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HOUSE BILL NO. 642**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services
on February 27, 2026)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Krizek)

A *BILL to amend and reenact* §§ 2.2-2499.8, 2.2-2818, 2.2-2905, 2.2-3114, 2.2-3711, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, 2.2-3802, 2.2-4024, 3.2-4113, 4.1-103, 4.1-105, 4.1-352, 4.1-600, 4.1-601, 4.1-603, 4.1-604, 4.1-606, 4.1-607, 4.1-611, 4.1-614, 4.1-621, 4.1-1100, 4.1-1101, 4.1-1121, 4.1-1402, 4.1-1500, 4.1-1501, 4.1-1502, 4.1-1600, 4.1-1601, 4.1-1602, 4.1-1603, 4.1-1603.1, 4.1-1603.2, 4.1-1604, 5.1-13, 9.1-1101, 16.1-69.40:1, 16.1-260, 16.1-273, 16.1-278.9, 18.2-46.1, 18.2-247, 18.2-248, 18.2-248.01, 18.2-251, 18.2-251.03, 18.2-251.1:1, 18.2-251.1:2, 18.2-251.1:3, 18.2-252, 18.2-254, 18.2-255, 18.2-255.1, 18.2-255.2, 18.2-258, 18.2-258.02, 18.2-258.1, 18.2-265.1, 18.2-265.2, 18.2-265.3, 18.2-287.2, 18.2-308.012, 18.2-308.4, 18.2-460, 18.2-474.1, 19.2-66, 19.2-81, 19.2-81.1, 19.2-83.1, 19.2-188.1, 19.2-303.01, 19.2-386.22 through 19.2-386.25, 19.2-389, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, 19.2-389.3, 19.2-392.02, 19.2-392.6, 19.2-392.12:1, 22.1-206, 22.1-277.08, 23.1-1301, 46.2-105.2, 46.2-347, 48-17.1, 53.1-231.2, 54.1-2903, 54.1-3443, 58.1-301, and 59.1-200 of the Code of Virginia; to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Subtitle II of Title 2.2 a part labeled D, containing a chapter numbered 61, consisting of a section numbered 2.2-6100, by adding in Chapter 6 of Title 4.1 sections numbered 4.1-629 and 4.1-630, by adding in Title 4.1 chapters numbered 7 through 10, consisting of sections numbered 4.1-700 through 4.1-1010, by adding sections numbered 4.1-1102 through 4.1-1105, 4.1-1106, 4.1-1113, 4.1-1114, 4.1-1115, 4.1-1117, 4.1-1118, and 4.1-1119, by adding in Title 4.1 a chapter numbered 12, consisting of sections numbered 4.1-1200 through 4.1-1206, by adding in Chapter 13 of Title 4.1 sections numbered 4.1-1300, 4.1-1301, and 4.1-1303 through 4.1-1309, by adding in Chapter 14 of Title 4.1 sections numbered 4.1-1403 through 4.1-1407, by adding a section numbered 4.1-1602.1, by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 6.2 a section numbered 6.2-108, and by adding in Chapter 44 of Title 54.1 a section numbered 54.1-4426; and to repeal §§ 4.1-1101.1, 4.1-1105.1, 18.2-248.1, and 18.2-251.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to cannabis control; retail market; penalties.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 2.2-2499.8, 2.2-2818, 2.2-2905, 2.2-3114, 2.2-3711, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, 2.2-3802, 2.2-4024, 3.2-4113, 4.1-103, 4.1-105, 4.1-352, 4.1-600, 4.1-601, 4.1-603, 4.1-604, 4.1-606, 4.1-607, 4.1-611, 4.1-614, 4.1-621, 4.1-1100, 4.1-1101, 4.1-1121, 4.1-1402, 4.1-1500, 4.1-1501, 4.1-1502, 4.1-1600, 4.1-1601, 4.1-1602, 4.1-1603, 4.1-1603.1, 4.1-1603.2, 4.1-1604, 5.1-13, 9.1-1101, 16.1-69.40:1, 16.1-260, 16.1-273, 16.1-278.9, 18.2-46.1, 18.2-247, 18.2-248, 18.2-248.01, 18.2-251, 18.2-251.03, 18.2-251.1:1, 18.2-251.1:2, 18.2-251.1:3, 18.2-252, 18.2-254, 18.2-255, 18.2-255.1, 18.2-255.2, 18.2-258, 18.2-258.02, 18.2-258.1, 18.2-265.1, 18.2-265.2, 18.2-265.3, 18.2-287.2, 18.2-308.012, 18.2-308.4, 18.2-460, 18.2-474.1, 19.2-66, 19.2-81, 19.2-81.1, 19.2-83.1, 19.2-188.1, 19.2-303.01, 19.2-386.22 through 19.2-386.25, 19.2-389, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, 19.2-389.3, 19.2-392.02, 19.2-392.6, 19.2-392.12:1, 22.1-206, 22.1-277.08, 23.1-1301, 46.2-105.2, 46.2-347, 48-17.1, 53.1-231.2, 54.1-2903, 54.1-3443, 58.1-301, and 59.1-200 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Subtitle II of Title 2.2 a part labeled D, containing a chapter numbered 61, consisting of a section numbered 2.2-6100, by adding in Chapter 6 of Title 4.1 sections numbered 4.1-629 and 4.1-630, by adding in Title 4.1 chapters numbered 7 through 10, consisting of sections numbered 4.1-700 through 4.1-1010, by adding sections numbered 4.1-1102 through 4.1-1105, 4.1-1106, 4.1-1113, 4.1-1114, 4.1-1115, 4.1-1117, 4.1-1118, and 4.1-1119, by adding in Title 4.1 a chapter numbered 12, consisting of sections numbered 4.1-1200 through 4.1-1206, by adding in Chapter 13 of Title 4.1 sections numbered 4.1-1300, 4.1-1301, and 4.1-1303 through 4.1-1309, by adding in Chapter 14 of Title 4.1 sections numbered 4.1-1403 through 4.1-1407, by adding a section numbered 4.1-1602.1, by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 6.2 a section numbered 6.2-108, and by adding in Chapter 44 of Title 54.1 a section numbered 54.1-4426 as follows:

§ 2.2-2499.8. Cannabis Equity Reinvestment Fund.

There is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund to be known as the Cannabis Equity Reinvestment Fund, referred to in this section as "the Fund." The Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller. All funds appropriated for such purpose and any gifts, donations, grants, bequests, and other funds received on its behalf shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Fund. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys remaining in the Fund, including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Moneys in the Fund shall be used solely for the purposes of:

1. Supporting persons, families, and communities historically and disproportionately targeted and affected

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60 by drug enforcement;

61 2. Providing scholarship opportunities and educational and vocational resources for historically
62 marginalized persons, including persons in foster care, who have been adversely impacted by substance use
63 individually, in their families, or in their communities;

64 3. Awarding grants to support workforce development, mentoring programs, job training and placement
65 services, apprenticeships, and reentry services that serve persons and communities historically and
66 disproportionately targeted by drug enforcement.

67 4. Contributing to the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission established pursuant to § 19.2-163.01; and

68 5. Contributing *50 percent of the Fund* to the Virginia Cannabis Equity Business Loan Fund established
69 pursuant to § 4.1-1501.

70 Expenditures and disbursements from the Fund shall be made by the State Treasurer on warrants issued by
71 the Comptroller upon written request signed by (i) the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion or (ii) a
72 majority of the members of the Cannabis Equity Reinvestment Board established pursuant to § 2.2-2499.5.

73 **§ 2.2-2818. Health and related insurance for state employees.**

74 A. The Department of Human Resource Management shall establish a plan, subject to the approval of the
75 Governor, for providing health insurance coverage, including chiropractic treatment, hospitalization, medical,
76 surgical, and major medical coverage, for state employees and retired state employees with the
77 Commonwealth paying the cost thereof to the extent of the coverage included in such plan. The same plan
78 shall be offered to all part-time state employees, but the total cost shall be paid by such part-time employees.
79 The Department of Human Resource Management shall administer this section. The plan chosen shall
80 provide means whereby coverage for the families or dependents of state employees may be purchased. Except
81 for part-time employees, the Commonwealth may pay all or a portion of the cost thereof, and for such portion
82 as the Commonwealth does not pay, the employee, including a part-time employee, may purchase the
83 coverage by paying the additional cost over the cost of coverage for an employee.

84 Such contribution shall be financed through appropriations provided by law.

85 B. The plan shall:

86 1. Include coverage for low-dose screening mammograms for determining the presence of occult breast
87 cancer. Such coverage shall make available one screening mammogram to persons age 35 through 39, one
88 such mammogram biennially to persons age 40 through 49, and one such mammogram annually to persons
89 age 50 and over and may be limited to a benefit of \$50 per mammogram subject to such dollar limits,
90 deductibles, and coinsurance factors as are no less favorable than for physical illness generally.

91 The term "mammogram" shall mean an X-ray examination of the breast using equipment dedicated
92 specifically for mammography, including ~~but not limited to the~~ X-ray tube, filter, compression device,
93 screens, film, and cassettes, with an average radiation exposure of less than one rad mid-breast, two views of
94 each breast.

95 In order to be considered a screening mammogram for which coverage shall be made available under this
96 section:

97 a. The mammogram shall be (i) ordered by a health care practitioner acting within the scope of his
98 licensure and, in the case of an enrollee of a health maintenance organization, by the health maintenance
99 organization provider; (ii) performed by a registered technologist; (iii) interpreted by a qualified radiologist;
100 and (iv) performed under the direction of a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery and certified by
101 the American Board of Radiology or an equivalent examining body. A copy of the mammogram report shall
102 be sent or delivered to the health care practitioner who ordered it;

103 b. The equipment used to perform the mammogram shall meet the standards set forth by the Virginia
104 Department of Health in its radiation protection regulations; and

105 c. The mammography film shall be retained by the radiologic facility performing the examination in
106 accordance with the American College of Radiology guidelines or state law.

107 2. Include coverage for postpartum services providing inpatient care and a home visit or visits that shall be
108 in accordance with the medical criteria, outlined in the most current version of or an official update to the
109 "Guidelines for Perinatal Care" prepared by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College
110 of Obstetricians and Gynecologists or the "Standards for Obstetric-Gynecologic Services" prepared by the
111 American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Such coverage shall be provided incorporating any
112 changes in such Guidelines or Standards within six months of the publication of such Guidelines or Standards
113 or any official amendment thereto.

114 3. Include an appeals process for resolution of complaints that shall provide reasonable procedures for the
115 resolution of such complaints and shall be published and disseminated to all covered state employees. The
116 appeals process shall be compliant with federal rules and regulations governing nonfederal, self-insured
117 governmental health plans. The appeals process shall include a separate expedited emergency appeals
118 procedure that shall provide resolution within time frames established by federal law. For appeals involving
119 adverse decisions as defined in § 32.1-137.7, the Department shall contract with one or more independent
120 review organizations to review such decisions. Independent review organizations are entities that conduct
121 independent external review of adverse benefit determinations. The Department shall adopt regulations to

122 assure that the independent review organization conducting the reviews has adequate standards, credentials,
 123 and experience for such review. The independent review organization shall examine the final denial of claims
 124 to determine whether the decision is objective, clinically valid, and compatible with established principles of
 125 health care. The decision of the independent review organization shall (i) be in writing, (ii) contain findings
 126 of fact as to the material issues in the case and the basis for those findings, and (iii) be final and binding if
 127 consistent with law and policy.

128 Prior to assigning an appeal to an independent review organization, the Department shall verify that the
 129 independent review organization conducting the review of a denial of claims has no relationship or
 130 association with (i) the covered person or the covered person's authorized representative; (ii) the treating
 131 health care provider, or any of its employees or affiliates; (iii) the medical care facility at which the covered
 132 service would be provided, or any of its employees or affiliates; or (iv) the development or manufacture of
 133 the drug, device, procedure, or other therapy that is the subject of the final denial of a claim. The independent
 134 review organization shall not be a subsidiary of, nor owned or controlled by, a health plan, a trade association
 135 of health plans, or a professional association of health care providers. There shall be no liability on the part of
 136 and no cause of action shall arise against any officer or employee of an independent review organization for
 137 any actions taken or not taken or statements made by such officer or employee in good faith in the
 138 performance of his powers and duties.

139 4. Include coverage for early intervention services. For purposes of this section, "early intervention
 140 services" means medically necessary speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy
 141 and assistive technology services and devices for dependents from birth to age three who are certified by the
 142 Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services as eligible for services under Part H of the
 143 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. § 1471 et seq.). Medically necessary early intervention
 144 services for the population certified by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services
 145 shall mean those services designed to help an individual attain or retain the capability to function age-
 146 appropriately within his environment, and shall include services that enhance functional ability without
 147 effecting a cure.

148 For persons previously covered under the plan, there shall be no denial of coverage due to the existence of
 149 a preexisting condition. The cost of early intervention services shall not be applied to any contractual
 150 provision limiting the total amount of coverage paid by the insurer to or on behalf of the insured during the
 151 insured's lifetime.

152 5. Include coverage for prescription drugs and devices approved by the United States Food and Drug
 153 Administration for use as contraceptives.

154 6. Not deny coverage for any drug approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for use
 155 in the treatment of cancer on the basis that the drug has not been approved by the United States Food and
 156 Drug Administration for the treatment of the specific type of cancer for which the drug has been prescribed, if
 157 the drug has been recognized as safe and effective for treatment of that specific type of cancer in one of the
 158 standard reference compendia.

159 7. Not deny coverage for any drug prescribed to treat a covered indication so long as the drug has been
 160 approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for at least one indication and the drug is
 161 recognized for treatment of the covered indication in one of the standard reference compendia or in
 162 substantially accepted peer-reviewed medical literature.

163 8. Include coverage for equipment, supplies, and outpatient self-management training and education,
 164 including medical nutrition therapy, for the treatment of insulin-dependent diabetes, insulin-using diabetes,
 165 gestational diabetes, and noninsulin-using diabetes if prescribed by a health care professional legally
 166 authorized to prescribe such items under law. To qualify for coverage under this subdivision, diabetes
 167 outpatient self-management training and education shall be provided by a certified, registered, or licensed
 168 health care professional.

169 9. Include coverage for reconstructive breast surgery. For purposes of this section, "reconstructive breast
 170 surgery" means surgery performed on and after July 1, 1998, (i) coincident with a mastectomy performed for
 171 breast cancer or (ii) following a mastectomy performed for breast cancer to reestablish symmetry between the
 172 two breasts. For persons previously covered under the plan, there shall be no denial of coverage due to
 173 preexisting conditions.

174 10. Include coverage for annual pap smears, including coverage, on and after July 1, 1999, for annual
 175 testing performed by any FDA-approved gynecologic cytology screening technologies.

176 11. Include coverage providing a minimum stay in the hospital of not less than 48 hours for a patient
 177 following a radical or modified radical mastectomy and 24 hours of inpatient care following a total
 178 mastectomy or a partial mastectomy with lymph node dissection for treatment of breast cancer. Nothing in
 179 this subdivision shall be construed as requiring the provision of inpatient coverage where the attending
 180 physician in consultation with the patient determines that a shorter period of hospital stay is appropriate.

181 12. Include coverage (i) to persons age 50 and over and (ii) to persons age 40 and over who are at high
 182 risk for prostate cancer, according to the most recent published guidelines of the American Cancer Society,

183 for one prostate-specific antigen test in a 12-month period and digital rectal examinations.

