materials or equipment used to meet minimum standards for the gaming area as required by the Board or to maintain the security of the gaming area, the electronic skill gaming devices, and ticket redemption terminals.

1270       2. Surveillance equipment, alarm systems, and similar equipment or systems intended to monitor and secure the electronic skill gaming devices, the ticket redemption terminals, and the gaming area and the perimeter of the host location licensee's establishment, and any means of ingress and egress thereto.

1273       3. Any wiring or rewiring of the gaming area necessary to operate electronic skill gaming devices, ticket redemption terminals, or ancillary equipment.

1275       4. Any software updates to the electronic skill gaming devices or ticket redemption terminals or ongoing maintenance of electronic skill gaming devices, ticket redemption terminals, network connections, site controllers, chairs, tables, supports, or other ancillary equipment necessary to operate the electronic skill gaming devices and the ticket redemption terminals in the gaming area.

1279       5. Any requirement established by the Board regarding minimum standards for the operation of electronic skill gaming devices or ticket redemption terminals that the Board determines may be paid for, in whole or in part, by the distributor or operator licensee.

1282     "Licensee" or "license holder" means any person holding a manufacturer, distributor, operator, or host

1283 *location license pursuant to Article 2 (§ 58.1-4205 et seq.).*

1284     *"Locality" means a county, city, or town, as those terms are defined in § 15.2-102.*

1285     *"Lottery" means the lottery or lotteries established and operated pursuant to Chapter 40 (§ 58.1-4000 et seq.).*

1286     *"Manufacturer" means any person that manufactures and sells or leases electronic skill gaming devices or software and hardware for electronic skill gaming devices to distributors.*

1287     *"Operator" means a person registered with the Board to place or service electronic skill gaming devices at the premises of a host location by (i) purchasing or leasing electronic skill gaming devices from a licensed distributor; (ii) providing the placement, repair, maintenance, replacement, or removal of electronic skill gaming devices to host locations; (iii) maintaining and servicing such devices; and (iv) facilitating data collection and data and financial reporting as required by this chapter and as determined by the Board.*

1294     *"Person" means any individual, group of individuals, firm, company, corporation, partnership, business, trust, association, or other legal entity.*

1296     *"Player" means an individual who plays an electronic skill gaming device.*

1297     *"Predominantly by the skill of the player" means the game outcome is determined primarily by the skill of the player.*

1299     *"Procurement agent" means a person licensed by the Board that acts as an agent, either as an employee or as an independent contractor of a manufacturer or manufacturers, distributor or distributors, operator or operators, and shares in the gross profits, is paid a commission, or is otherwise compensated for the purpose of soliciting or procuring a use agreement among two or more licensees in different categories.*

1303     *"Profits after taxes" means the gross profit minus the tax imposed upon all gross profits generated from the play of electronic skill gaming devices pursuant to §§ 58.1-4217 and 59.1-603.*

1305     *"Regulation" means any statement of general application having the force of law, affecting the rights or conduct of any person, adopted by the Board in accordance with the authority conferred on it by applicable laws.*

1308     *"Single play" means the period beginning when a player activates and pays for the interactive gameplay function of an electronic skill gaming device and ending at the time when the gameplay function or series of free subgames thereunder will not continue without payment by the player of additional consideration.*

1311     *"Successful player" means an individual who wins a payout on one or more plays of an electronic skill gaming device.*

1313     *"Ticket redemption terminal" means a terminal where a voucher dispensed by an electronic skill gaming device may be redeemed for cash or a cash equivalent.*

1315     *"Truck stop" means an establishment that (i) is equipped with diesel fuel islands used for fueling commercial motor vehicles and has sold, on average, at least 50,000 gallons of diesel or biodiesel fuel each month for the previous 12 months, or is projected to sell an average of at least 50,000 gallons of diesel or biodiesel fuel each month for the next 12 months; (ii) has a convenience store; (iii) is situated on not less than three acres of land that the establishment owns or leases; and (iv) has parking spaces dedicated to commercial motor vehicles.*

1321     *"Use agreement" means a written agreement conforming to the regulations established by the Board and those minimum requirements set forth in this chapter among two or more licensees in different categories.*

1323     *"Voluntary exclusion program" means a program established by the Board pursuant to § 58.1-4204 that allows individuals to voluntarily exclude themselves from engaging in the activities described in subdivision B 1 of § 58.1-4204 by placing their names on a voluntary exclusion list and following the procedures set forth by the Board.*

1327     **§ 58.1-4201. Powers and duties of the Director related to electronic skill gaming devices; reporting.**

1328     A. The Director shall have the following powers and duties related to the regulation of electronic skill gaming devices:

1330       1. Issue licenses under Article 2 (§ 58.1-4205 et seq.) and supervise all activities licensed under the provisions of this chapter, including the manufacture, distribution, operation, hosting, and playing of electronic skill gaming devices;

1333       2. Suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew any license issued pursuant to Article 2 (§ 58.1-4205 et seq.) or the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter;

1335       3. Inspect, investigate, and have free access to the offices, facilities, or other places of business of any licensee and compel the production of any books, documents, records, or memoranda of any licensee for the purpose of satisfying himself that this chapter and Board regulations are strictly complied with;

1338       4. Order such audits and inspections as deemed necessary;

1339       5. Certify monthly to the State Comptroller and the Board a full and complete statement of electronic skill gaming device revenues for the previous month;

1341       6. Assess and collect civil penalties for violations of this chapter and Board regulations;

1342       7. Report monthly to the Governor, the Secretary of Finance, and the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, House Committee on Finance, and House Committee on Appropriations the

