

2026 SESSION

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1 **SENATE BILL NO. 106**

2 Offered January 14, 2026

3 Prefiled December 31, 2025

4 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-251.6, relating to selling, giving,
5 or distributing a tianeptine product; penalties.

6 Patron—Stanley

7 Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

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

9 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-251.6 as follows:**

10 **§ 18.2-251.6. Selling, giving, or distributing tianeptine; penalties.**

11 A. For purposes of this section, "tianeptine product" means a product that is marketed for human
12 consumption containing any amount of tianeptine sodium or tianeptine sulfate.

13 B. Any person who knowingly sells, gives, or distributes a tianeptine product, without a prescription, is
14 guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

15 C. A retail establishment that knowingly sells, gives, or distributes a tianeptine product, without a
16 prescription, is subject to a civil penalty in the amount of \$500 for a first violation and a civil penalty in the
17 amount of \$2,500 for a second or subsequent violation within a three-year period. For any violation of this
18 section by an employee of a retail establishment, (i) such penalty shall be assessed against the establishment
19 and (ii) an additional penalty of \$100 shall be assessed against the employee.

20 D. Any attorney for the Commonwealth of the locality in which an alleged violation occurred may bring
21 an action to recover the civil penalty, which shall be paid into the state treasury. Any law-enforcement officer
22 may issue a summons for a violation of subsection B or C.

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