184 13. Permit any individual covered under the plan direct access to the health care services of a participating
185 specialist (i) authorized to provide services under the plan and (ii) selected by the covered individual. The
186 plan shall have a procedure by which an individual who has an ongoing special condition may, after
187 consultation with the primary care physician, receive a referral to a specialist for such condition who shall be
188 responsible for and capable of providing and coordinating the individual's primary and specialty care related
189 to the initial specialty care referral. If such an individual's care would most appropriately be coordinated by
190 such a specialist, the plan shall refer the individual to a specialist. For the purposes of this subdivision,
191 "special condition" means a condition or disease that is (i) life-threatening, degenerative, or disabling and (ii)
192 requires specialized medical care over a prolonged period of time. Within the treatment period authorized by
193 the referral, such specialist shall be permitted to treat the individual without a further referral from the
194 individual's primary care provider and may authorize such referrals, procedures, tests, and other medical
195 services related to the initial referral as the individual's primary care provider would otherwise be permitted
196 to provide or authorize. The plan shall have a procedure by which an individual who has an ongoing special
197 condition that requires ongoing care from a specialist may receive a standing referral to such specialist for the
198 treatment of the special condition. If the primary care provider, in consultation with the plan and the
199 specialist, if any, determines that such a standing referral is appropriate, the plan or issuer shall make such a
200 referral to a specialist. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the plan from requiring a participating
201 specialist to provide written notification to the covered individual's primary care physician of any visit to
202 such specialist. Such notification may include a description of the health care services rendered at the time of
203 the visit.

204 14. Include provisions allowing employees to continue receiving health care services for a period of up to
205 90 days from the date of the primary care physician's notice of termination from any of the plan's provider
206 panels. The plan shall notify any provider at least 90 days prior to the date of termination of the provider,
207 except when the provider is terminated for cause.

208 For a period of at least 90 days from the date of the notice of a provider's termination from any of the
209 plan's provider panels, except when a provider is terminated for cause, a provider shall be permitted by the
210 plan to render health care services to any of the covered employees who (i) were in an active course of
211 treatment from the provider prior to the notice of termination and (ii) request to continue receiving health care
212 services from the provider.

213 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision, any provider shall be permitted by the plan to continue
214 rendering health services to any covered employee who has entered the second trimester of pregnancy at the
215 time of the provider's termination of participation, except when a provider is terminated for cause. Such
216 treatment shall, at the covered employee's option, continue through the provision of postpartum care directly
217 related to the delivery.

218 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision, any provider shall be permitted to continue rendering
219 health services to any covered employee who is determined to be terminally ill (as defined under §
220 1861(dd)(3)(A) of the Social Security Act) at the time of a provider's termination of participation, except
221 when a provider is terminated for cause. Such treatment shall, at the covered employee's option, continue for
222 the remainder of the employee's life for care directly related to the treatment of the terminal illness.

223 A provider who continues to render health care services pursuant to this subdivision shall be reimbursed
224 in accordance with the carrier's agreement with such provider existing immediately before the provider's
225 termination of participation.

226 15. Include coverage for patient costs incurred during participation in clinical trials for treatment studies
227 on cancer, including ovarian cancer trials.

228 The reimbursement for patient costs incurred during participation in clinical trials for treatment studies on
229 cancer shall be determined in the same manner as reimbursement is determined for other medical and surgical
230 procedures. Such coverage shall have durational limits, dollar limits, deductibles, copayments, and
231 coinsurance factors that are no less favorable than for physical illness generally.

232 For purposes of this subdivision:

233 "Cooperative group" means a formal network of facilities that collaborate on research projects and have
234 an established NIH-approved peer review program operating within the group. "Cooperative group" includes
235 (i) the National Cancer Institute Clinical Cooperative Group and (ii) the National Cancer Institute
236 Community Clinical Oncology Program.

237 "FDA" means the Federal Food and Drug Administration.

238 "Multiple project assurance contract" means a contract between an institution and the federal Department
239 of Health and Human Services that defines the relationship of the institution to the federal Department of
240 Health and Human Services and sets out the responsibilities of the institution and the procedures that will be
241 used by the institution to protect human subjects.

242 "NCI" means the National Cancer Institute.

243 "NIH" means the National Institutes of Health.

244 "Patient" means a person covered under the plan established pursuant to this section.

245 "Patient cost" means the cost of a medically necessary health care service that is incurred as a result of the
246 treatment being provided to a patient for purposes of a clinical trial. "Patient cost" does not include (i) the
247 cost of nonhealth care services that a patient may be required to receive as a result of the treatment being
248 provided for purposes of a clinical trial, (ii) costs associated with managing the research associated with the
249 clinical trial, or (iii) the cost of the investigational drug or device.

250 Coverage for patient costs incurred during clinical trials for treatment studies on cancer shall be provided
251 if the treatment is being conducted in a Phase II, Phase III, or Phase IV clinical trial. Such treatment may,
252 however, be provided on a case-by-case basis if the treatment is being provided in a Phase I clinical trial.

253 The treatment described in the previous paragraph shall be provided by a clinical trial approved by:

- 254 a. The National Cancer Institute;
- 255 b. An NCI cooperative group or an NCI center;
- 256 c. The FDA in the form of an investigational new drug application;
- 257 d. The federal Department of Veterans Affairs; or
- 258 e. An institutional review board of an institution in the Commonwealth that has a multiple project
259 assurance contract approved by the Office of Protection from Research Risks of the NCI.

260 The facility and personnel providing the treatment shall be capable of doing so by virtue of their
261 experience, training, and expertise.

262 Coverage under this subdivision shall apply only if:

- 263 (1) There is no clearly superior, noninvestigational treatment alternative;
- 264 (2) The available clinical or preclinical data provide a reasonable expectation that the treatment will be at
265 least as effective as the noninvestigational alternative; and
- 266 (3) The patient and the physician or health care provider who provides services to the patient under the
267 plan conclude that the patient's participation in the clinical trial would be appropriate, pursuant to procedures
268 established by the plan.

269 16. Include coverage providing a minimum stay in the hospital of not less than 23 hours for a covered
270 employee following a laparoscopy-assisted vaginal hysterectomy and 48 hours for a covered employee
271 following a vaginal hysterectomy, as outlined in Milliman & Robertson's nationally recognized guidelines.
272 Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as requiring the provision of the total hours referenced when
273 the attending physician, in consultation with the covered employee, determines that a shorter hospital stay is
274 appropriate.

275 17. Include coverage for biologically based mental illness.

276 For purposes of this subdivision, a "biologically based mental illness" is any mental or nervous condition
277 caused by a biological disorder of the brain that results in a clinically significant syndrome that substantially
278 limits the person's functioning; specifically, the following diagnoses are defined as biologically based mental
279 illness as they apply to adults and children: schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, bipolar disorder, major
280 depressive disorder, panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder,
281 autism, and drug and alcoholism addiction.

282 Coverage for biologically based mental illnesses shall neither be different nor separate from coverage for
283 any other illness, condition, or disorder for purposes of determining deductibles, benefit year or lifetime
284 durational limits, benefit year or lifetime dollar limits, lifetime episodes or treatment limits, copayment and
285 coinsurance factors, and benefit year maximum for deductibles and copayment and coinsurance factors.

286 Nothing shall preclude the undertaking of usual and customary procedures to determine the
287 appropriateness of, and medical necessity for, treatment of biologically based mental illnesses under this
288 option, provided that all such appropriateness and medical necessity determinations are made in the same
289 manner as those determinations made for the treatment of any other illness, condition, or disorder covered by
290 such policy or contract.

291 18. Offer and make available coverage for the treatment of morbid obesity through gastric bypass surgery
292 or such other methods as may be recognized by the National Institutes of Health as effective for the long-term
293 reversal of morbid obesity. Such coverage shall have durational limits, dollar limits, deductibles, copayments,
294 and coinsurance factors that are no less favorable than for physical illness generally. Access to surgery for
295 morbid obesity shall not be restricted based upon dietary or any other criteria not approved by the National
296 Institutes of Health. For purposes of this subdivision, "morbid obesity" means (i) a weight that is at least 100
297 pounds over or twice the ideal weight for frame, age, height, and gender as specified in the 1983 Metropolitan
298 Life Insurance tables, (ii) a body mass index (BMI) equal to or greater than 35 kilograms per meter squared
299 with comorbidity or coexisting medical conditions such as hypertension, cardiopulmonary conditions, sleep
300 apnea, or diabetes, or (iii) a BMI of 40 kilograms per meter squared without such comorbidity. As used
301 herein, "BMI" equals weight in kilograms divided by height in meters squared.

302 19. Include coverage for colorectal cancer screening, specifically screening with an annual fecal occult
303 blood test, flexible sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy, or in appropriate circumstances radiologic imaging, in
304 accordance with the most recently published recommendations established by the American College of
305 Gastroenterology, in consultation with the American Cancer Society, for the ages, family histories, and

306 frequencies referenced in such recommendations. The coverage for colorectal cancer screening shall not be
307 more restrictive than or separate from coverage provided for any other illness, condition, or disorder for
308 purposes of determining deductibles, benefit year or lifetime durational limits, benefit year or lifetime dollar
309 limits, lifetime episodes or treatment limits, copayment and coinsurance factors, and benefit year maximum
310 for deductibles and copayments and coinsurance factors.

311 20. On and after July 1, 2002, require that a prescription benefit card, health insurance benefit card, or
312 other technology that complies with the requirements set forth in § 38.2-3407.4:2 be issued to each employee
313 provided coverage pursuant to this section, and shall upon any changes in the required data elements set forth
314 in subsection A of § 38.2-3407.4:2, either reissue the card or provide employees covered under the plan such
315 corrective information as may be required to electronically process a prescription claim.

316 21. Include coverage for infant hearing screenings and all necessary audiological examinations provided
317 pursuant to § 32.1-64.1 using any technology approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration,
318 and as recommended by the national Joint Committee on Infant Hearing in its most current position statement
319 addressing early hearing detection and intervention programs. Such coverage shall include follow-up
320 audiological examinations as recommended by a physician, a physician assistant, an advanced practice
321 registered nurse, or an audiologist and performed by a licensed audiologist to confirm the existence or
322 absence of hearing loss.

323 22. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, every plan established in accordance
324 with this section shall comply with the provisions of § 2.2-2818.2.

325 C. Claims incurred during a fiscal year but not reported during that fiscal year shall be paid from such
326 funds as shall be appropriated by law. Appropriations, premiums, and other payments shall be deposited in
327 the employee health insurance fund, from which payments for claims, premiums, cost containment programs,
328 and administrative expenses shall be withdrawn from time to time. The funds of the health insurance fund
329 shall be deemed separate and independent trust funds, shall be segregated from all other funds of the
330 Commonwealth, and shall be invested and administered solely in the interests of the employees and their
331 beneficiaries. Neither the General Assembly nor any public officer, employee, or agency shall use or
332 authorize the use of such trust funds for any purpose other than as provided in law for benefits, refunds, and
333 administrative expenses, including ~~but not limited to~~ legislative oversight of the health insurance fund.

334 D. For the purposes of this section:

335 "Peer-reviewed medical literature" means a scientific study published only after having been critically
336 reviewed for scientific accuracy, validity, and reliability by unbiased independent experts in a journal that has
337 been determined by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors to have met the Uniform
338 Requirements for Manuscripts submitted to biomedical journals. "Peer-reviewed medical literature" does not
339 include publications or supplements to publications that are sponsored to a significant extent by a
340 pharmaceutical manufacturing company or health carrier.

341 "Standard reference compendia" means:

- 342 1. American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information;
- 343 2. National Comprehensive Cancer Network's Drugs & Biologics Compendium; or
- 344 3. Elsevier Gold Standard's Clinical Pharmacology.

345 "State employee" means state employee as defined in § 51.1-124.3; employee as defined in § 51.1-201;
346 the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General; judge as defined in § 51.1-301 and judges, clerks,
347 and deputy clerks of regional juvenile and domestic relations, county juvenile and domestic relations, and
348 district courts of the Commonwealth; interns and residents employed by the School of Medicine and Hospital
349 of the University of Virginia, and interns, residents, and employees of the Virginia Commonwealth
350 University Health System Authority as provided in § 23.1-2415; and employees of the Virginia Alcoholic
351 Beverage Control Authority as provided in § 4.1-101.05 *and the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority as*
352 *provided in § 4.1-623.*

353 E. Provisions shall be made for retired employees to obtain coverage under the above plan, including, as
354 an option, coverage for vision and dental care. The Commonwealth may, but shall not be obligated to, pay all
355 or any portion of the cost thereof.

356 F. Any self-insured group health insurance plan established by the Department of Human Resource
357 Management that utilizes a network of preferred providers shall not exclude any physician solely on the basis
358 of a reprimand or censure from the Board of Medicine, so long as the physician otherwise meets the plan
359 criteria established by the Department.

360 G. The plan shall include, in each planning district, at least two health coverage options, each sponsored
361 by unrelated entities. No later than July 1, 2006, one of the health coverage options to be available in each
362 planning district shall be a high deductible health plan that would qualify for a health savings account
363 pursuant to § 223 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

364 In each planning district that does not have an available health coverage alternative, the Department shall
365 voluntarily enter into negotiations at any time with any health coverage provider who seeks to provide
366 coverage under the plan.

367 This subsection shall not apply to any state agency authorized by the Department to establish and

368 administer its own health insurance coverage plan separate from the plan established by the Department.

369 H. Any self-insured group health insurance plan established by the Department of Human Resource
 370 Management that includes coverage for prescription drugs on an outpatient basis may apply a formulary to
 371 the prescription drug benefits provided by the plan if the formulary is developed, reviewed at least annually,
 372 and updated as necessary in consultation with and with the approval of a pharmacy and therapeutics
 373 committee, a majority of whose members are actively practicing licensed (i) pharmacists, (ii) physicians, and
 374 (iii) other health care providers.

375 If the plan maintains one or more drug formularies, the plan shall establish a process to allow a person to
 376 obtain, without additional cost-sharing beyond that provided for formulary prescription drugs in the plan, a
 377 specific, medically necessary nonformulary prescription drug if, after reasonable investigation and
 378 consultation with the prescriber, the formulary drug is determined to be an inappropriate therapy for the
 379 medical condition of the person. The plan shall act on such requests within one business day of receipt of the
 380 request.

381 Any plan established in accordance with this section shall be authorized to provide for the selection of a
 382 single mail order pharmacy provider as the exclusive provider of pharmacy services that are delivered to the
 383 covered person's address by mail, common carrier, or delivery service. As used in this subsection, "mail order
 384 pharmacy provider" means a pharmacy permitted to conduct business in the Commonwealth whose primary
 385 business is to dispense a prescription drug or device under a prescriptive drug order and to deliver the drug or
 386 device to a patient primarily by mail, common carrier, or delivery service.

387 I. Any plan established in accordance with this section requiring preauthorization prior to rendering
 388 medical treatment shall have personnel available to provide authorization at all times when such
 389 preauthorization is required.

390 J. Any plan established in accordance with this section shall provide to all covered employees written
 391 notice of any benefit reductions during the contract period at least 30 days before such reductions become
 392 effective.

393 K. No contract between a provider and any plan established in accordance with this section shall include
 394 provisions that require a health care provider or health care provider group to deny covered services that such
 395 provider or group knows to be medically necessary and appropriate that are provided with respect to a
 396 covered employee with similar medical conditions.

397 L. The Department of Human Resource Management shall appoint an Ombudsman to promote and protect
 398 the interests of covered employees under any state employee's health plan.

399 The Ombudsman shall:

400 1. Assist covered employees in understanding their rights and the processes available to them according to
 401 their state health plan.

402 2. Answer inquiries from covered employees by telephone and electronic mail.