1344 total electronic skill gaming device revenues and expenses for the previous month and make an annual  
 1345 report, which shall include a full and complete statement of electronic skill gaming device revenues and  
 1346 expenses and a list of all licensees licensed pursuant to this chapter, to the Governor and the General  
 1347 Assembly, including recommendations for changes in this chapter as the Director and Board deem prudent;

1348 8. Require training for host location licensees and the employees of any host location licensee as  
 1349 necessary on any topic the Director deems appropriate, including technical operations, security, problem  
 1350 gambling identification measures, and age verification procedures;

1351 9. Establish monthly reporting requirements for each electronic skill gaming device on the amounts  
 1352 wagered and amounts awarded on the last 500 plays and the last 100 plays for each electronic skill gaming  
 1353 device; and

1354 10. Do all acts necessary and advisable to carry out the purposes and provisions of this chapter.

1355 B. Upon request by the assessing official of a locality, the Director shall provide to such assessing official  
 1356 of such locality a statement of the amount of the gaming tax collected in such locality pursuant to Article 4 (§  
 1357 58.1-4217 et seq.) from each electronic skill gaming device, from each host location, and from all electronic  
 1358 skill gaming devices and host locations in the aggregate.

1359 **§ 58.1-4202. Powers and duties of the Board related to electronic skill gaming devices.**

1360 In addition to the regulations adopted pursuant to § 58.1-4007, the Board shall promulgate regulations  
 1361 related to electronic skill gaming devices that:

1362 1. Develop such forms, licenses, identification cards, and applications as are necessary or convenient for  
 1363 the administration of this chapter;

1364 2. Establish requirements for all licensees under this chapter for the form, content, and retention of all  
 1365 records and accounts;

1366 3. Establish procedures for the collection of all fees levied pursuant to this chapter and set due dates for  
 1367 the payment of such fees;

1368 4. Establish a process for the approval or disapproval of electronic skill gaming devices and games  
 1369 offered on such devices;

1370 5. Establish cash handling procedures for operator and host location licensees that require such licensees  
 1371 to keep separate accounts for gaming and nongaming transactions;

1372 6. Establish standard terms between licensees in different categories;

1373 7. Establish rules and regulations that ensure transparency with respect to operational, transactional,  
 1374 and financial information provided to licensees that allow such licensees to be able to verify appropriate  
 1375 distributions of profits after taxes pursuant to the user agreement among any such licensees;

1376 8. Establish rules and regulations to ensure public safety and protocols to deter criminal activity within  
 1377 and around the host location's premises;

1378 9. Promulgate regulations that establish limitations on excessive ATM fees for players in host locations;

1379 10. Establish rules and regulations for the licensing of procurement agents;

1380 11. Require inspections of all licensees at a frequency determined by the Board;

1381 12. Require appropriate and reasonable security equipment to monitor the electronic skill gaming devices  
 1382 and related equipment;

1383 13. Establish a program of periodic testing and inspection for all electronic skill gaming devices;

1384 14. Prohibit licensees and their affiliates from advertising or marketing their products and services  
 1385 related to electronic skill gaming devices to players or potential players. However, (i) licensees shall be  
 1386 allowed to describe their products and services on a website operated and maintained by the licensee and (ii)  
 1387 host location licensees shall be allowed to advertise on one sign located at the host location, provided that  
 1388 such sign is no larger than three feet in height by three feet in width;

1389 15. Require host location licensees to post at least one sign in a conspicuous location at the entrance or  
 1390 by electronic skill gaming devices on the premises of its establishment. Such sign shall include (i) language  
 1391 that makes it clear that only individuals 21 years of age or older may play an electronic skill gaming device;  
 1392 (ii) a toll-free telephone number for problem gambling assistance that has been approved by the Virginia  
 1393 Council on Problem Gambling or another organization that provides assistance to problem gamblers; and  
 1394 (iii) the toll-free telephone number and website for the illegal gaming tip line established by the Office of the  
 1395 Gaming Enforcement Coordinator in the Department of State Police for members of the public to report  
 1396 concerns about, or suspected instances of, illegal gaming activities. The Board shall also distribute written  
 1397 guidance to host location licensees that shall be used to educate host location employees on how to recognize  
 1398 intoxicated individuals; and

1399 16. Provide guidelines and recommendations necessary and advisable to carry out the purposes and  
 1400 provisions of this chapter.

1401 **§ 58.1-4203. Adoption of referendum allowed.**

1402 A. For the purposes of this section, "locality" means any county or city. "Locality" does not include any  
 1403 town.

1404 B. The governing body of a locality may hold a referendum on the question of whether electronic skill

1405 gaming devices shall be prohibited in the locality.

1406 C. A referendum may be called for either by resolution of the governing body of a locality or upon a  
1407 petition of qualified voters equal in number to at least 2.5 percent of the number registered in the jurisdiction  
1408 on January 1 preceding its filing or by at least 5,000 qualified voters in the jurisdiction, whichever is less.  
1409 Upon the filing of a petition or passage of a resolution by the local governing body, the court shall order the  
1410 election officials of the county or city on the date fixed in the order to conduct a referendum on the question.  
1411 The clerk of the circuit court shall publish notice of the referendum in a newspaper of general circulation in  
1412 the county or city once a week for three consecutive weeks prior to the referendum.

1413 The regular election officers of such locality shall open the polls at the various voting places in such  
1414 locality on the date specified in such order and conduct such election in the manner provided by law. The  
1415 election shall be by ballot, which shall be prepared by the electoral board of the locality and on which shall  
1416 be printed the following question:

1417 "Shall electronic skill gaming devices, also known as "skill games" be prohibited at lottery retailers and  
1418 ABC licensed retailers, which may include restaurants, convenience stores, gas stations, truck stops, and  
1419 other locations in \_\_\_\_\_ (name of locality) as may be authorized by the Virginia Lottery?