403 3. Provide to covered employees information concerning the state health plans.

404 4. Develop information on the types of health plans available, including benefits and complaint
 405 procedures and appeals.

406 5. Make available, either separately or through an existing Internet web site utilized by the Department of
 407 Human Resource Management, information as set forth in subdivision 4 and such additional information as
 408 he deems appropriate.

409 6. Maintain data on inquiries received, the types of assistance requested, any actions taken and the
 410 disposition of each such matter.

411 7. Upon request, assist covered employees in using the procedures and processes available to them from
 412 their health plan, including all appeal procedures. Such assistance may require the review of health care
 413 records of a covered employee, which shall be done only in accordance with the federal Health Insurance
 414 Portability and Accountability Act privacy rules. The confidentiality of any such medical records shall be
 415 maintained in accordance with the confidentiality and disclosure laws of the Commonwealth.

416 8. Ensure that covered employees have access to the services provided by the Ombudsman and that the
 417 covered employees receive timely responses from the Ombudsman or his representatives to the inquiries.

418 9. Report annually on his activities to the standing committees of the General Assembly having
 419 jurisdiction over insurance and over health and the Joint Commission on Health Care by December 1 of each
 420 year.

421 M. The plan established in accordance with this section shall not refuse to accept or make reimbursement
 422 pursuant to an assignment of benefits made to a dentist or oral surgeon by a covered employee.

423 For purposes of this subsection, "assignment of benefits" means the transfer of dental care coverage
 424 reimbursement benefits or other rights under the plan. The assignment of benefits shall not be effective until
 425 the covered employee notifies the plan in writing of the assignment.

426 N. Beginning July 1, 2006, any plan established pursuant to this section shall provide for an identification
 427 number, which shall be assigned to the covered employee and shall not be the same as the employee's social
 428 security number.

429 O. Any group health insurance plan established by the Department of Human Resource Management that

430 contains a coordination of benefits provision shall provide written notification to any eligible employee as a
 431 prominent part of its enrollment materials that if such eligible employee is covered under another group
 432 accident and sickness insurance policy, group accident and sickness subscription contract, or group health
 433 care plan for health care services, that insurance policy, subscription contract, or health care plan may have
 434 primary responsibility for the covered expenses of other family members enrolled with the eligible employee.
 435 Such written notification shall describe generally the conditions upon which the other coverage would be
 436 primary for dependent children enrolled under the eligible employee's coverage and the method by which the
 437 eligible enrollee may verify from the plan that coverage would have primary responsibility for the covered
 438 expenses of each family member.

439 P. Any plan established by the Department of Human Resource Management pursuant to this section shall
 440 provide that coverage under such plan for family members enrolled under a participating state employee's
 441 coverage shall continue for a period of at least 30 days following the death of such state employee.

442 Q. The plan established in accordance with this section that follows a policy of sending its payment to the
 443 covered employee or covered family member for a claim for services received from a nonparticipating
 444 physician or osteopath shall (i) include language in the member handbook that notifies the covered employee
 445 of the responsibility to apply the plan payment to the claim from such nonparticipating provider, (ii) include
 446 this language with any such payment sent to the covered employee or covered family member, and (iii)
 447 include the name and any last known address of the nonparticipating provider on the explanation of benefits
 448 statement.

449 R. The plan established by the Department of Human Resource Management pursuant to this section shall
 450 provide that coverage under such plan for an incapacitated child enrolled under a participating state
 451 employee's coverage shall be valid without regard to whether such child lives with the covered employee as a
 452 member of the employee's household so long as the child is dependent upon the employee for more than half
 453 of the child's financial support and the child is receiving residential support services.

454 For purposes of this subsection, "incapacitated child" means an adult child who is incapacitated due to a
 455 physical or mental health condition that existed prior to the termination of coverage due to such child
 456 attaining the limiting age under the plan for eligible children dependents.

457 S. The Department of Human Resource Management shall report annually, by November 30 of each year,
 458 on cost and utilization information for each of the mandated benefits set forth in subsection B, including any
 459 mandated benefit made applicable, pursuant to subdivision B 22, to any plan established pursuant to this
 460 section. The report shall be in the same detail and form as required of reports submitted pursuant to
 461 § 38.2-3419.1, with such additional information as is required to determine the financial impact, including the
 462 costs and benefits, of the particular mandated benefit.

463 **§ 2.2-2905. Certain officers and employees exempt from chapter.**

464 The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to:

- 465 1. Officers and employees for whom the Constitution specifically directs the manner of selection;
- 466 2. Officers and employees of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals;
- 467 3. Officers appointed by the Governor, whether confirmation by the General Assembly or by either house
 468 thereof is required or not;
- 469 4. Officers elected by popular vote or by the General Assembly or either house thereof;
- 470 5. Members of boards and commissions however selected;
- 471 6. Judges, referees, receivers, arbiters, masters and commissioners in chancery, commissioners of
 472 accounts, and any other persons appointed by any court to exercise judicial functions, and jurors and notaries
 473 public;
- 474 7. Officers and employees of the General Assembly and persons employed to conduct temporary or
 475 special inquiries, investigations, or examinations on its behalf;
- 476 8. The presidents and teaching and research staffs of state educational institutions;
- 477 9. Commissioned officers and enlisted personnel of the National Guard;
- 478 10. Student employees at institutions of higher education and patient or inmate help in other state
 479 institutions;
- 480 11. Upon general or special authorization of the Governor, laborers, temporary employees, and employees
 481 compensated on an hourly or daily basis;
- 482 12. County, city, town, and district officers, deputies, assistants, and employees;
- 483 13. The employees of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission;
- 484 14. The officers and employees of the Virginia Retirement System;
- 485 15. Employees whose positions are identified by the State Council of Higher Education and the boards of
 486 the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, The Science Museum of Virginia, the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation,
 487 the Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia, the Virginia Museum of Natural History, the New College Institute,
 488 the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center, and The Library of Virginia, and approved by the Director of
 489 the Department of Human Resource Management as requiring specialized and professional training;
- 490 16. Employees of the Virginia Lottery;
- 491 17. Employees of the Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired's rehabilitative manufacturing and

492 service industries who have a human resources classification of industry worker;

493 18. Employees of the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority;

494 19. Employees of the University of Virginia Medical Center. Any changes in compensation plans for such

495 employees shall be subject to the review and approval of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia.

496 The University of Virginia shall ensure that its procedures for hiring University of Virginia Medical Center

497 personnel are based on merit and fitness. Such employees shall remain subject to the provisions of the State

498 Grievance Procedure (§ 2.2-3000 et seq.);

499 20. In executive branch agencies the employee who has accepted serving in the capacity of chief deputy,

500 or equivalent, and the employee who has accepted serving in the capacity of a confidential assistant for policy

501 or administration. An employee serving in either one of these two positions shall be deemed to serve on an

502 employment-at-will basis. An agency may not exceed two employees who serve in this exempt capacity;

503 21. Employees of Virginia Correctional Enterprises. Such employees shall remain subject to the

504 provisions of the State Grievance Procedure (§ 2.2-3000 et seq.);

505 22. Officers and employees of the Virginia Port Authority;

506 23. Employees of the Commonwealth Savers Plan;

507 24. Directors of state facilities operated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental

508 Services employed or reemployed by the Commissioner after July 1, 1999, under a contract pursuant to

509 § 37.2-707. Such employees shall remain subject to the provisions of the State Grievance Procedure

510 (§ 2.2-3000 et seq.);

511 25. Employees of the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth. Such employees shall be treated as state

512 employees for purposes of participation in the Virginia Retirement System, health insurance, and all other

513 employee benefits offered by the Commonwealth to its classified employees;

514 26. Employees of the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission;

515 27. Any chief of a campus police department that has been designated by the governing body of a public

516 institution of higher education as exempt, pursuant to § 23.1-809;

517 28. The Chief Executive Officer, agents, officers, and employees of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage

518 Control Authority; ~~and~~

519 29. *The Chief Executive Officer, agents, officers, and employees of the Virginia Cannabis Control*

520 *Authority; and*

521 30. Officers and employees of the Fort Monroe Authority.

522 **§ 2.2-3114. Disclosure by state officers and employees.**

523 A. In accordance with the requirements set forth in § 2.2-3118.2, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor,

524 Attorney General, Justices of the Supreme Court, judges of the Court of Appeals, judges of any circuit court,

525 judges and substitute judges of any district court, members of the State Corporation Commission, members of

526 the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission, members of the Commonwealth Transportation Board,

527 members of the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Retirement System, members of the Board of Directors of

528 the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority, *members of the Board of Directors of the Virginia*

529 *Cannabis Control Authority*, members of the board of directors of the Commonwealth of Virginia Innovation

530 Partnership Authority, members of the Board of the Commonwealth Savers Plan, and members of the

531 Virginia Lottery Board and other persons occupying such offices or positions of trust or employment in state

532 government, including members of the governing bodies of authorities, as may be designated by the

533 Governor, or officers or employees of the legislative branch, as may be designated by the Joint Rules

534 Committee of the General Assembly, shall file with the Council, as a condition to assuming office or

535 employment, a disclosure statement of their personal interests and such other information as is required on

536 the form prescribed by the Council pursuant to § 2.2-3117 and thereafter shall file such a statement annually

537 on or before February 1.

538 B. In accordance with the requirements set forth in § 2.2-3118.2, nonsalaried citizen members of all policy

539 and supervisory boards, commissions, and councils in the executive branch of state government, other than

540 the members of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, members of the Board of Trustees of the Virginia

541 Retirement System, members of the board of directors of the Commonwealth of Virginia Innovation

542 Partnership Authority, members of the Board of the Commonwealth Savers Plan, and members of the

543 Virginia Lottery Board, shall file with the Council, as a condition to assuming office, a disclosure form of

544 their personal interests and such other information as is required on the form prescribed by the Council

545 pursuant to § 2.2-3118 and thereafter shall file such form annually on or before February 1. Nonsalaried

546 citizen members of other boards, commissions, and councils, including advisory boards and authorities, may

547 be required to file a disclosure form if so designated by the Governor, in which case the form shall be that

548 prescribed by the Council pursuant to § 2.2-3118.

549 C. The disclosure forms required by subsections A and B shall be made available by the Council at least

550 30 days prior to the filing deadline. Disclosure forms shall be filed electronically with the Council in

551 accordance with the standards approved by it pursuant to § 30-356. All forms shall be maintained as public

552 records for five years in the office of the Council. Such forms shall be made public no later than six weeks

553 after the filing deadline.

554 D. Candidates for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Attorney General shall file a
555 disclosure statement of their personal interests as required by § 24.2-502.

556 E. Any officer or employee of state government who has a personal interest in any transaction before the
557 governmental or advisory agency of which he is an officer or employee and who is disqualified from
558 participating in that transaction pursuant to subsection A of § 2.2-3112, or otherwise elects to disqualify
559 himself, shall forthwith make disclosure of the existence of his interest, including the full name and address
560 of the business and the address or parcel number for the real estate if the interest involves a business or real
561 estate, and his disclosure shall also be reflected in the public records of the agency for five years in the office
562 of the administrative head of the officer's or employee's governmental agency or advisory agency or, if the
563 agency has a clerk, in the clerk's office.

564 F. An officer or employee of state government who is required to declare his interest pursuant to
565 subdivision B 1 of § 2.2-3112, shall declare his interest by stating (i) the transaction involved, (ii) the nature
566 of the officer's or employee's personal interest affected by the transaction, (iii) that he is a member of a
567 business, profession, occupation, or group the members of which are affected by the transaction, and (iv) that
568 he is able to participate in the transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest. The officer or
569 employee shall either make his declaration orally to be recorded in written minutes for his agency or file a
570 signed written declaration with the clerk or administrative head of his governmental or advisory agency, as
571 appropriate, who shall, in either case, retain and make available for public inspection such declaration for a
572 period of five years from the date of recording or receipt. If reasonable time is not available to comply with
573 the provisions of this subsection prior to participation in the transaction, the officer or employee shall prepare
574 and file the required declaration by the end of the next business day.

575 G. An officer or employee of state government who is required to declare his interest pursuant to
576 subdivision B 2 of § 2.2-3112, shall declare his interest by stating (i) the transaction involved, (ii) that a party
577 to the transaction is a client of his firm, (iii) that he does not personally represent or provide services to the
578 client, and (iv) that he is able to participate in the transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.
579 The officer or employee shall either make his declaration orally to be recorded in written minutes for his
580 agency or file a signed written declaration with the clerk or administrative head of his governmental or
581 advisory agency, as appropriate, who shall, in either case, retain and make available for public inspection
582 such declaration for a period of five years from the date of recording or receipt. If reasonable time is not
583 available to comply with the provisions of this subsection prior to participation in the transaction, the officer
584 or employee shall prepare and file the required declaration by the end of the next business day.

585 H. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, chairs of departments at a public institution of higher
586 education in the Commonwealth shall not be required to file the disclosure form prescribed by the Council
587 pursuant to § 2.2-3117 or 2.2-3118.

588 **§ 2.2-3711. (Effective until July 1, 2026) Closed meetings authorized for certain limited purposes.**

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

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

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

607 3. Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition
608 of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining
609 position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

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

611 5. Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or
612 industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or
613 expanding its facilities in the community.

614 6. Discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is
615 involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely

616 affected.

617 7. Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or
 618 probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the
 619 negotiating or litigating posture of the public body. For the purposes of this subdivision, "probable litigation"
 620 means litigation that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has a
 621 reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. Nothing in this subdivision shall
 622 be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in
 623 attendance or is consulted on a matter.

624 8. Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters
 625 requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to
 626 permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is
 627 consulted on a matter.

628 9. Discussion or consideration by governing boards of public institutions of higher education of matters
 629 relating to gifts, bequests and fund-raising activities, and of grants and contracts for services or work to be
 630 performed by such institution. However, the terms and conditions of any such gifts, bequests, grants, and
 631 contracts made by a foreign government, a foreign legal entity, or a foreign person and accepted by a public
 632 institution of higher education in the Commonwealth shall be subject to public disclosure upon written
 633 request to the appropriate board of visitors. For the purpose of this subdivision, (i) "foreign government"
 634 means any government other than the United States government or the government of a state or a political
 635 subdivision thereof, (ii) "foreign legal entity" means any legal entity (a) created under the laws of the United
 636 States or of any state thereof if a majority of the ownership of the stock of such legal entity is owned by
 637 foreign governments or foreign persons or if a majority of the membership of any such entity is composed of
 638 foreign persons or foreign legal entities or (b) created under the laws of a foreign government, and (iii)
 639 "foreign person" means any individual who is not a citizen or national of the United States or a trust territory
 640 or protectorate thereof.

641 10. Discussion or consideration by the boards of trustees of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, the
 642 Virginia Museum of Natural History, the Jamestown-Yorcktown Foundation, the Fort Monroe Authority, and
 643 The Science Museum of Virginia of matters relating to specific gifts, bequests, and grants from private
 644 sources.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

678 structure.

679 20. Discussion by the Board of the Virginia Retirement System, acting pursuant to § 51.1-124.30, or of
680 any local retirement system, acting pursuant to § 51.1-803, or by a local finance board or board of trustees of
681 a trust established by one or more local public bodies to invest funds for postemployment benefits other than
682 pensions, acting pursuant to Article 8 (§ 15.2-1544 et seq.) of Chapter 15 of Title 15.2, or by the board of
683 visitors of the University of Virginia, acting pursuant to § 23.1-2210, or by the Board of the Commonwealth
684 Savers Plan, acting pursuant to § 23.1-706, regarding the acquisition, holding or disposition of a security or
685 other ownership interest in an entity, where such security or ownership interest is not traded on a
686 governmentally regulated securities exchange, to the extent that such discussion (i) concerns confidential
687 analyses prepared for the board of visitors of the University of Virginia, prepared by the retirement system, or
688 a local finance board or board of trustees, or the Commonwealth Savers Plan or provided to the retirement
689 system, a local finance board or board of trustees, or the Commonwealth Savers Plan under a promise of
690 confidentiality, of the future value of such ownership interest or the future financial performance of the
691 entity, and (ii) would have an adverse effect on the value of the investment to be acquired, held, or disposed
692 of by the retirement system, a local finance board or board of trustees, the board of visitors of the University
693 of Virginia, or the Commonwealth Savers Plan. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prevent the
694 disclosure of information relating to the identity of any investment held, the amount invested or the present
695 value of such investment.

696 21. Those portions of meetings in which individual child death cases are discussed by the State Child
697 Fatality Review Team established pursuant to § 32.1-283.1, those portions of meetings in which individual
698 child death cases are discussed by a regional or local child fatality review team established pursuant to
699 § 32.1-283.2, those portions of meetings in which individual death cases are discussed by family violence
700 fatality review teams established pursuant to § 32.1-283.3, those portions of meetings in which individual
701 adult death cases are discussed by the state Adult Fatality Review Team established pursuant to § 32.1-283.5,
702 those portions of meetings in which individual adult death cases are discussed by a local or regional adult
703 fatality review team established pursuant to § 32.1-283.6, those portions of meetings in which individual
704 death cases are discussed by overdose fatality review teams established pursuant to § 32.1-283.7, those
705 portions of meetings in which individual maternal death cases are discussed by the Maternal Mortality
706 Review Team pursuant to § 32.1-283.8, and those portions of meetings in which individual death cases of
707 persons with developmental disabilities are discussed by the Developmental Disabilities Mortality Review
708 Committee established pursuant to § 37.2-314.1.

709 22. Those portions of meetings of the board of visitors of the University of Virginia or Old Dominion
710 University, as the case may be, and those portions of meetings of any persons to whom management
711 responsibilities for the University of Virginia Medical Center or the Eastern Virginia Health Sciences Center
712 at Old Dominion University, as the case may be, have been delegated, in which there is discussed proprietary,
713 business-related information pertaining to the operations of the University of Virginia Medical Center or the
714 Eastern Virginia Health Sciences Center at Old Dominion University, as the case may be, including business
715 development or marketing strategies and activities with existing or future joint venturers, partners, or other
716 parties with whom the University of Virginia Medical Center or the Eastern Virginia Health Sciences Center
717 at Old Dominion University, as the case may be, has formed, or forms, any arrangement for the delivery of
718 health care, if disclosure of such information would adversely affect the competitive position of the
719 University of Virginia Medical Center or the Eastern Virginia Health Sciences Center at Old Dominion
720 University, as the case may be.

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

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

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

737 26. Discussion or consideration, by the former Wireless Carrier E-911 Cost Recovery Subcommittee
738 created pursuant to former § 56-484.15, of trade secrets submitted by CMRS providers, as defined in
739 § 56-484.12, related to the provision of wireless E-911 service.

740 27. Those portions of disciplinary proceedings by any regulatory board within the Department of
 741 Professional and Occupational Regulation, Department of Health Professions, or the Board of Accountancy
 742 conducted pursuant to § 2.2-4019 or 2.2-4020 during which the board deliberates to reach a decision or
 743 meetings of health regulatory boards or conference committees of such boards to consider settlement
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 829 Partnership Authority established pursuant to subsection F of § 2.2-2237.3 to review and discuss information
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832 52. Discussion or consideration by the Commonwealth of Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority (the
 833 Authority), an advisory committee of the Authority, or any other entity designated by the Authority, of
 834 information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 35 of § 2.2-3705.7.

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 836 revocation of a license of a casino gaming operator, or the refusal to issue, suspension of, or revocation of
 837 any license or permit related to casino gaming, and discussion, consideration, or review of matters related to
 838 investigations excluded from mandatory disclosure under subdivision 1 of § 2.2-3705.3.

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

843 55. Meetings or portions of meetings of the Board of Criminal Justice Services or the Department of
 844 Criminal Justice Services concerning the decertification of an identifiable law-enforcement or jail officer.

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

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

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

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

862 **§ 2.2-3711. (Effective July 1, 2026) Closed meetings authorized for certain limited purposes.**

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

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

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

881 3. Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition
 882 of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining
 883 position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

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

885 5. Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or
 886 industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or
 887 expanding its facilities in the community.

888 6. Discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is
 889 involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely
 890 affected.

891 7. Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or
 892 probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the
 893 negotiating or litigating posture of the public body. For the purposes of this subdivision, "probable litigation"
 894 means litigation that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has a
 895 reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. Nothing in this subdivision shall
 896 be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in
 897 attendance or is consulted on a matter.

898 8. Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters
 899 requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to
 900 permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is
 901 consulted on a matter.

902 9. Discussion or consideration by governing boards of public institutions of higher education of matters
 903 relating to gifts, bequests and fund-raising activities, and of grants and contracts for services or work to be
 904 performed by such institution. However, the terms and conditions of any such gifts, bequests, grants, and
 905 contracts made by a foreign government, a foreign legal entity, or a foreign person and accepted by a public
 906 institution of higher education in the Commonwealth shall be subject to public disclosure upon written
 907 request to the appropriate board of visitors. For the purpose of this subdivision, (i) "foreign government"
 908 means any government other than the United States government or the government of a state or a political
 909 subdivision thereof, (ii) "foreign legal entity" means any legal entity (a) created under the laws of the United
 910 States or of any state thereof if a majority of the ownership of the stock of such legal entity is owned by
 911 foreign governments or foreign persons or if a majority of the membership of any such entity is composed of
 912 foreign persons or foreign legal entities or (b) created under the laws of a foreign government, and (iii)
 913 "foreign person" means any individual who is not a citizen or national of the United States or a trust territory
 914 or protectorate thereof.

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

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

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

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

925 conducted in a closed meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

953 20. Discussion by the Board of the Virginia Retirement System, acting pursuant to § 51.1-124.30, or of
954 any local retirement system, acting pursuant to § 51.1-803, or by a local finance board or board of trustees of
955 a trust established by one or more local public bodies to invest funds for postemployment benefits other than
956 pensions, acting pursuant to Article 8 (§ 15.2-1544 et seq.) of Chapter 15 of Title 15.2, or by the board of
957 visitors of the University of Virginia, acting pursuant to § 23.1-2210, or by the Board of the Commonwealth
958 Savers Plan, acting pursuant to § 23.1-706, regarding the acquisition, holding or disposition of a security or
959 other ownership interest in an entity, where such security or ownership interest is not traded on a
960 governmentally regulated securities exchange, to the extent that such discussion (i) concerns confidential
961 analyses prepared for the board of visitors of the University of Virginia, prepared by the retirement system, or
962 a local finance board or board of trustees, or the Commonwealth Savers Plan or provided to the retirement
963 system, a local finance board or board of trustees, or the Commonwealth Savers Plan under a promise of
964 confidentiality, of the future value of such ownership interest or the future financial performance of the
965 entity, and (ii) would have an adverse effect on the value of the investment to be acquired, held, or disposed
966 of by the retirement system, a local finance board or board of trustees, the board of visitors of the University
967 of Virginia, or the Commonwealth Savers Plan. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prevent the
968 disclosure of information relating to the identity of any investment held, the amount invested or the present
969 value of such investment.

970 21. Those portions of meetings in which individual child death cases are discussed by the State Child
971 Fatality Review Team established pursuant to § 32.1-283.1, those portions of meetings in which individual
972 child death cases are discussed by a regional or local child fatality review team established pursuant to
973 § 32.1-283.2, those portions of meetings in which individual death cases are discussed by family violence
974 fatality review teams established pursuant to § 32.1-283.3, those portions of meetings in which individual
975 adult death cases are discussed by the state Adult Fatality Review Team established pursuant to § 32.1-283.5,
976 those portions of meetings in which individual adult death cases are discussed by a local or regional adult
977 fatality review team established pursuant to § 32.1-283.6, those portions of meetings in which individual
978 death cases are discussed by overdose fatality review teams established pursuant to § 32.1-283.7, those
979 portions of meetings in which individual maternal death cases are discussed by the Maternal Mortality
980 Review Team pursuant to § 32.1-283.8, and those portions of meetings in which individual death cases of
981 persons with developmental disabilities are discussed by the Developmental Disabilities Mortality Review
982 Committee established pursuant to § 37.2-314.1.

983 22. Those portions of meetings of the board of visitors of the University of Virginia or Old Dominion
984 University, as the case may be, and those portions of meetings of any persons to whom management
985 responsibilities for the University of Virginia Medical Center or the Eastern Virginia Health Sciences Center
986 at Old Dominion University, as the case may be, have been delegated, in which there is discussed proprietary,

987 business-related information pertaining to the operations of the University of Virginia Medical Center or the
 988 Eastern Virginia Health Sciences Center at Old Dominion University, as the case may be, including business
 989 development or marketing strategies and activities with existing or future joint venturers, partners, or other
 990 parties with whom the University of Virginia Medical Center or the Eastern Virginia Health Sciences Center
 991 at Old Dominion University, as the case may be, has formed, or forms, any arrangement for the delivery of
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 993 University of Virginia Medical Center or the Eastern Virginia Health Sciences Center at Old Dominion
 994 University, as the case may be.

995 23. Discussion or consideration by the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority or
 996 the board of visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University of any of the following: the acquisition or
 997 disposition by the Authority of real property, equipment, or technology software or hardware and related
 998 goods or services, where disclosure would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of
 999 the Authority; matters relating to gifts or bequests to, and fund-raising activities of, the Authority; grants and
 1000 contracts for services or work to be performed by the Authority; marketing or operational strategies plans of
 1001 the Authority where disclosure of such strategies or plans would adversely affect the competitive position of
 1002 the Authority; and members of the Authority's medical and teaching staffs and qualifications for
 1003 appointments thereto.

1004 24. Those portions of the meetings of the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program Committee within the
 1005 Department of Health Professions to the extent such discussions identify any practitioner who may be, or who
 1006 actually is, impaired pursuant to Chapter 25.1 (§ 54.1-2515 et seq.) of Title 54.1.

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 1008 information, as defined in § 2.2-3801, which has been provided to the Board or its employees by or on behalf
 1009 of individuals who have requested information about, applied for, or entered into prepaid tuition contracts or
 1010 savings trust account agreements pursuant to Chapter 7 (§ 23.1-700 et seq.) of Title 23.1 is discussed.

1011 26. Discussion or consideration, by the former Wireless Carrier E-911 Cost Recovery Subcommittee
 1012 created pursuant to former § 56-484.15, of trade secrets submitted by CMRS providers, as defined in
 1013 § 56-484.12, related to the provision of wireless E-911 service.

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 1015 Professional and Occupational Regulation, Department of Health Professions, or the Board of Accountancy
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1109 information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 35 of § 2.2-3705.7.
- 1110 53. Deliberations of the Virginia Lottery Board conducted pursuant to § 58.1-4105 regarding the denial or

1111 revocation of a license of a casino gaming operator, or the refusal to issue, suspension of, or revocation of
 1112 any license or permit related to casino gaming, and discussion, consideration, or review of matters related to
 1113 investigations excluded from mandatory disclosure under subdivision 1 of § 2.2-3705.3.

1114 54. Deliberations of the Virginia Lottery Board in an appeal conducted pursuant to § 58.1-4007 regarding
 1115 the denial of, revocation of, suspension of, or refusal to renew any license or permit related to sports betting
 1116 and any discussion, consideration, or review of matters related to investigations excluded from mandatory
 1117 disclosure under subdivision 1 of § 2.2-3705.3.

1118 55. Meetings or portions of meetings of the Board of Criminal Justice Services or the Department of
 1119 Criminal Justice Services concerning the decertification of an identifiable law-enforcement or jail officer.

1120 B. No resolution, ordinance, rule, contract, regulation or motion adopted, passed or agreed to in a closed
 1121 meeting shall become effective unless the public body, following the meeting, reconvenes in open meeting
 1122 and takes a vote of the membership on such resolution, ordinance, rule, contract, regulation, or motion that
 1123 shall have its substance reasonably identified in the open meeting.

1124 C. Public officers improperly selected due to the failure of the public body to comply with the other
 1125 provisions of this section shall be de facto officers and, as such, their official actions are valid until they
 1126 obtain notice of the legal defect in their election.

1127 D. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the holding of conferences between two or more
 1128 public bodies, or their representatives, but these conferences shall be subject to the same procedures for
 1129 holding closed meetings as are applicable to any other public body.

1130 E. This section shall not be construed to (i) require the disclosure of any contract between the Department
 1131 of Health Professions and an impaired practitioner entered into pursuant to Chapter 25.1 (§ 54.1-2515 et seq.)
 1132 of Title 54.1 or (ii) require the board of directors of any authority created pursuant to the Industrial
 1133 Development and Revenue Bond Act (§ 15.2-4900 et seq.), or any public body empowered to issue industrial
 1134 revenue bonds by general or special law, to identify a business or industry to which subdivision A 5 applies.
 1135 However, such business or industry shall be identified as a matter of public record at least 30 days prior to the
 1136 actual date of the board's authorization of the sale or issuance of such bonds.

1137 **§ 2.2-3802. Systems to which chapter inapplicable.**

1138 The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to personal information systems:

1139 1. Maintained by any court of the Commonwealth;

1140 2. Which may exist in publications of general circulation;

1141 3. Contained in the Criminal Justice Information System as defined in §§ 9.1-126 through 9.1-137 or in
 1142 the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry maintained by the Department of State Police pursuant
 1143 to Chapter 9 (§ 9.1-900 et seq.) of Title 9.1, except to the extent that information is required to be posted on
 1144 the Internet pursuant to § 9.1-913;

1145 4. Contained in the Virginia Juvenile Justice Information System as defined in §§ 16.1-222 through
 1146 16.1-225;

1147 5. Maintained by agencies concerning persons required by law to be licensed in the Commonwealth to
 1148 engage in the practice of any profession, in which case the names and addresses of persons applying for or
 1149 possessing the license may be disseminated upon written request to a person engaged in the profession or
 1150 business of offering professional educational materials or courses for the sole purpose of providing the
 1151 licensees or applicants for licenses with informational materials relating solely to available professional
 1152 educational materials or courses, provided the disseminating agency is reasonably assured that the use of the
 1153 information will be so limited;

1154 6. Maintained by the Parole Board, the Crime Commission, the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission,
 1155 the Virginia Racing Commission, the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission, ~~and~~ the Virginia Alcoholic
 1156 Beverage Control Authority, *and the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority*;

1157 7. Maintained by any of the following and that deal with investigations and intelligence gathering related
 1158 to criminal activity:

1159 a. The Department of State Police;

1160 b. The police department of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel Commission;

1161 c. Police departments of cities, counties, and towns;

1162 d. Sheriff's departments of counties and cities;

1163 e. Campus police departments of public institutions of higher education as established by Article 3
 1164 (§ 23.1-809 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 23.1; and

1165 f. The Division of Capitol Police.