1420 [ ] Yes

1421 [ ] No"

1422 In the blank shall be inserted the name of the locality in which such election is held. Any voter desiring to  
1423 vote "Yes" shall mark in the square provided for such purpose immediately preceding the word "Yes," leaving  
1424 the square immediately preceding the word "No" unmarked. Any voter desiring to vote "No" shall mark in the  
1425 square provided such purpose immediately preceding the word "No," leaving the square immediately  
1426 preceding the word "Yes" unmarked.

1427 The ballots shall be counted, the returns made and canvassed as in other elections, and the results  
1428 certified by the electoral board to the court ordering such election. Thereupon, such court shall enter an  
1429 order proclaiming the results of such election and a duly certified copy of such order shall be transmitted to  
1430 the Department and to the governing body of such locality.

1431 D. No license requirement, license fee, permit fee, sticker fee, or tax shall be imposed by any locality upon  
1432 an electronic skill gaming device manufacturer, distributor, operator, or host location relating to the  
1433 ownership, placement, use, or operation of electronic skill gaming devices or associated equipment.

1434 **§ 58.1-4204. Voluntary exclusion program.**

1435 A. The Board shall adopt regulations to establish and implement a voluntary exclusion program.

1436 B. The regulations shall include the following provisions:

1437 1. Except as provided by regulation of the Board, a person who participates in the voluntary exclusion  
1438 program agrees to refrain from (i) playing any account-based lottery game authorized under the provisions  
1439 of Chapter 40 (§ 58.1-4000 et seq.) or 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.); (ii) participating in sports betting, as defined  
1440 in § 58.1-4030; (iii) engaging in any form of casino gaming authorized under the provisions of Chapter 41 (§  
1441 58.1-4100 et seq.); (iv) playing any electronic skill gaming device authorized under the provisions of this  
1442 chapter; (v) participating in charitable gaming, as defined in § 18.2-340.16; (vi) participating in fantasy  
1443 contests, as defined in § 59.1-556; or (vii) wagering on horse racing, as defined in § 59.1-365. Any state  
1444 agency, at the request of the Department, shall assist in administering the voluntary exclusion program  
1445 pursuant to the provisions of this section.

1446 2. A person who participates in the voluntary exclusion program may choose an exclusion period of two  
1447 years, five years, or lifetime.

1448 3. Except as provided by regulation of the Board, a person who participates in the voluntary exclusion  
1449 program may not petition the Board for removal from the program for the duration of his exclusion period.

1450 4. The name of a person participating in the program shall be included on a list of excluded persons. The  
1451 list of persons entering the voluntary exclusion program and the personal information of the participants  
1452 shall be confidential, except that dissemination of such information by the Department to the entity that  
1453 manages its central accounting system established pursuant to § 58.1-4216 and any other parties the  
1454 Department deems necessary for purposes of enforcement shall be allowed. The list and the personal  
1455 information of participants in the voluntary exclusion program shall not be subject to disclosure under the  
1456 Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.). In addition, the Board may disseminate the list to  
1457 other parties upon request by the participant and agreement by the Board.

1458 **Article 2.**

1459 **Licenses and Requirements of Licensees.**

1460 **§ 58.1-4205. Licenses that may be granted by the Director; fees.**

1461 A. The Director may grant the following four license categories of industry licenses:

1462 1. Manufacturer license, which shall authorize the licensee to manufacture and sell or lease to a  
1463 distributor or operator licensee electronic skill gaming devices, software and hardware for electronic skill  
1464 gaming devices, and all tools and components necessary for the operation, repair, and maintenance of any  
1465 such electronic skill gaming device.

1466 2. Distributor license, which shall authorize the licensee to (i) buy or lease electronic skill gaming devices

1467 from a manufacturer licensee and (ii) sell or lease such devices to operator licensees.

1468 3. Operator license, which shall authorize the licensee to (i) place or service electronic skill gaming  
 1469 devices at host locations, (ii) buy or lease electronic skill gaming devices from a manufacturer or distributor  
 1470 licensee, (iii) provide electronic skill gaming devices to host location licensees, (iv) maintain and service  
 1471 such devices, and (v) facilitate the data requirements and data reporting as required by this chapter.

1472 4. Host location license, which shall authorize the licensee to allow the placement and offering for play of  
 1473 electronic skill gaming devices at such licensee's establishment.

1474 B. An applicant for a manufacturer, distributor, operator, or host location license shall submit an  
 1475 application to the Director on forms provided by the Director. All distributor, operator, and host location  
 1476 applicants shall be required to submit a copy of a valid use agreement as a condition of continued licensure.  
 1477 The Board shall have the discretion to determine which license category applies to an applicant and the  
 1478 corresponding fees that apply to the applicant when such applicant meets the criteria for multiple licenses.  
 1479 Each host location premises shall be separately licensed.

1480 C. A nonrefundable fee of \$250,000 shall be paid by an applicant for a manufacturer license to the  
 1481 Department upon issuance of such license, and annually thereafter as a condition of licensure renewal or  
 1482 continued licensure.

1483 A nonrefundable fee of \$250,000 shall be paid by an applicant for a distributor license to the Department  
 1484 upon issuance of such license.

1485 A nonrefundable fee of \$25,000 shall be paid by an applicant for an operator license to the Department  
 1486 upon issuance of such license, and annually thereafter as a condition of licensure renewal or continued  
 1487 licensure.