1166 8. Maintained by local departments of social services regarding alleged cases of child abuse or neglect
 1167 while such cases are also subject to an ongoing criminal prosecution;

1168 9. Maintained by the Virginia Port Authority as provided in § 62.1-132.4 or 62.1-134.1;

1169 10. Maintained by the Virginia Tourism Authority in connection with or as a result of the promotion of
 1170 travel or tourism in the Commonwealth, in which case names and addresses of persons requesting
 1171 information on those subjects may be disseminated upon written request to a person engaged in the business
 1172 of providing travel services or distributing travel information, provided the Virginia Tourism Authority is

1173 reasonably assured that the use of the information will be so limited;

1174 11. Maintained by the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services of the Department of General
1175 Services and the Department of Forensic Science, which deal with scientific investigations relating to
1176 criminal activity or suspected criminal activity, except to the extent that § 9.1-1104 may apply;

1177 12. Maintained by the Department of Corrections or the Office of the State Inspector General that deal
1178 with investigations and intelligence gathering by persons acting under the provisions of Chapter 3.2
1179 (§ 2.2-307 et seq.);

1180 13. Maintained by (i) the Office of the State Inspector General or internal audit departments of state
1181 agencies or institutions that deal with communications and investigations relating to the Fraud, Waste and
1182 Abuse Hotline or (ii) an auditor appointed by the local governing body of any county, city, or town or a
1183 school board that deals with local investigations required by § 15.2-2511.2;

1184 14. Maintained by the Department of Social Services or any local department of social services relating to
1185 public assistance fraud investigations;

1186 15. Maintained by the Department of Social Services related to child welfare or public assistance
1187 programs when requests for personal information are made to the Department of Social Services. Requests
1188 for information from these systems shall be made to the appropriate local department of social services that is
1189 the custodian of that record. Notwithstanding the language in this section, an individual shall not be
1190 prohibited from obtaining information from the central registry in accordance with the provisions of
1191 § 63.2-1515; and

1192 16. Maintained by the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services related to adult services, adult
1193 protective services, or auxiliary grants when requests for personal information are made to the Department for
1194 Aging and Rehabilitative Services. Requests for information from these systems shall be made to the
1195 appropriate local department of social services that is the custodian of that record.

1196 **§ 2.2-4024. Hearing officers.**

1197 A. In all formal hearings conducted in accordance with § 2.2-4020, the hearing shall be presided over by a
1198 hearing officer selected from a list prepared by the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court and maintained
1199 in the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court. Parties to informal fact-finding proceedings
1200 conducted pursuant to § 2.2-4019 may agree at the outset of the proceeding to have a hearing officer preside
1201 at the proceeding, such agreement to be revoked only by mutual consent. The Executive Secretary may
1202 promulgate rules necessary for the administration of the hearing officer system and shall have the authority to
1203 establish the number of hearing officers necessary to preside over administrative hearings in the
1204 Commonwealth.

1205 Prior to being included on the list, all hearing officers shall meet the following minimum standards:

1206 1. Active membership in good standing in the Virginia State Bar;

1207 2. Active practice of law for at least five years; and

1208 3. Completion of a course of training approved by the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court. In order
1209 to comply with the demonstrated requirements of the agency requesting a hearing officer, the Executive
1210 Secretary may require additional training before a hearing officer shall be assigned to a proceeding before
1211 that agency.

1212 B. On request from the head of an agency, the Executive Secretary shall name a hearing officer from the
1213 list, selected on a rotation system administered by the Executive Secretary. Lists reflecting geographic
1214 preference and specialized training or knowledge shall be maintained by the Executive Secretary if an agency
1215 demonstrates the need.

1216 C. A hearing officer appointed in accordance with this section shall be subject to disqualification as
1217 provided in § 2.2-4024.1. If the hearing officer denies a petition for disqualification pursuant to § 2.2-4024.1,
1218 the petitioning party may request reconsideration of the denial by filing a written request with the Executive
1219 Secretary along with an affidavit, prior to the taking of evidence at a hearing, stating with particularity the
1220 grounds upon which it is claimed that a fair and impartial hearing cannot be accorded, or the applicable rule
1221 of practice requiring disqualification.

1222 The issue shall be determined not less than 10 days prior to the hearing by the Executive Secretary.

1223 D. Any hearing officer empowered by the agency to provide a recommendation or conclusion in a case
1224 decision matter shall render that recommendation or conclusion as follows:

1225 1. If the agency's written regulations or procedures require the hearing officer to render a recommendation
1226 or conclusion within a specified time period, the hearing officer shall render the recommendation or
1227 conclusion on or before the expiration of the specified period; and

1228 2. In all other cases, the hearing officer shall render the recommendation or conclusion within 90 days
1229 from the date of the case decision proceeding or from a later date agreed to by the named party and the
1230 agency.

1231 If the hearing officer does not render a decision within the time required by this subsection, then the
1232 agency or the named party to the case decision may provide written notice to the hearing officer and the
1233 Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court that a decision is due. If no decision is made within 30 days from
1234 receipt by the hearing officer of the notice, then the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court shall remove

1235 the hearing officer from the hearing officer list and report the hearing officer to the Virginia State Bar for
1236 possible disciplinary action, unless good cause is shown for the delay.

1237 E. The Executive Secretary shall remove hearing officers from the list, upon a showing of cause after
1238 written notice and an opportunity for a hearing. When there is a failure by a hearing officer to render a
1239 decision as required by subsection D, the burden shall be on the hearing officer to show good cause for the
1240 delay. Decisions to remove a hearing officer may be reviewed by a request to the Executive Secretary for
1241 reconsideration, followed by judicial review in accordance with this chapter.

1242 F. This section shall not apply to hearings conducted by (i) any commission or board where all of the
1243 members, or a quorum, are present; (ii) the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority, *the Virginia*
1244 *Cannabis Control Authority*, the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission, the State Corporation
1245 Commission, the Virginia Employment Commission, the Department of Motor Vehicles under Title 46.2
1246 (§ 46.2-100 et seq.), § 58.1-2409, or Chapter 27 (§ 58.1-2700 et seq.) of Title 58.1, or the Motor Vehicle
1247 Dealer Board under Chapter 15 (§ 46.2-1500 et seq.) of Title 46.2; or (iii) any panel of a health regulatory
1248 board convened pursuant to § 54.1-2400, including any panel having members of a relevant advisory board to
1249 the Board of Medicine. All employees hired after July 1, 1986, pursuant to §§ 65.2-201 and 65.2-203 by the
1250 Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission to conduct hearings pursuant to its basic laws shall meet the
1251 minimum qualifications set forth in subsection A. Agency employees who are not licensed to practice law in
1252 the Commonwealth, and are presiding as hearing officers in proceedings pursuant to clause (ii) shall
1253 participate in periodic training courses.

1254 G. Notwithstanding the exemptions of subsection A of § 2.2-4002, this article shall apply to hearing
1255 officers conducting hearings of the kind described in § 2.2-4020 for the Department of Wildlife Resources,
1256 the Virginia Housing Development Authority, the Milk Commission, and the Virginia Resources Authority
1257 pursuant to their basic laws.

1258 *PART D.*

1259 *STATE AND TRIBAL RELATIONS.*

1260 *CHAPTER 61.*

1261 *GENERAL PROVISIONS.*

1262 **§ 2.2-6100. Governor compacts with tribal government; marijuana; requirements.**

1263 *A. For the purpose of this section:*

1264 *"Marijuana" means the same as that term is defined in § 4.1-600.*

1265 *"Marijuana establishment" means the same as that term is defined in § 4.1-600.*

1266 *"Marijuana industry" means every item, product, person, process, action, business, or other thing or*
1267 *activity related to marijuana or marijuana products and subject to regulation under the law of a Virginia*
1268 *Tribal government or under a compact entered into under this section.*

1269 *"Marijuana products" means the same as that term is defined in § 4.1-600.*

1270 *"Tribal marijuana business" means a marijuana cultivation facility, microbusiness, delivery operator,*
1271 *testing facility, processing facility, transporter, or retail marijuana store licensed by a Virginia Tribal*
1272 *government, as well as any other marijuana-related business that may be provided or licensed under the laws*
1273 *of a Virginia Tribal government.*

1274 *"Tribally regulated land" means (i) all land held in trust by the United States for the benefit of a Virginia*
1275 *Tribal government, also known as trust land, and (ii) all land held by a Virginia Tribal government in*
1276 *restricted fee status.*

1277 *"Virginia Tribal government" means the following federally recognized Indian Tribes located in the*
1278 *Commonwealth:*

- 1279 1. *Chickahominy Indian Tribe;*
- 1280 2. *Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division;*
- 1281 3. *Monacan Indian Nation;*
- 1282 4. *Nansemond Indian Nation;*
- 1283 5. *Pamunkey Indian Tribe;*
- 1284 6. *Rappahannock Indian Tribe;*
- 1285 7. *Upper Mattaponi Tribe.*

1286 *B. The Commonwealth acknowledges the sovereign right of Virginia Tribal governments to regulate the*
1287 *marijuana industry and address other matters of marijuana regulation related to the internal affairs of*
1288 *Virginia Tribal governments or otherwise on Tribally regulated land, without regard to whether such*
1289 *Virginia Tribal government has entered into a compact authorized by this section. The Governor or his*
1290 *designee shall negotiate in good faith and has the authority to execute and bind the Commonwealth to a*
1291 *compact with any Virginia Tribal government wishing to enter into such compact regulating marijuana and*
1292 *marijuana products.*

1293 *C. A compact agreed to under this section may address any issues related to the marijuana industry that*
1294 *affect the interests of both the Commonwealth and Virginia Tribal governments or otherwise have an impact*
1295 *on Tribal-state relations. Indian tribes are not required to enter into compacts pursuant to this section in*
1296 *order to (i) regulate the marijuana industry or engage in marijuana businesses or activities on Tribally*

- 1297 regulated lands or (ii) participate as a licensee in the Commonwealth's legal marijuana market.
- 1298 D. The Commonwealth shall not, as a condition for entering into a compact under this section:
- 1299 1. Require any Virginia Tribal government to waive any right, privilege, or immunity based on their status
- 1300 as independent sovereigns;
- 1301 2. Require that any revenue generated by a Tribal marijuana business be subject to any license or
- 1302 privilege tax imposed by a locality pursuant to Chapter 37 (§ 58.1-3700 et seq.) of Title 58.1 or any taxes
- 1303 authorized pursuant to § 4.1-1004;
- 1304 3. Require any taxes collected by Virginia Tribal governments to be shared in any manner with the
- 1305 Commonwealth or any political subdivisions thereof;
- 1306 4. Require a Virginia Tribal government to consent to state licensing of marijuana businesses on the
- 1307 Tribally regulated land;
- 1308 5. Require any Virginia Tribal government or Tribal marijuana business to comply with specific state law
- 1309 or regulations on Tribally regulated land; or
- 1310 6. Impose or attempt to impose or require or attempt to require any Virginia Tribal government to impose
- 1311 any taxes, fees, assessments, and other charges related to the cultivation, processing, sale, purchase,
- 1312 transportation, delivery, or possession of marijuana or marijuana products on Virginia Tribal governments
- 1313 or their members on Tribally regulated land.
- 1314 E. Compacts agreed to under this section may allow an exemption from any otherwise applicable tax for
- 1315 (i) sales to a Virginia Tribal government, a Tribal marijuana business, or Tribal members of marijuana or
- 1316 marijuana products cultivated or processed as provided for in such compacts or (ii) activities of Tribal
- 1317 marijuana businesses.
- 1318 F. Without limiting any immunity or exemption that may apply under federal law, the following acts, when
- 1319 performed by a Tribal marijuana business or an employee in the course of their employment for a Tribal
- 1320 marijuana business, pursuant to a compact entered into pursuant to this section, do not constitute a criminal
- 1321 or civil offense under state law:
- 1322 1. The cultivation of marijuana and the processing of marijuana or marijuana products;
- 1323 2. The possession, purchase, and receipt of marijuana or marijuana products that are properly tested,
- 1324 packaged, and labeled as authorized under a compact entered into pursuant to this section or the sale,
- 1325 delivery, transport, or distribution of such marijuana or marijuana products to a licensed marijuana
- 1326 establishment; and
- 1327 3. The delivery, distribution, or sale of marijuana or marijuana products as authorized under a compact
- 1328 entered into pursuant to this section and that takes place on, or originates from, the premises of a Tribal
- 1329 marijuana business on Tribally regulated land, to any person 21 years of age or older.
- 1330 G. The following acts, when performed by a patron of a Tribal marijuana business, do not constitute a
- 1331 criminal or civil offense under state law: the purchase, possession, or receipt of marijuana or marijuana
- 1332 products by a person 21 years of age or older as authorized under a compact entered into pursuant to this
- 1333 section.
- 1334 H. Without limiting any immunity or exemption that may apply under federal law, actions by a Tribal
- 1335 marijuana business or a Tribal member, employee, or agent of a Virginia Tribal government or Tribal
- 1336 marijuana business on Tribally regulated land pursuant to Tribal laws governing marijuana, or a compact
- 1337 entered into under this section, do not constitute a criminal or civil offense under state law.
- 1338 I. The following acts, when performed by a licensed marijuana establishment or an employee of such
- 1339 licensed marijuana establishment, and which would be permitted pursuant to the Cannabis Control Act
- 1340 (§ 4.1-600 et seq.) if undertaken with another licensed marijuana establishment, shall be permitted when
- 1341 undertaken with a Tribal marijuana business and do not constitute a criminal or civil offense under state law:
- 1342 the possession, purchase, wholesale and retail sale, delivery, transport, distribution, and receipt of marijuana
- 1343 or marijuana products that are properly tested, packaged, and labeled as authorized under a compact
- 1344 entered into pursuant to this section.
- 1345 J. Without limiting any immunity or exemption that may apply under federal law, the following acts, when
- 1346 performed by a Virginia Tribal government, a Tribal marijuana business, or an employee of such Tribal
- 1347 government or Tribal marijuana business, regardless of whether the Virginia Tribal government issuing such
- 1348 license has entered into a compact with the Commonwealth under this section, do not constitute a criminal or
- 1349 civil offense under state law: purchase, sale, receipt, or delivery, including delivery that involves transit
- 1350 through the Commonwealth outside a reservation, of marijuana or marijuana products from or to another
- 1351 Virginia Tribal government or Tribal marijuana business.
- 1352 K. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a marijuana testing facility, as defined in § 4.1-600, may
- 1353 provide testing services to a Tribal marijuana business and the possession or transport of marijuana or
- 1354 marijuana products for such purpose by a Tribal marijuana business shall not constitute a criminal or civil
- 1355 offense under state law.
- 1356 L. The Governor shall post any compact entered into pursuant this section on a publicly accessible
- 1357 website.
- 1358 **§ 3.2-4113. Production of industrial hemp lawful.**

1359 A. It is lawful for a grower, his agent, or a federally licensed hemp producer to grow, a handler or his
 1360 agent to handle, or a processor or his agent to process industrial hemp in the Commonwealth for any lawful
 1361 purpose. No federally licensed hemp producer or grower or his agent shall be prosecuted under Chapter 11
 1362 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 4.1 or § ~~18.2-247~~, 18.2-248, 18.2-248.01, ~~18.2-248.1~~, or 18.2-250 for the
 1363 possession or growing of industrial hemp or any Cannabis sativa with a tetrahydrocannabinol concentration
 1364 that does not exceed the total tetrahydrocannabinol concentration percentage established in federal
 1365 regulations applicable to negligent violations located at 7 C.F.R. § 990.6(b)(3). No handler or his agent or
 1366 processor or his agent shall be prosecuted under Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 4.1 or § ~~18.2-247~~,
 1367 18.2-248, 18.2-248.01, ~~18.2-248.1~~, or 18.2-250 or issued a summons or judgment for the possession,
 1368 handling, or processing of industrial hemp. In any complaint, information, or indictment, and in any action or
 1369 proceeding brought for the enforcement of any provision of *Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 4.1*,
 1370 Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2, or the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.), it shall
 1371 not be necessary to negate any exception, excuse, proviso, or exemption contained in this article or the Drug
 1372 Control Act, and the burden of proof of any such exception, excuse, proviso, or exemption shall be on the
 1373 defendant.

1374 B. Nothing in this article shall be construed to authorize any person to violate any federal law or
 1375 regulation.

1376 C. No person shall be prosecuted under Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 4.1 or § ~~18.2-247~~,
 1377 18.2-248, 18.2-248.01, ~~18.2-248.1~~, or 18.2-250 for the involuntary growth of industrial hemp through the
 1378 inadvertent natural spread of seeds or pollen as a result of proximity to a production field, handler's storage
 1379 site, or process site.

1380 **§ 4.1-103. General powers of Board.**

1381 The Board shall have the power to:

- 1382 1. Sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, and complain and defend in all courts;
- 1383 2. Adopt, use, and alter at will a common seal;
- 1384 3. Fix, alter, charge, and collect rates, rentals, fees, and other charges for the use of property of, the sale of
 1385 products of, or services rendered by the Authority at rates to be determined by the Authority for the purpose
 1386 of providing for the payment of the expenses of the Authority;
- 1387 4. Make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of its
 1388 duties, the furtherance of its purposes, and the execution of its powers under this subtitle, including
 1389 agreements with any person or federal agency;
- 1390 5. Employ, at its discretion, consultants, researchers, architects, engineers, accountants, financial experts,
 1391 investment bankers, superintendents, managers, and such other employees and special agents as may be
 1392 necessary and fix their compensation to be payable from funds made available to the Authority. Legal
 1393 services for the Authority shall be provided by the Attorney General in accordance with Chapter 5 (§ 2.2-500
 1394 et seq.) of Title 2.2;
- 1395 6. Receive and accept from any federal or private agency, foundation, corporation, association, or person
 1396 grants or other aid to be expended in accomplishing the objectives of the Authority, and receive and accept
 1397 from the Commonwealth or any state and any municipality, county, or other political subdivision thereof or
 1398 from any other source aid or contributions of either money, property, or other things of value, to be held,
 1399 used, and applied only for the purposes for which such grants and contributions may be made. All federal
 1400 moneys accepted under this section shall be accepted and expended by the Authority upon such terms and
 1401 conditions as are prescribed by the United States and as are consistent with state law, and all state moneys
 1402 accepted under this section shall be expended by the Authority upon such terms and conditions as are
 1403 prescribed by the Commonwealth;
- 1404 7. Adopt, alter, and repeal bylaws, rules, and regulations governing the manner in which its business shall
 1405 be transacted and the manner in which the powers of the Authority shall be exercised and its duties
 1406 performed. The Board may delegate or assign any duty or task to be performed by the Authority to any
 1407 officer or employee of the Authority. The Board shall remain responsible for the performance of any such
 1408 duties or tasks. Any delegation pursuant to this subdivision shall, where appropriate, be accompanied by
 1409 written guidelines for the exercise of the duties or tasks delegated. Where appropriate, the guidelines shall
 1410 require that the Board receive summaries of actions taken. Such delegation or assignment shall not relieve the
 1411 Board of the responsibility to ensure faithful performance of the duties and tasks;
- 1412 8. Conduct or engage in any lawful business, activity, effort, or project consistent with the Authority's
 1413 purposes or necessary or convenient to exercise its powers;
- 1414 9. Develop policies and procedures generally applicable to the procurement of goods, services, and
 1415 construction, based upon competitive principles;
- 1416 10. Develop policies and procedures consistent with Article 4 (§ 2.2-4347 et seq.) of Chapter 43 of Title
 1417 2.2;
- 1418 11. Buy, import and sell alcoholic beverages other than beer and wine not produced by farm wineries, and
 1419 to have alcoholic beverages other than beer and wine not produced by farm wineries in its possession for sale;
- 1420 12. Buy and sell any mixers;

- 1421 13. Buy and sell products licensed by the Virginia Tourism Corporation that are within international
1422 trademark classes 16 (paper goods and printer matters), 18 (leather goods), 21 (housewares and glass), and 25
1423 (clothing);
- 1424 14. Control the possession, sale, transportation, and delivery of alcoholic beverages;
- 1425 15. Determine, subject to § 4.1-121, the localities within which government stores shall be established or
1426 operated and the location of such stores;
- 1427 16. Maintain warehouses for alcoholic beverages and control the storage and delivery of alcoholic
1428 beverages to and from such warehouses;
- 1429 17. Acquire, purchase, hold, use, lease, or otherwise dispose of any property, real, personal or mixed,
1430 tangible or intangible, or any interest therein necessary or desirable for carrying out the purposes of the
1431 Authority; lease as lessee any property, real, personal or mixed, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein,
1432 at such annual rental and on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Board; lease as lessor to
1433 any person any property, real, personal or mixed, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein, at any time
1434 acquired by the Authority, whether wholly or partially completed, at such annual rental and on such terms
1435 and conditions as may be determined by the Board; sell, transfer, or convey any property, real, personal or
1436 mixed, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein, at any time acquired or held by the Authority on such
1437 terms and conditions as may be determined by the Board; and occupy and improve any land or building
1438 required for the purposes of this subtitle;
- 1439 18. Purchase, lease, or acquire the use of, by any manner, any plant or equipment that may be considered
1440 necessary or useful in carrying into effect the purposes of this subtitle, including rectifying, blending, and
1441 processing plants. The Board may purchase, build, lease, and operate distilleries and manufacture alcoholic
1442 beverages;
- 1443 19. Determine the nature, form and capacity of all containers used for holding alcoholic beverages to be
1444 kept or sold under this subtitle, and prescribe the form and content of all labels and seals to be placed thereon;
1445 however, no container sold in or shipped into the Commonwealth shall include powdered or crystalline
1446 alcohol;
- 1447 20. Appoint every agent and employee required for its operations; require any or all of them to give bonds
1448 payable to the Commonwealth in such penalty as shall be fixed by the Board; and engage the services of
1449 experts and professionals;
- 1450 21. Hold and conduct hearings; issue subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses and the production
1451 of records, memoranda, papers and other documents before the Board or any agent of the Board; and
1452 administer oaths and take testimony thereunder. The Board may authorize any Board member or agent of the
1453 Board to hold and conduct hearings, issue subpoenas, administer oaths and take testimony thereunder, and
1454 decide cases, subject to final decision by the Board, on application of any party aggrieved. The Board may
1455 enter into consent agreements and may request and accept from any applicant or licensee a consent agreement
1456 in lieu of proceedings on (i) objections to the issuance of a license or (ii) disciplinary action. Any such
1457 consent agreement shall include findings of fact and may include an admission or a finding of a violation. A
1458 consent agreement shall not be considered a case decision of the Board and shall not be subject to judicial
1459 review under the provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.), but may be considered by
1460 the Board in future disciplinary proceedings;
- 1461 22. Make a reasonable charge for preparing and furnishing statistical information and compilations to
1462 persons other than (i) officials, including court and police officials, of the Commonwealth and of its
1463 subdivisions if the information requested is for official use and (ii) persons who have a personal or legal
1464 interest in obtaining the information requested if such information is not to be used for commercial or trade
1465 purposes;
- 1466 23. Promulgate regulations in accordance with the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.) and
1467 § 4.1-111;
- 1468 24. Grant, suspend, and revoke licenses for the manufacture, bottling, distribution, importation, and sale
1469 of alcoholic beverages;
- 1470 25. Assess and collect civil penalties and civil charges for violations of this subtitle and Board regulations;
- 1471 26. Maintain actions to enjoin common nuisances as defined in § 4.1-317;
- 1472 27. Establish minimum food sale requirements for all retail licensees;
- 1473 28. Review and approve any proposed legislative or regulatory changes suggested by the Chief Executive
1474 Officer as the Board deems appropriate;
- 1475 29. Report quarterly to the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security on the law-enforcement
1476 activities undertaken to enforce the provisions of this subtitle;
- 1477 30. Establish and collect fees for all permits set forth in this subtitle, including fees associated with
1478 applications for such permits;
- 1479 31. Impose a requirement that a mixed beverage casino licensee pursuant to subdivision A 14 of
1480 § 4.1-206.3 pay for any cost incurred by the Board to enforce such license in excess of the applicable state
1481 license fee; ~~and~~
- 1482 32. *Enforce the provisions of the Cannabis Control Act (§ 4.1-600 et seq.) related to the illegal*

1483 *cultivation, processing, sale, and distribution of marijuana and marijuana products;*

1484 33. *Establish, advertise, and administer a tip line, which may be accessed by phone and by internet, for*
 1485 *members of the public to anonymously report concerns about, or suspected instances of, illicit retail*
 1486 *marijuana practices in violation of the Cannabis Control Act (§ 4.1-600 et seq.);*

1487 34. *Conduct outreach to all licensees and businesses selling liquid nicotine or nicotine vapor products to*
 1488 *inform and educate such licensees and businesses on the Cannabis Control Act (§ 4.1-600 et seq.) and laws*
 1489 *and regulations related to the illegal cultivation, processing, sale, and distribution of marijuana and*
 1490 *marijuana products; and*

1491 35. Do all acts necessary or advisable to carry out the purposes of this subtitle.

1492 **§ 4.1-105. Police power of members, agents and employees of Board.**

1493 Members of the Board are vested, and such agents and employees of the Board designated by it shall be
 1494 vested, with like power to enforce the provisions of (i) this ~~subtitle~~ *title* and the criminal laws of the
 1495 Commonwealth as is vested in the chief law-enforcement officer of a county, city, or town; (ii) § 3.2-4207;
 1496 (iii) § 18.2-246.14; (iv) § 18.2-371.2; (v) § 58.1-1015; (vi) § 58.1-1017; and (vii) § 58.1-1037.

1497 **§ 4.1-352. Certificate of forensic scientist as evidence; requiring forensic scientist to appear.**

1498 The certificate of any forensic scientist employed by the Commonwealth on behalf of the Board or the
 1499 Department of Forensic Science, when signed by him, shall be *admissible as evidence in all prosecutions for*
 1500 *violations of this subtitle and all controversies in any judicial proceedings touching the mixture analyzed by*
 1501 *him of the facts therein stated and of the results of such analysis (i) in any criminal proceeding, provided the*
 1502 *requirements of subsection A of § 19.2-187.1 have been satisfied and the accused has not objected to the*
 1503 *admission of the certificate pursuant to subsection B of § 19.2-187.1 or (ii) in any civil proceeding. On*
 1504 *motion of the accused or any party in interest, the court may require the forensic scientist making the analysis*
 1505 *to appear as a witness and be subject to cross-examination, provided such motion is made within a reasonable*
 1506 *time prior to the day on which the case is set for trial.*

1507 **§ 4.1-600. Definitions.**

1508 As used in this subtitle, unless the context requires a different meaning:

1509 "Advertisement" or "advertising" means any written or verbal statement, illustration, or depiction that is
 1510 calculated to induce sales of ~~retail~~ marijuana, ~~retail~~ marijuana products, marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds,
 1511 including any written, printed, graphic, digital, electronic, or other material, billboard, sign, or other outdoor
 1512 display, publication, or radio or television broadcast.

1513 "Authority" means the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority created pursuant to this subtitle.

1514 "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority.

1515 "Cannabis Control Act" means Subtitle II (§ 4.1-600 et seq.).

1516 "*Canopy*" means the space used by a licensee to produce flowering marijuana plants, including areas
 1517 *between plants, pathways, walkways, and empty space between rows that allow for airflow, light, growth,*
 1518 *access for watering, trimming, and other activities associated with marijuana cultivation. "Canopy" does not*
 1519 *include space used for mother plants, clones, immature or nonflowering plants, processing, drying, curing,*
 1520 *trimming, storage, offices, hallways, work areas, or other administrative and nonproduction uses. If*
 1521 *flowering marijuana plants are cultivated using a shelving or other layered system, the surface area of each*
 1522 *level shall be included for purposes of calculating canopy.*

1523 "Child-resistant" means, with respect to packaging or a container, (i) specially designed or constructed to
 1524 be significantly difficult for a typical child ~~under~~ *younger than* five years of age to open and not to be
 1525 significantly difficult for a typical adult to open and reseal and (ii) for any product intended for more than a
 1526 single use or that contains multiple servings, resealable.

1527 "Cultivation" or "cultivate" means the planting, propagation, growing, harvesting, drying, curing, grading,
 1528 trimming, packaging, or other similar ~~processing~~ *manufacturing* of marijuana for use or sale. "Cultivation" or
 1529 "cultivate" does not include ~~manufacturing~~ *processing* or testing.

1530 "*Edible hemp product*" means the same as that term is defined in § 3.2-4112.

1531 "*Edible marijuana product*" means a marijuana product intended to be consumed orally, including
 1532 marijuana intended to be consumed orally or marijuana concentrate intended to be consumed orally.

1533 "*Hemp product*" means the same as that term is defined in § 3.2-4112.

1534 "*Historically economically disadvantaged community*" means either (i) a jurisdiction identified by the
 1535 Board utilizing census tract data made available by the United States Census Bureau in which offenses for
 1536 marijuana possession were committed at a rate in excess of 150 percent of the statewide average for
 1537 marijuana possession offenses during the 10-year period of 2009 to 2019 or (ii) a historically underutilized
 1538 business zone as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 657a.

1539 "Immature plant" means a nonflowering marijuana plant that is no taller than eight inches and no wider
 1540 than eight inches, is produced from a cutting, clipping, or seedling, and is growing in a container.

1541 "*Impact licensee*" means a licensee that meets the criteria set forth in subdivision B 13 of § 4.1-606.

1542 "*Industrial hemp*" means the same as that term is defined in § 3.2-4112.

1543 "*Industrial hemp extract*" means the same as that term is defined in § 3.2-5145.1.

1544 "Licensed" means the holding of a valid license granted by the Authority.

1545 "Licensee" means any person to whom a license has been granted by the Authority.

1546 "~~Manufacturing~~" or "~~manufacture~~" means the production of marijuana products or the blending, infusing,
1547 compounding, or other preparation of marijuana and marijuana products, including marijuana extraction or
1548 preparation by means of chemical synthesis. "~~Manufacturing~~" or "~~manufacture~~" does not include cultivation
1549 or testing.

1550 "Marijuana" means any part of a plant of the genus Cannabis, whether growing or not, its seeds or resin;
1551 and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of such plant, its seeds, its resin,
1552 or any extract containing one or more cannabinoids. "Marijuana" does not include (i) the mature stalks of
1553 such plant, fiber produced from such stalk, or oil or cake made from the seed of such plant, unless such
1554 stalks, fiber, oil, or cake is combined with other parts of plants of the genus Cannabis; (ii) industrial hemp; as
1555 defined in § 3.2-4112, that is possessed by a person registered pursuant to subsection A of § 3.2-4115 or his
1556 agent; (iii) industrial hemp; as defined in § 3.2-4112, that is possessed by a person who holds a hemp
1557 producer license issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture pursuant to 7 C.F.R. Part 990; (iv) a hemp
1558 product; as defined in § 3.2-4112; (v) an industrial hemp extract; as defined in § 3.2-5145.1; or (vi) any
1559 substance containing a tetrahydrocannabinol isomer, ester, ether, salt, or salts of such isomer, ester, or ether
1560 that has been placed by the Board of Pharmacy into one of the schedules set forth in the Drug Control Act
1561 (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) pursuant to § 54.1-3443.