1488 A nonrefundable fee of \$1,000 shall be paid by an applicant for a host location license that does not meet  
 1489 the definition of a "truck stop" as defined in § 58.1-4200 to the Department upon issuance of such license,  
 1490 and annually thereafter as a condition of licensure renewal or continued licensure.

1491 A nonrefundable fee of \$2,500 shall be paid by an applicant for a host location license that meets the  
 1492 definition of a "truck stop" as defined in § 58.1-4200 to the Department upon issuance of such license, and  
 1493 annually thereafter as a condition of licensure renewal or continued licensure.

1494 All fees collected by the Department pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited into the Gaming  
 1495 Regulatory Fund established pursuant to § 58.1-4048.

**§ 58.1-4206. General licensing requirements; penalty.**

1497 A. The Department, in conjunction with an approved outside vendor or accredited law-enforcement  
 1498 agency, shall conduct a background investigation, including a criminal history records check and  
 1499 fingerprinting, of the following individuals: (i) every individual applying for a license pursuant to this article;  
 1500 (ii) every individual who is an officer, director, board member, owner of at least a 10 percent interest in any  
 1501 licensee, or principal of a licensee or applicant for a license and any employee of the licensee, as determined  
 1502 by the Board, who is directly involved with a licensee; (iii) all security personnel of any licensee; and (iv) any  
 1503 individual conducting cash handling, maintenance, or service on any electronic skill gaming device. Each  
 1504 such individual shall submit his fingerprints and personal descriptive information to the Central Criminal  
 1505 Records Exchange to be forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal records  
 1506 search and to the Department of State Police for a Virginia criminal history records check. The results of the  
 1507 background check and national and state criminal records check shall be returned to the Department. This  
 1508 subsection shall not apply to employees of host location licensees.

1509 B. The Director shall refuse to grant a license or shall suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a license  
 1510 issued pursuant to this chapter to any person who has been (i) convicted of a crime involving moral  
 1511 turpitude, (ii) convicted of bookmaking or other forms of illegal gambling, (iii) found guilty of any fraud or  
 1512 misrepresentation in any connection, or (iv) convicted of a felony.

1513 C. The Director shall refuse to grant a license or shall suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a license  
 1514 issued pursuant to this article to a partnership or corporation if he determines that any general or limited  
 1515 partner, or officer or director of such partnership or corporation, has been (i) convicted of a crime involving  
 1516 moral turpitude, (ii) convicted of bookmaking or other forms of illegal gambling, (iii) found guilty of any  
 1517 fraud or misrepresentation in any connection, or (iv) convicted of a felony.

1518 D. The Director may also refuse to grant a license pursuant to this article if:

1519 1. The Director reasonably believes that the applicant's prior activities, criminal record, reputation, or  
 1520 associations are likely to either (i) pose a threat to the public interest, (ii) impede the regulation of electronic  
 1521 skill gaming devices, or (iii) promote unfair or illegal activities in the conduct of electronic skill gaming  
 1522 devices;

1523 2. The applicant or any general or limited partner or any officer or director of such applicant knowingly  
 1524 makes a false statement of material fact or deliberately fails to disclose information requested by the  
 1525 Director;

1526 3. The applicant or any general or limited partner or any officer or director of such applicant knowingly  
 1527 fails to comply with the provisions of this chapter or any requirements of the Director;

1528 4. The applicant's license to manufacture, distribute, operate, or offer to the public for play an electronic

1529 skill gaming device issued by any other jurisdiction has been suspended or revoked; or

1530 5. The applicant's application is incomplete.

1531 E. Any person who knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals, or misrepresents a material fact or  
1532 knowingly or willfully makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in any application  
1533 pursuant to this article is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The Director shall revoke the license of a licensee  
1534 if, subsequent to the issuance of the license, the Director determines that the licensee knowingly or recklessly  
1535 made a false statement of material fact to the Director in applying for the license.

1536 **§ 58.1-4207. Distributor and operator licensees.**

1537 A. No distributor licensee shall place an electronic skill gaming device on a host location licensee's  
1538 premises unless such device (i) is approved by the Director, (ii) has been manufactured by a manufacturer  
1539 licensee, and (iii) is purchased from a manufacturer licensee or distributor licensee.

1540 B. No operator licensee shall place or maintain an electronic skill gaming device at any establishment  
1541 where it is offered to the public for play for a charge, directly or indirectly, unless such establishment is a  
1542 host location licensee and has an agreement with standard terms.

1543 **§ 58.1-4208. Host location licensees; civil penalty.**

1544 A. Only the following locations are eligible to receive a host location license:

1545 1. Host locations that do not meet the definition of a "truck stop" and that (i) hold a retail license issued  
1546 by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority or (ii) are licensed as an agent to sell lottery tickets or  
1547 shares pursuant to Article 1 (§ 58.1-4000 et seq.) of Chapter 40; and

1548 2. Host locations that meet the definition of "truck stop" and that (i) hold a retail license issued by the  
1549 Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority or (ii) are licensed as an agent to sell lottery tickets or shares  
1550 pursuant to Article 1 (§ 58.1-4000 et seq.) of Chapter 40.

1551 B. No more than four electronic skill gaming devices may be located in an establishment listed in  
1552 subdivision A 1. No more than seven electronic skill gaming devices may be located in an establishment listed  
1553 in subdivision A 2.

1554 C. No host location licensee shall allow an electronic skill gaming device to be placed upon the premises  
1555 of such licensee's establishment unless such device is owned or leased, placed, and maintained by an operator  
1556 or licensee. The primary business of a host location licensee shall not be the offering for play of electronic  
1557 skill gaming devices.