1562 "Marijuana concentrate" means marijuana that has undergone a process to concentrate one or more active
1563 cannabinoids, thereby increasing the product's potency. Resin from granular trichomes from a marijuana plant
1564 is a concentrate for purposes of this subtitle.

1565 "Marijuana cultivation facility" means a facility licensed under this subtitle to cultivate, label, and
1566 package retail marijuana; to purchase or take possession of marijuana plants and seeds from other marijuana
1567 cultivation facilities; to transfer possession of and sell retail marijuana, immature marijuana plants, and
1568 marijuana seeds to marijuana wholesalers and retail marijuana stores; to transfer possession of and sell retail
1569 marijuana, marijuana plants, and marijuana seeds to other marijuana cultivation facilities; to transfer
1570 possession of and sell retail marijuana to marijuana manufacturing facilities; and to sell immature marijuana
1571 plants and marijuana seeds to consumers for the purpose of cultivating marijuana at home for personal use
1572 § 4.1-800.

1573 "*Marijuana delivery operator*" means an entity licensed under § 4.1-805.

1574 "Marijuana establishment" means a marijuana cultivation facility, a *marijuana microbusiness*, *marijuana*
1575 *delivery operator*, marijuana testing facility, a *marijuana manufacturing processing* facility, a *marijuana*
1576 *wholesaler transporter*, or a retail marijuana store.

1577 "Marijuana manufacturing facility" means a facility licensed under this subtitle to manufacture, label, and
1578 package retail marijuana and retail marijuana products; to purchase or take possession of retail marijuana
1579 from a marijuana cultivation facility or another marijuana manufacturing facility; and to transfer possession
1580 of and sell retail marijuana and retail marijuana products to marijuana wholesalers, retail marijuana stores, or
1581 other marijuana manufacturing facilities.

1582 "Marijuana paraphernalia" means all equipment, products, and materials of any kind that are either
1583 designed for use or are intended for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting,
1584 manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, strength testing, analyzing,
1585 packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, concealing, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing into the
1586 human body marijuana.

1587 "*Marijuana processing facility*" means a facility licensed under § 4.1-801.

1588 "Marijuana products" means (i) products that are composed of marijuana and other ingredients and are
1589 intended for use or consumption, ointments, and tinctures or (ii) marijuana concentrate.

1590 "Marijuana testing facility" means a facility licensed under this subtitle to develop, research, or test
1591 marijuana, marijuana products, and other substances § 4.1-806.

1592 "~~Marijuana wholesaler transporter~~" means a facility licensed under this subtitle to purchase or take
1593 possession of retail marijuana, retail marijuana products, immature marijuana plants, and marijuana seeds
1594 from a marijuana cultivation facility, a marijuana manufacturing facility, or another marijuana wholesaler and
1595 to transfer possession and sell or resell retail marijuana, retail marijuana products, immature marijuana plants,
1596 and marijuana seeds to a marijuana cultivation facility, marijuana manufacturing facility, retail marijuana
1597 store, or another marijuana wholesaler § 4.1-804.

1598 "Non-retail marijuana" means marijuana that is not cultivated, manufactured, or sold by a licensed
1599 marijuana establishment.

1600 "Non-retail marijuana products" means marijuana products that are not manufactured and sold by a
1601 licensed marijuana establishment.

1602 "*Microbusiness*" means a facility licensed under § 4.1-803.

1603 "*Outdoor cultivation*" means cultivation in an area exposed to natural sunlight and open to environmental
1604 conditions, including variable temperature, precipitation, and wind.

1605 "Place or premises" means the real estate, together with any buildings or other improvements thereon,
1606 designated in the application for a license as the place at which the cultivation, ~~manufacture processing~~, sale,

1607 or testing of ~~retail~~ marijuana or ~~retail~~ marijuana products shall be performed, ~~except that portion of any such~~
1608 ~~building or other improvement actually and exclusively used as a private residence.~~

1609 "Principal" means any individual who solely or together with his immediate family members (i) owns or
1610 controls, directly or indirectly, five percent or more of the pecuniary interest in any entity that is a licensee or
1611 permittee (ii) has the power to vote or cause the vote of five percent or more of the voting securities or other
1612 ownership interests of such entity, and any person who manages marijuana establishment operations on
1613 behalf of a licensee or permittee.

1614 "Processing" or "process" means the production of marijuana products or the blending, infusing,
1615 compounding, or other preparation of marijuana or marijuana products, including marijuana extraction or
1616 preparation by means of chemical synthesis. "Processing" or "process" does not include cultivation or
1617 testing.

1618 "Public place" means any place, building, or conveyance to which the public has, or is permitted to have,
1619 access, including restaurants, soda fountains, hotel dining areas, lobbies and corridors of hotels, and any park,
1620 place of public resort or amusement, highway, street, lane, or sidewalk adjoining any highway, street, or lane.

1621 "Residence" means any building or part of a building or structure where a person resides, but does not
1622 include any part of a building that is not actually and exclusively used as a private residence, nor any part of a
1623 hotel or club other than a private guest room thereof.

1624 "~~Retail marijuana~~" means ~~marijuana that is cultivated, manufactured, or sold by a licensed marijuana~~
1625 ~~establishment.~~

1626 "~~Retail marijuana products~~" means ~~marijuana products that are manufactured and sold by a licensed~~
1627 ~~marijuana establishment.~~

1628 "Retail marijuana store" means a facility licensed under this subtitle to purchase or take possession of
1629 ~~retail marijuana, retail marijuana products, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds from a marijuana~~
1630 ~~cultivation facility, marijuana manufacturing facility, or marijuana wholesaler and to sell retail marijuana,~~
1631 ~~retail marijuana products, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds to consumers § 4.1-802.~~

1632 "Security" means the same as that term is defined in § 13.1-501. If the Board finds that any obligation,
1633 stock, or other equity interest creates control of or voice in the management operations of an entity in the
1634 manner of a security, then such interest shall be considered a security.

1635 "Sale" and "sell" includes soliciting or receiving an order for; keeping, offering, or exposing for sale;
1636 peddling, exchanging, or bartering; or delivering otherwise other than gratuitously, by any means, ~~retail~~
1637 ~~marijuana or retail marijuana products.~~

1638 "Secure agricultural greenhouse" means an enclosed structure that has transparent walls and roofing and
1639 is used for controlled-environment agriculture.

1640 "Special agent" means an employee of the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority whom the Board has
1641 designated as a law-enforcement officer pursuant to this subtitle.

1642 "Testing" or "test" means the research and analysis of marijuana, marijuana products, or other substances
1643 for contaminants, safety, or potency. "Testing" or "test" does not include cultivation or ~~manufacturing~~
1644 ~~processing.~~

1645 "Tetrahydrocannabinol" means the same as that term is defined in § 3.2-4112.

1646 "Total tetrahydrocannabinol" means the same as that term is defined in § 3.2-4112.

1647 **§ 4.1-601. Virginia Cannabis Control Authority created; statement of purpose.**

1648 A. The General Assembly has determined that there exists in the Commonwealth a need to control the
1649 possession, sale, transportation, distribution, and delivery of ~~retail~~ marijuana and ~~retail~~ marijuana products in
1650 the Commonwealth. Further, the General Assembly finds that laws prohibiting the use and sale of marijuana
1651 have been ineffective and have had devastating collateral consequences for individuals and communities
1652 across the Commonwealth, disproportionately impacting African Americans. The purpose of this subtitle is to
1653 create an approach to marijuana regulation that is rooted in principles of restorative justice, economic
1654 equity, and public health in order to generate significant revenue dedicated to community reinvestment,
1655 create small and local businesses, strengthen the Commonwealth's vital agriculture sector, end the racially
1656 disparate impacts of prohibition, and protect the health and safety of all citizens of the Commonwealth. This
1657 subtitle is further intended to establish a competitive, sustainable, and decentralized market structure built
1658 for long-term success, prioritizing the creation of durable, independent businesses over the maximization of
1659 short-term tax revenue.

1660 B. Further, the General Assembly determines that the creation of an authority for this purpose is in the
1661 public interest, serves a public purpose, and will promote the health, safety, welfare, convenience, and
1662 prosperity of the people of the Commonwealth. To achieve this objective, there is hereby created an
1663 independent political subdivision of the Commonwealth, exclusive of the legislative, executive, or judicial
1664 branches of state government, to be known as the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority. The Authority's
1665 exercise of powers and duties conferred by this subtitle shall be deemed the performance of an essential
1666 governmental function and a matter of public necessity for which public moneys may be spent.

1667 ~~B.~~ C. The Board of Directors of the Authority is vested with control of the possession, sale, transportation,
1668 distribution, and delivery of ~~retail~~ marijuana and ~~retail~~ marijuana products in the Commonwealth, with

1669 plenary power to prescribe and enforce regulations and conditions under which ~~retail~~ marijuana and ~~retail~~
1670 marijuana products are possessed, sold, transported, distributed, and delivered, so as to prevent any corrupt,
1671 incompetent, dishonest, or unprincipled practices and to promote the health, safety, welfare, convenience, and
1672 prosperity of the people of the Commonwealth. The exercise of the powers granted by this subtitle shall be in
1673 all respects for the benefit of the citizens of the Commonwealth and for the promotion of their safety, health,
1674 welfare, and convenience. No part of the assets or net earnings of the Authority shall inure to the benefit of,
1675 or be distributable to, any private individual, except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services
1676 rendered to or for the Authority affecting one or more of its purposes, and benefits may be conferred that are
1677 in conformity with said purposes, and no private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any
1678 of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Authority.

1679 **§ 4.1-603. Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council; purpose; membership; quorum; meetings;**
1680 **compensation and expenses; duties.**

1681 A. The Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council (the Advisory Council) is established as an advisory
1682 council to the Board. The purpose of the Advisory Council is to assess and monitor public health issues,
1683 trends, and impacts related to marijuana and marijuana legalization and make recommendations regarding
1684 health warnings; ~~retail~~; marijuana and ~~retail~~ marijuana products safety and product composition; and public
1685 health awareness, programming, and related resource needs.

1686 B. The Advisory Council shall have a total membership of 21 members that shall consist of 14
1687 nonlegislative citizen members and seven ex officio members. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Council
1688 shall be citizens of the Commonwealth and shall reflect the racial, ethnic, gender, and geographic diversity of
1689 the Commonwealth. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed as follows: four to be appointed by
1690 the Senate Committee on Rules, one of whom shall be a representative from the Virginia Foundation for
1691 Healthy Youth, one of whom shall be a representative from the Virginia Chapter of the American Academy
1692 of Pediatrics, one of whom shall be a representative from the Medical Society of Virginia, and one of whom
1693 shall be a representative from the Virginia Pharmacists Association; six to be appointed by the Speaker of the
1694 House of Delegates, one of whom shall be a representative from a community services board, one of whom
1695 shall be a person or health care provider with expertise in substance use disorder treatment and recovery, one
1696 of whom shall be a person or health care provider with expertise in substance use disorder prevention, one of
1697 whom shall be a person with experience in disability rights advocacy, one of whom shall be a person with
1698 experience in veterans health care, and one of whom shall be a person with a social or health equity
1699 background; and four to be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, one
1700 of whom shall be a representative of a local health district, one of whom shall be a person who is part of the
1701 cannabis industry, one of whom shall be an academic researcher knowledgeable about cannabis, and one of
1702 whom shall be a registered medical cannabis patient.

1703 The Secretary of Health and Human Resources, the Commissioner of Health, the Commissioner of
1704 Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services,
1705 the Director of the Department of Health Professions, the Director of the Department of Forensic Science,
1706 and the Chief Executive Officer of the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority, or their designees, shall serve ex
1707 officio with voting privileges. Ex officio members of the Advisory Council shall serve terms coincident with
1708 their terms of office.

1709 After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four
1710 years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms.
1711 Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. All members may be reappointed.

1712 ~~The Advisory Council shall be chaired by the Secretary of Health and Human Resources or his designee.~~
1713 The Advisory Council shall select a ~~vice-chairman chair and vice-chair~~ from among its membership. A
1714 majority of the members shall constitute a quorum *unless the Advisory Council adopts a policy by the*
1715 *affirmative vote of a majority of the Advisory Council members that allows for a lesser number of members to*
1716 *constitute a quorum, which shall be no less than nine members.* The Advisory Council shall meet at least two
1717 times each year and shall meet at the call of the ~~chairman or chair~~, whenever the majority of the members so
1718 request, *or upon the Board's submission of regulations to the Advisory Council for approval.*

1719 The Advisory Council shall have the authority to create subgroups with additional stakeholders, experts,
1720 and state agency representatives.

1721 C. Members shall receive no compensation for the performance of their duties but shall be reimbursed for
1722 all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in §§ 2.2-2813
1723 and 2.2-2825.

1724 D. The Advisory Council shall have the following duties, in addition to duties that may be necessary to
1725 fulfill its purpose as described in subsection A:

1726 1. To review multi-agency efforts to support collaboration and a unified approach on public health
1727 responses related to marijuana and marijuana legalization in the Commonwealth and to develop
1728 recommendations as necessary.

1729 2. To monitor changes in drug use data related to marijuana and marijuana legalization in the
1730 Commonwealth and the science and medical information relevant to the potential health risks associated with

1731 such drug use, and make appropriate recommendations to the Department of Health and the Board.
 1732 3. ~~Submit~~ *To review and approve Board regulations related to public health pursuant to subsection F of*
 1733 *§ 4.1-606. The Advisory Council shall approve or deny such regulations within 30 calendar days of the*
 1734 *Board's submission of the regulations to the Advisory Council. If the Advisory Council fails to approve or*
 1735 *deny a regulation within 30 calendar days, the Advisory Council shall request a 30-day extension to review*
 1736 *the regulations from the Board or provide a written explanation to the Board on why the Advisory Council*
 1737 *failed to approve or deny the regulation within calendar days. If the Advisory Council fails to approve or*
 1738 *deny a regulation within 30 calendar days and does not request an extension, the Board may adopt such*
 1739 *regulation without approval by the Advisory Council.*

1740 4. *To submit an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly for publication as a report*
 1741 *document as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing*
 1742 *of legislative documents and reports. The ~~chairman~~ chair shall submit to the Governor and the General*
 1743 *Assembly an annual executive summary of the interim activity and work of the Advisory Council no later*
 1744 *than the first day of each regular session of the General Assembly. The executive summary shall be submitted*
 1745 *as a report document as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the*
 1746 *processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.*