1558 D. No host location licensee shall use the term "casino" in its entity name, in any advertisement in  
1559 association with its product or service, or in any manner prohibited by Board regulation. Any host location  
1560 licensee that violates the provisions of this subsection shall be subject to a civil penalty established by the  
1561 Board. The Director shall enforce the provisions of this subsection. All penalties collected pursuant to this  
1562 subsection shall accrue to the Literary Fund.

1563 E. In an effort to promote responsible gaming by players, host location licensees shall:

1564 1. Affix to a clearly visible and conspicuous location on each electronic skill gaming device a label that  
1565 bears a toll-free number for problem gambling assistance that has been approved by the Virginia Council on  
1566 Problem Gambling or other organizations that provide assistance to problem gamblers;

1567 2. Provide informational leaflets or other similar materials within two feet of each electronic skill gaming  
1568 device on the dangers associated with problem gambling; and

1569 3. Comply with, and require its employees to comply with, any applicable Board regulations, including  
1570 regulations regarding player self-exclusion programs, player identification, and player age verification.

1571 Nothing contained in this subsection shall be construed to create any cause of action against the Board or  
1572 Department for the failure of a host location licensee to comply with the requirements of this section.

1573 F. All host location licensees shall comply with the provisions of this chapter and regulations adopted by  
1574 the Board.

1575 **§ 58.1-4209. License posting; expiration.**

1576 A. Each license granted by the Director shall designate the physical location where the business of the  
1577 licensee will be carried out.

1578 B. Each license shall be posted in a location conspicuous to the public at the place where the licensee  
1579 carries out the business for which the license is granted.

1580 C. The privileges conferred by any initial license application approved by the Director shall continue  
1581 until the last day of the twelfth month after the effective date of such license. Upon completion of the first year  
1582 of licensure, licenses shall be renewed until the next June 30 based upon the payment of a prorated renewal  
1583 fee. Annually thereafter, licenses shall be renewed on July 1 and include payment of the renewal fee. A  
1584 license may be sooner terminated for any cause for which the Director would be entitled to refuse to grant a  
1585 license or by operation of law, voluntary surrender, or order of the Director.

1586 D. The Director may grant licenses for one year.

1587 E. Sixty days before the expiration of a license, the license holder may submit a renewal application on  
1588 forms prescribed by the Board. The Director may deny a license renewal if he finds grounds for denial as  
1589 described in § 58.1-4206.

1590 **§ 58.1-4210. Prohibition against the issuance of multiple licenses.**

1591     A. For purposes of this section, "interest" means the direct or indirect ownership of any equity ownership  
 1592     interest or a partial equity ownership interest or any other type of financial interest, including being an  
 1593     investor, shareholder, member, lender, or employee.

1594     B. No licensee that has been issued a manufacturer license, distributor license, or operator license shall  
 1595     be issued a host location license or have any interest in a host location licensee.

1596     C. No licensee that has been issued a manufacturer license, distributor license, or host location license  
 1597     shall be issued an operator license or have any interest in an operator licensee.

1598     D. No licensee that has been issued a host location license shall be issued a manufacturer license or  
 1599     distributor license or have any interest in a manufacturer licensee or distributor licensee.

1600     E. A licensee that has been issued a manufacturer license may also be issued a distributor licensee or  
 1601     have an interest in a distributor licensee.

1602     F. A licensee that has been issued a distributor license may also be issued a manufacturer license or have  
 1603     an interest in a manufacturer licensee.

1604     G. Host location applicants with interest in multiple host locations shall submit a separate application for  
 1605     each individual host location premises.

**§ 58.1-4211. Prohibition against transferring licenses or interests.**

1607     No licensee shall transfer its license or assign responsibility for compliance with the conditions of its  
 1608     license to any party, including a transfer of effective control of the licensee. No distributor licensee shall  
 1609     transfer any electronic skill gaming device or any interest in a use agreement without approval by the Board.

**§ 58.1-4212. Suspension and revocation of licenses; civil penalties; hearing and appeal.**

1611     A. If the Director determines that any provision of this chapter or any regulation or condition of the  
 1612     Board has not been complied with or has been violated by a licensee, he may, with at least 15 days' notice  
 1613     and a hearing, (i) assess a civil penalty against the licensee under a framework established by the Board and  
 1614     (ii) suspend or revoke the license holder's license. If any license is suspended or revoked, the Director shall  
 1615     state his reasons for doing so, which shall be entered of record. Any civil penalties collected pursuant to this  
 1616     section shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Literary Fund.

1617     B. Any person aggrieved by a refusal of the Director to issue any license, the suspension or revocation of  
 1618     a license, the imposition of a fine, or any other action of the Director may seek review of such action in  
 1619     accordance with Board regulations and Article 3 (§ 2.2-4018 et seq.) of the Administrative Process Act in the  
 1620     Circuit Court of the City of Richmond. Further appeals shall also be in accordance with Article 5 (§ 2.2-4025  
 1621     et seq.) of the Administrative Process Act.

1622     C. Suspension or revocation of a license by the Director for any violation shall not preclude criminal  
 1623     liability for such violation.

**§ 58.1-4213. Minimum requirements for use agreements among two or more categories of licensees; division of revenue.**

1626     A. The Board shall promulgate regulations determining the minimum requirements and terms for use  
 1627     agreements among licensees, including timelines for submitting use agreements to the Department.

1628     B. A copy of the use agreement shall be maintained in the business office of both the operator and the host  
 1629     location and shall be available at all times for inspection by the Director. An operator shall file a copy of any  
 1630     such use agreement with the Director within 30 days after the execution of such agreement.

1631     C. No person shall receive any portion of gross profits generated from electronic skill gaming devices  
 1632     located at a host location's premises except for the manufacturer, distributor, operator, and host location that  
 1633     are parties to the use agreement, except as approved by the Director in compliance with applicable rules and  
 1634     regulations adopted by the Board.

**Article 3.**

**Authorization of Electronic Skill Gaming Devices.**

**§ 58.1-4214. Approval of electronic skill gaming devices by the Director; minimum requirements.**

1638     A. No electronic skill gaming device shall be offered for play by the public in the Commonwealth unless  
 1639     such electronic skill gaming device has first been approved by the Director. The Director shall not approve  
 1640     more than 35,000 electronic skill gaming devices in the aggregate, as measured by electronic skill gaming  
 1641     devices approved for host location licensees for operation at any one time in the Commonwealth, and such  
 1642     approvals shall be determined by the Board.

1643     B. Before selling or otherwise providing an electronic skill gaming device to a distributor, a manufacturer  
 1644     shall provide a prototype or production sample of such electronic skill gaming device to an independent  
 1645     testing laboratory that has been approved by the Director, which shall evaluate and certify whether such  
 1646     electronic skill gaming device meets the definition of electronic skill gaming device under § 58.1-4200, the  
 1647     requirements of § 58.1-4215, and any other requirements established in Board regulations.

1648     A prototype or production sample of each type, version, or model of electronic skill gaming device being  
 1649     operated in the Commonwealth shall be tested by an independent testing laboratory approved by the Director  
 1650     to ensure its integrity, level of skill required, and proper working order. This evaluation shall include a  
 1651     review of installed software periodically within a timeframe established by the Director.

1652     The independent testing laboratory's software may be embedded within the game software, utilize an

1653 *interface port to communicate with the device, or require the removal of device media for external*  
1654 *verification.*

1655 *C. Along with the prototype or production sample of the electronic skill gaming device, the manufacturer*  
1656 *shall provide the following information concerning the electronic skill gaming device to the independent*  
1657 *testing laboratory:*

- 1658 *1. The available wagering denominations;*
- 1659 *2. The minimum wager amount;*
- 1660 *3. The maximum wager amount per play, which shall not exceed \$5;*
- 1661 *4. The method of calculating winning payouts, including skill level achieved; and*
- 1662 *5. Payout calculations set forth in sufficient detail to audit a payout through manual calculation.*

1663 *D. The report of the independent testing laboratory shall be submitted by the manufacturer to the*  
1664 *Director. The Director shall use the report in evaluating whether the electronic skill gaming device shall be*  
1665 *approved under this chapter.*

1666 *E. If at any time a manufacturer makes a substantive change to game play for any electronic skill gaming*  
1667 *device that has previously been approved by the Director, such manufacturer shall resubmit the electronic*  
1668 *skill gaming device to the Director in a manner prescribed by Board regulation.*

1669 *F. The manufacturer licensee shall pay the cost of the independent testing laboratory's review and testing,*  
1670 *and the reports of the same shall be delivered to the licensee and the Director.*

1671 **§ 58.1-4215. Minimum requirements of electronic skill gaming devices.**

1672 *In addition to meeting the definition of electronic skill gaming device established in § 58.1-4200,*  
1673 *electronic skill gaming devices shall:*

- 1674 *1. Show the rules of play for each game in a way that adequately describes or displays such information*  
1675 *so that a reasonable person could understand the game prior to playing a game;*
- 1676 *2. Accept only cash wagers or tickets generated from electronic skill gaming devices that may be*  
1677 *redeemed for play at another electronic skill gaming device located on the same premises;*
- 1678 *3. Prohibit the modification of the software or rules of play for a game once a game is initiated;*
- 1679 *4. Prohibit the remote modification or manipulation of games, except as required or approved by the*  
1680 *Director pursuant to the provisions of this chapter;*
- 1681 *5. Pay out no more than \$ 4,000 in winnings for a single play of a game;*
- 1682 *6. Have an identification badge or sufficient integrity affixed to the exterior of the device by the*  
1683 *manufacturer that is not removable without leaving evidence of tampering.*
- 1684 *7. Have a currency storage area that is secured by two locks before the currency can be removed and that*  
1685 *is only accessible by the operator licensee;*
- 1686 *8. Make payments to successful players by issuing a voucher that can be redeemed for cash at the host*  
1687 *location's ticket redemption terminal or by the host location licensee;*
- 1688 *9. Have the ability to allow for an independent integrity check by an independent testing laboratory*  
1689 *approved by the Director of all software that may affect the integrity of the game;*
- 1690 *10. Be connected to the central accounting system established and operated by the Department under the*  
1691 *provisions of § 58.1-4216;*
- 1692 *11. Have the ability to detect and display the device's complete play history and winnings for the previous*  
1693 *100 games;*
- 1694 *12. Contain a non-resettable meter, which shall be located in a locked area of the device that is accessible*  
1695 *only by a key; and*
- 1696 *13. Have the capability of storing the meter information for a minimum of 180 days after a power loss to*  
1697 *the device.*

1698 **§ 58.1-4216. Requirement for central accounting system.**

1699 *A. Each electronic skill gaming device and ticket redemption terminal being operated in the*  
1700 *Commonwealth shall be connected to a central accounting system established and operated by the*  
1701 *Department.*

1702 *The central accounting system shall collect the following information from each device: (i) cash in; (ii)*  
1703 *payouts; (iii) points, credits, or amounts played; (iv) points, credits, or amounts won; (v) gross profit; (vi) the*  
1704 *number of plays of the game; and (vii) the amounts paid to play the game.*

1705 *The central accounting system shall not provide for the monitoring or reading of personal or financial*  
1706 *information concerning players of electronic skill gaming devices.*

1707 *B. Within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year, the category of licensee responsible for the remittance*  
1708 *of the gaming tax as determined by the Board, shall submit to the Director a third-party, independent audit of*  
1709 *the financial transactions and condition of such licensee's total operations. All audits required by this*  
1710 *subsection shall conform to Board regulations.*

1711 *Article 4.*  
1712 *Taxation.*

1713 **§ 58.1-4217. Gaming tax on gross profits.**

1714 *A. 1. A gaming tax equal to 25 percent shall be imposed upon all gross profits generated from the play of*

1715 electronic skill gaming devices.

1716 2. The gaming tax imposed pursuant to this section shall not apply to any activity regulated under Article  
1717 2 (§ 58.1-4030 et seq.) of Chapter 40 or Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.).

1718 B. All gaming taxes collected pursuant to the provisions of this section shall accrue to the Virginia  
1719 Gaming Commerce and Development Fund and be allocated as provided in subsection B of § 59.1-603.

1720 C. The Board shall promulgate regulations to determine which category of licensee is responsible for  
1721 remitting the required tax. The gaming tax and gross profits collected pursuant to this section shall be  
1722 collected by the Department at a frequency established by Board regulations and shall be accompanied by  
1723 forms and returns prescribed by the Board. The Director may suspend or revoke a license for willful failure  
1724 to submit any such payments or associated returns within the specified time.

1725 **§ 58.1-4218. PreK-12 Priority Fund.**

1726 There is hereby created in the state treasury a special permanent, nonreverting, interest-bearing fund to  
1727 be known as the PreK-12 Priority Fund, referred to in this section as "the Fund." The Fund shall be  
1728 established on the books of the Comptroller. The Fund shall consist of (i) any gross receipts tax distributed  
1729 pursuant to subdivision B 3 of § 59.1-603; (ii) any other moneys appropriated to it by the General Assembly;  
1730 and (iii) such other sums as may be made available to it from any other source, public or private, all of which  
1731 shall be credited to the Fund. Any moneys remaining in the Fund, including interest thereon, at the end of  
1732 each fiscal year shall remain in the Fund and shall not revert to the general fund. All amounts credited to the  
1733 Fund shall be used solely for public education purposes in the Commonwealth in accordance with the  
1734 general appropriation act. Expenditures and disbursements from the Fund shall be made by the State  
1735 Treasurer on warrants issued by the Comptroller upon written request signed by the Director.

1736 Article 5.

1737 Prohibited Acts; Penalties, Etc.

1738 **§ 58.1-4219. Illegal manufacture, distribution, or hosting; penalty.**

1739 A. No person shall:

1740 1. Manufacture, sell, or lease to any person electronic skill gaming devices or major components or parts,  
1741 including software and hardware, for electronic skill gaming devices without a manufacturer license issued  
1742 by the Director.

1743 2. Distribute, sell, or lease to any person electronic skill gaming devices or major components or parts,  
1744 including software or hardware, for electronic skill gaming devices, or purchase, own, operate, possess, or  
1745 place in the Commonwealth electronic skill gaming devices, or maintain and service such devices without a  
1746 distributor license issued by the Director.

1747 3. Operate an establishment where one or more electronic skill gaming devices are made available for  
1748 play by the public without a host location license issued by the Director.

1749 4. Solicit, offer, or enter into any contract or agreement for the placement of an electronic skill gaming  
1750 device until the distributor, operator, host location, and procurement agent, if applicable, are all issued a  
1751 license by the Director pursuant to this chapter.

1752 B. A violation of this section is a Class 6 felony.

1753 **§ 58.1-4220. Underage play prohibited; penalty.**

1754 A. No person younger than 21 years of age shall be eligible to operate an electronic skill gaming device  
1755 regulated pursuant to this chapter. A distributor licensee shall adhere to the front of all electronic skill  
1756 gaming devices a notice in 16-point Times New Roman bold font that states the following: "No person shall  
1757 play any electronic skill gaming device unless such person is 21 years of age or older."

1758 B. No person shall redeem any evidence of winnings from any person who is not 21 years of age or older.

1759 C. A violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

1760 **§ 58.1-4221. Prohibited acts by host location licensees; penalty.**

1761 A. No host location licensee or its employees or agents shall:

1762 1. Knowingly permit any person who is not 21 years of age or older to play any electronic skill gaming  
1763 device;

1764 2. Give any reward for the play of an electronic skill gaming device that is not authorized by this chapter;

1765 3. Give any reward for the play of an electronic skill gaming device that is redeemable at a location other  
1766 than the host location's ticket redemption terminal or by staff at a host location;

1767 4. Accept any inducement from a distributor licensee; or

1768 5. Extend credit to any person for the purpose of playing any electronic skill gaming device.

1769 B. A violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

1770 **§ 58.1-4222. Illegal tampering with electronic skill gaming devices; penalty.**

1771 No person other than an operator licensee shall possess or use any key or device designed for the purpose  
1772 of opening, entering, or affecting the operation of an electronic skill gaming device or otherwise tamper with  
1773 an electronic skill gaming device. A violation of this section is a Class 6 felony.

1774 **§ 58.1-4223. Conspiracies and attempts to commit violations; penalty.**

1775 A. Any person who conspires, confederates, or combines with another, either within or outside of the

1776 Commonwealth, to commit a felony prohibited by this chapter is guilty of a Class 6 felony.

1777 B. Any person who attempts to commit any act prohibited by this chapter is guilty of a criminal offense  
1778 and shall be punished as provided in § 18.2-26, 18.2-27, or 18.2-28, as appropriate.

1779 **§ 58.1-4224. Exclusion from the applicability of this chapter.**

1780 This chapter shall not apply to sports betting authorized under Article 2 (§ 58.1-4030 et seq.) of Chapter  
1781 40 or casino gaming authorized under Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.).

1782 **§ 58.1-4225. Certain provisions in Article 1 (§ 58.1-4000 et seq.) of Chapter 40 to apply mutatis  
1783 mutandis.**

1784 Except as provided in this chapter, the provisions of Article 1 (§ 58.1-4000 et seq.) of Chapter 40 shall  
1785 apply mutatis mutandis to electronic skill gaming devices under this chapter. The Board shall promulgate  
1786 regulations to interpret and clarify the applicability of Article 1 to this chapter.

1787 **CHAPTER 57.**

1788 **VIRGINIA GAMING COMMERCE AND DEVELOPMENT.**

1789 **§ 59.1-603. Virginia Gaming Commerce and Development Fund; distribution of gross profits and  
1790 gaming tax revenue.**

1791 A. There is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund to be known as the Virginia  
1792 Gaming Commerce and Development Fund, referred to in this section as the "Fund." The Fund shall be  
1793 established on the books of the Comptroller. All moneys required to be deposited into the Fund pursuant to  
1794 Article 4 of Chapter 42 of Title 58.1 (§ 58.1-4217 et seq.) shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to  
1795 the Fund and interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it.

1796 B. Revenues from the Fund shall be apportioned by the Comptroller as follows:

1797 1. Fifteen percent to the Department of Taxation for distribution to the locality in which the host location  
1798 operates;

1799 2. Two percent to the Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Fund established pursuant to § 37.2-  
1800 314.2;

1801 3. Seventy-five percent to the PreK-12 Priority Fund established pursuant to § 58.1-4218;

1802 4. One percent to the Department of State Police to be used by the Office of the Gaming Enforcement  
1803 Coordinator established pursuant to § 52-54;

1804 5. One percent to the law-enforcement agencies that have primary law-enforcement responsibility in any  
1805 locality in which electronic skill gaming devices are located; and

1806 6. Six percent to the Department, as such term is defined in § 58.1-4200, to cover the costs incurred in  
1807 administering and implementing the provisions of this chapter.

1808 C. Allocation of funds pursuant to this section shall occur no later than 60 days after such funds are  
1809 collected and only after the Department, as such term is defined in § 58.1-4200, has verified the accuracy of  
1810 the collected balances.

1811 3. That the initial adoption by the Virginia Lottery Board (the Board) of regulations necessary to  
1812 implement the provisions of the second enactment of this act shall be exempt from the Administrative  
1813 Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq. of the Code of Virginia), except that the Board shall provide an  
1814 opportunity for public comment on the regulations prior to adoption.

1815 4. That the initial procurement by the Virginia Lottery of the central accounting system for electronic  
1816 skill gaming devices required by § 58.1-4216 of the Code of Virginia, as created by the second  
1817 enactment of this act, shall be exempt from the departmental procurement regulations promulgated by  
1818 the Virginia Lottery Board pursuant to § 58.1-4007 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by the second  
1819 enactment of this act.

1820 5. That the Virginia Lottery (the Department) is authorized to begin accepting applications for  
1821 licensure in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 42 (§ 58.1-4200 et seq.) of Title 58.1 of the Code  
1822 of Virginia, as created by the second enactment of this act, as of the effective date of this act. Any  
1823 applicant that has submitted a completed application to the Department shall be authorized to begin  
1824 manufacturing, distributing, placing, or operating electronic skill gaming devices 30 days after the  
1825 effective date of this act, even if such applicant's application for licensure with the Department is still  
1826 pending. If, after review of an application, the Department fails to grant a license to an applicant, such  
1827 applicant shall immediately cease all electronic skill gaming device operations in the Commonwealth.  
1828 Notwithstanding the provisions of § 58.1-4205 of the Code of Virginia, as created by the second  
1829 enactment act, the Department may, for an amount of time to be determined by the Virginia Lottery  
1830 Board, require an applicant for licensure to pay all application fees at the time the applicant submits  
1831 its application to the Department. Any applicant that, during such period, submits an application and  
1832 accompanying fee but is not granted a license by the Department shall be reimbursed.

1833 6. That the Virginia Lottery (the Department) and the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority  
1834 shall enter into a memorandum of understanding allowing the Department to access any licensing  
1835 records necessary to verify that any applicant for a host location license has a valid retail license to sell  
1836 alcoholic beverages.

1837 7. That (i) the provisions of the second enactment of this act may result in a net increase in periods of

1838 imprisonment or commitment. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, the estimated amount  
1839 of the necessary appropriation cannot be determined for periods of imprisonment in state adult  
1840 correctional facilities; therefore, Chapter 1 of the Acts of Assembly of 2023, Special Session I, requires  
1841 the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission to assign a minimum fiscal impact of \$50,000. Pursuant  
1842 to § 30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation cannot be  
1843 determined for periods of commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice; and (ii)  
1844 the budget bill introduced pursuant to § 2.2-1508 of the Code of Virginia for the 2025 Regular Session  
1845 of the General Assembly shall include such necessary appropriation.  
1846 8. That the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh enactment clauses of this act shall have no  
1847 expiration date.  
1848 9. That the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh enactments of this act are effective on its  
1849 passage as provided in § 1-214 of the Code of Virginia.