1747 **§ 4.1-604. Powers and duties of the Board.**

1748 The Board shall have the following powers and duties:

- 1749 1. Promulgate regulations in accordance with the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.) and
- 1750 § 4.1-606;
- 1751 2. Control the possession, sale, transportation, and delivery of marijuana and marijuana products;
- 1752 3. Grant, suspend, restrict, revoke, or refuse to grant or renew any license or permit issued or authorized
- 1753 pursuant to this subtitle;
- 1754 4. Determine the nature, form, and capacity of all containers used for holding marijuana products to be
- 1755 kept or sold and prescribe the form and content of all labels and seals to be placed thereon;
- 1756 5. Maintain actions to enjoin common nuisances as defined in § 4.1-1113;
- 1757 6. Establish standards and implement an online course for employees of retail marijuana stores *and*
- 1758 *microbusinesses* that trains employees on how to educate consumers on the potential risks of marijuana use;
- 1759 7. Establish a plan to develop and disseminate to retail marijuana store *and microbusinesses* licensees a
- 1760 pamphlet or similar document regarding the potential risks of marijuana use to be prominently displayed and
- 1761 made available to consumers;
- 1762 8. Establish a position for a Cannabis ~~Social Equity~~ *Impact Business* Liaison who shall lead the Cannabis
- 1763 *Impact Business* ~~Equity and Diversity~~ Support Team and liaise with the Director of Diversity, Equity, and
- 1764 Inclusion on matters related to ~~diversity, equity, and inclusion standards~~ *impact licensee participation* in the
- 1765 marijuana industry;
- 1766 9. Establish a Cannabis *Impact Business* ~~Equity and Diversity~~ Support Team, which shall (i) develop
- 1767 requirements for the creation and submission of diversity, equity, and inclusion *plans and define impact*
- 1768 *licensee business accelerator* plans by ~~persons who wish to possess a license in more than one license~~
- 1769 ~~category pursuant to subsection C of § 4.1-805, which may include a requirement that the licensee participate~~
- 1770 ~~in social equity apprenticeship plan, with the ability to coordinate with public institutions of higher education~~
- 1771 and an approval process and requirements for implementation of such plans; (ii) be responsible for
- 1772 conducting an analysis of potential barriers to entry for ~~small, women-owned, and minority-owned businesses~~
- 1773 ~~and veteran-owned~~ *impact businesses* interested in participating in the marijuana industry and recommending
- 1774 strategies to effectively mitigate such potential barriers; (iii) provide assistance with business planning for
- 1775 potential marijuana establishment licensees; (iv) spread awareness of business opportunities related to the
- 1776 marijuana marketplace in ~~areas disproportionately impacted by marijuana prohibition and enforcement~~
- 1777 *historically economically disadvantaged communities*; (v) provide technical assistance in navigating the
- 1778 administrative process to potential marijuana establishment licensees; and (vi) conduct other outreach
- 1779 initiatives in ~~areas disproportionately impacted by marijuana prohibition and enforcement~~ *historically*
- 1780 *economically disadvantaged communities* as necessary;
- 1781 10. Establish a position for an individual with professional experience in a health related field who shall
- 1782 staff the Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council, established pursuant to § 4.1-603, liaise with the Office
- 1783 of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources and relevant health and human services agencies and
- 1784 organizations, and perform other duties as needed;
- 1785 11. Establish and implement a plan, in coordination with the Cannabis ~~Social Equity~~ *Impact Business*
- 1786 *Liaison* and the ~~Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion~~, to promote and encourage participation in the
- 1787 marijuana industry by people from *historically economically disadvantaged communities that have been*
- 1788 ~~disproportionately impacted by marijuana prohibition and enforcement~~ and to positively impact those
- 1789 communities;
- 1790 12. Sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, and complain and defend in all courts;
- 1791 13. Adopt, use, and alter at will a common seal;
- 1792 14. Fix, alter, charge, and collect rates, rentals, fees, and other charges for the use of property of, the sale

1793 of products of, or services rendered by the Authority at rates to be determined by the Authority for the
1794 purpose of providing for the payment of the expenses of the Authority;

1795 15. Make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of its
1796 duties, the furtherance of its purposes, and the execution of its powers under this subtitle, including
1797 agreements with any person or federal agency;

1798 16. Employ, at its discretion, consultants, researchers, architects, engineers, accountants, financial experts,
1799 investment bankers, superintendents, managers, and such other employees and special agents as may be
1800 necessary and fix their compensation to be payable from funds made available to the Authority. ~~Legal~~ *The*
1801 *Board may employ or retain legal counsel of its choice to advise or represent the Authority in hearings,*
1802 *controversies, or other matters involving the interests of the Authority; however, upon request by the Board,*
1803 *the Attorney General shall provide legal services for the Authority shall be provided by the Attorney General*
1804 in accordance with Chapter 5 (§ 2.2-500 et seq.) of Title 2.2;

1805 17. Receive and accept from any federal or private agency, foundation, corporation, association, or person
1806 grants or other aid to be expended in accomplishing the objectives of the Authority, and receive and accept
1807 from the Commonwealth or any state and any municipality, county, or other political subdivision thereof or
1808 from any other source aid or contributions of either money, property, or other things of value, to be held,
1809 used, and applied only for the purposes for which such grants and contributions may be made. All federal
1810 moneys accepted under this section shall be accepted and expended by the Authority upon such terms and
1811 conditions as are prescribed by the United States and as are consistent with state law, and all state moneys
1812 accepted under this section shall be expended by the Authority upon such terms and conditions as are
1813 prescribed by the Commonwealth;

1814 18. Adopt, alter, and repeal bylaws, rules, and regulations governing the manner in which its business
1815 shall be transacted and the manner in which the powers of the Authority shall be exercised and its duties
1816 performed. The Board may delegate or assign any duty or task to be performed by the Authority to any
1817 officer or employee of the Authority. The Board shall remain responsible for the performance of any such
1818 duties or tasks. Any delegation pursuant to this subdivision shall, where appropriate, be accompanied by
1819 written guidelines for the exercise of the duties or tasks delegated. Where appropriate, the guidelines shall
1820 require that the Board receive summaries of actions taken. Such delegation or assignment shall not relieve the
1821 Board of the responsibility to ensure faithful performance of the duties and tasks;

1822 19. Conduct or engage in any lawful business, activity, effort, or project consistent with the Authority's
1823 purposes or necessary or convenient to exercise its powers;

1824 20. Develop policies and procedures generally applicable to the procurement of goods, services, and
1825 construction, based upon competitive principles;

1826 21. Develop policies and procedures consistent with Article 4 (§ 2.2-4347 et seq.) of Chapter 43 of Title
1827 2.2;

1828 22. Acquire, purchase, hold, use, lease, or otherwise dispose of any property, real, personal or mixed,
1829 tangible or intangible, or any interest therein necessary or desirable for carrying out the purposes of the
1830 Authority; lease as lessee any property, real, personal or mixed, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein,
1831 at such annual rental and on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Board; lease as lessor to
1832 any person any property, real, personal or mixed, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein, at any time
1833 acquired by the Authority, whether wholly or partially completed, at such annual rental and on such terms
1834 and conditions as may be determined by the Board; sell, transfer, or convey any property, real, personal or
1835 mixed, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein, at any time acquired or held by the Authority on such
1836 terms and conditions as may be determined by the Board; and occupy and improve any land or building
1837 required for the purposes of this subtitle;

1838 23. Purchase, lease, or acquire the use of, by any manner, any plant or equipment that may be considered
1839 necessary or useful in carrying into effect the purposes of this subtitle, including rectifying, blending, and
1840 processing plants;

1841 24. Appoint every agent and employee required for its operations, require any or all of them to give bonds
1842 payable to the Commonwealth in such penalty as shall be fixed by the Board, and engage the services of
1843 experts and professionals;

1844 25. Hold and conduct hearings, issue subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses and the production
1845 of records, memoranda, papers, and other documents before the Board or any agent of the Board, and
1846 administer oaths and take testimony thereunder. The Board may authorize any Board member or agent of the
1847 Board to hold and conduct hearings, issue subpoenas, administer oaths and take testimony thereunder, and
1848 decide cases, subject to final decision by the Board, on application of any party aggrieved. The Board may
1849 enter into consent agreements and may request and accept from any applicant, licensee, or permittee a
1850 consent agreement in lieu of proceedings on (i) objections to the issuance of a license or permit or (ii)
1851 disciplinary action. Any such consent agreement (a) shall include findings of fact and provisions regarding
1852 whether the terms of the consent agreement are confidential and (b) may include an admission or a finding of
1853 a violation. A consent agreement shall not be considered a case decision of the Board and shall not be subject
1854 to judicial review under the provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.), but may be

1855 considered by the Board in future disciplinary proceedings;

1856 26. Make a reasonable charge for preparing and furnishing statistical information and compilations to
 1857 persons other than (i) officials, including court and police officials, of the Commonwealth and of its
 1858 subdivisions if the information requested is for official use and (ii) persons who have a personal or legal
 1859 interest in obtaining the information requested if such information is not to be used for commercial or trade
 1860 purposes;

1861 27. Take appropriate disciplinary action and assess and collect civil penalties and civil charges for
 1862 violations of this subtitle and Board regulations;

1863 28. Review and approve any proposed legislative or regulatory changes suggested by the Chief Executive
 1864 Officer as the Board deems appropriate;

1865 29. Report quarterly to the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security on the law-enforcement
 1866 activities undertaken to enforce the provisions of this subtitle;

1867 30. Establish and collect fees for all permits set forth in this subtitle, including fees associated with
 1868 applications for such permits;

1869 31. Develop and make available on its website guidance documents regarding compliance and safe
 1870 practices for persons who cultivate marijuana at home for personal use, which shall include information
 1871 regarding cultivation practices that promote personal and public safety, including child protection, and
 1872 discourage practices that create a nuisance;

1873 32. Develop and make available on its website a resource that provides information regarding (i)
 1874 responsible marijuana consumption; (ii) health risks and other dangers associated with marijuana
 1875 consumption, including inability to operate a motor vehicle and other types of transportation and equipment;
 1876 and (iii) ancillary effects of marijuana consumption, including ineligibility for certain employment
 1877 opportunities. The Board shall require that the web address for such resource be included on the label of all
 1878 ~~retail~~ marijuana and ~~retail~~ marijuana product as provided in § ~~4.1-1402~~ 4.1-1405; and

1879 33. *Access during business hours any facility governed by this subtitle and any business that offers for*
 1880 *sale or sells at retail a substance intended for human consumption, orally or by inhalation, that is advertised*
 1881 *or labeled as containing a cannabinoid for the purpose of conducting an inspection or securing samples to*
 1882 *identify potential violations of this subtitle;*

1883 34. *Conduct training that is open to the public and provide educational resources to the public on the*
 1884 *application process for licenses;*

1885 35. *Develop and provide consumer education that (i) highlights the ways purchasing marijuana and*
 1886 *marijuana products from or cultivated and processed by licensees supports farmers, small business, and*
 1887 *community reinvestment; (ii) educates consumers on how to recognize licensed retail marijuana stores and*
 1888 *microbusinesses; and (iii) informs consumers about responsible marijuana consumption and health risks and*
 1889 *other dangers associated with marijuana consumption.*

1890 36. *Issue a quarterly report that contains information regarding (i) license fees waived or reduced*
 1891 *pursuant to § 4.1-606; (ii) licenses issued to or renewed for persons identified in subdivision B 13 of*
 1892 *§ 4.1-606; (iii) public education initiatives, including public awareness campaigns regarding driving under*
 1893 *the influence, underage consumption and youth awareness, and health risks; (iv) community engagement*
 1894 *initiatives; (v) sales and tax revenue; (vi) programs funded by marijuana tax revenue; (vii) efforts made*
 1895 *pursuant to subdivisions 8, 9, 11, and 32; and (viii) license denials and disciplinary actions taken;*

1896 37. *Maintain a public registry available online of ownership information for all licensees;*

1897 38. *Develop policies and procedures generally applicable to the audit of ownership and financial*
 1898 *relationships across all licenses on a schedule established by the Board. The audits shall be conducted by an*
 1899 *independent certified public accountant and the costs of such audits shall be borne by the licensee;*

1900 39. *Beginning on July 1, 2028, and each July 1 thereafter, issue an annual report on the performance and*
 1901 *health of the marijuana retail market in the Commonwealth, including information related to: (i) sales and*
 1902 *tax revenue, including information on sales and tax revenue broken down by marijuana and marijuana*
 1903 *product category; (ii) the distribution of tax revenue; (iii) the total number of licenses issued and the number*
 1904 *of licensees actively operating in the Commonwealth; (iv) ownership diversity; (v) the number of jobs created*
 1905 *in the marijuana industry, including information on the number of people employed by specific license type;*
 1906 *(vi) average wholesale and retail prices of different types of marijuana and marijuana products; (vii) licenses*
 1907 *issued to or renewed for persons identified in subdivision B 13 of § 4.1-606; (viii) an anonymized summary of*
 1908 *the compliance findings from any audit of ownership and financial relationships across all licenses*
 1909 *conducted pursuant to the policies and procedures of subdivision 38; (ix) whether licensees with substantial*
 1910 *market share of any category of licensure have an impact on the goals of (a) inclusion of microbusiness and*
 1911 *impact licensees in the market, (b) maintaining adequate supplies of marijuana, and (c) prevention of*
 1912 *dominant marketplace participation in the marijuana industry; (x) the potential expansion or contraction of*
 1913 *the marijuana market in the Commonwealth, which may include information related to any increase in retail*
 1914 *marijuana sales and activity in the illicit market; (xi) information on the viability of marijuana establishments*
 1915 *in the Commonwealth; (xii) the feasibility of requiring pharmaceutical processors and cannabis dispensing*
 1916 *facilities issued a permit by the Board pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 16 (§ 4.1-1600 et seq.) to offer*

1917 *for sale a certain amount or percentage of marijuana and marijuana products cultivated or processed by*
 1918 *microbusinesses and impact licensees, including a proposed timeline for when such requirement may go into*
 1919 *effect; and (xiii) any recommendations, including recommendations for statutory or regulatory changes, to*
 1920 *strengthen the Commonwealth's marijuana retail market;*

1921 40. Investigate the ownership and control interests of all licensees and approve or deny ownership,
 1922 financing, management, and brand-licensing agreements or contracts and issue divestiture orders as deemed
 1923 appropriate to ensure compliance with § 4.1-807;

1924 41. Coordinate with the Department of Criminal Justice Services to ensure the exchange of any
 1925 information necessary to comply with the reporting requirements of the Community Policing Reporting
 1926 Database established pursuant to § 52-30.3;

1927 42. Advise and provide training to the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority to support its duties
 1928 to enforce the Cannabis Control Act (§ 4.1-600 et seq.) and regulations related to the illegal cultivation,
 1929 processing, sale, and distribution of marijuana and marijuana products and to coordinate with the Virginia
 1930 Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority, as needed, on any enforcement activities pursuant to this subtitle; and

1931 43. Do all acts necessary or advisable to carry out the purposes of this subtitle.

1932 **§ 4.1-606. Regulations of the Board.**

1933 A. The Board may promulgate reasonable regulations, not inconsistent with this subtitle or the general
 1934 laws of the Commonwealth, that it deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this subtitle and to prevent
 1935 the illegal cultivation, ~~manufacture~~ processing, transportation, distribution, sale, and testing of marijuana and
 1936 marijuana products. The Board may amend or repeal such regulations. ~~Such~~ Except as otherwise provided by
 1937 law, such regulations shall be promulgated, amended, or repealed in accordance with the Administrative
 1938 Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.) and shall have the effect of law.

1939 B. The Board shall promulgate regulations that:

1940 1. Govern the outdoor cultivation of marijuana by a marijuana cultivation facility licensee, including
 1941 security requirements to include lighting, physical security, and alarm requirements, provided that such
 1942 requirements do not prohibit the cultivation of marijuana outdoors or in a greenhouse;

1943 2. Establish requirements for (i) securely transporting marijuana between marijuana establishments and
 1944 (ii) securely delivering marijuana or marijuana products from retail marijuana stores or microbusinesses
 1945 only in person to consumers, which shall include requirements for age verification, delivery radius, and
 1946 recordkeeping;

1947 3. Establish sanitary standards for ~~retail~~ marijuana product preparation;

1948 4. Establish a testing program for ~~retail~~ marijuana and ~~retail~~ marijuana products pursuant to Chapter 14
 1949 (§ 4.1-1400 et seq.);

1950 5. Establish an application process for licensure as a marijuana establishment pursuant to this subtitle in a
 1951 way that, when possible, prevents disparate impacts on historically *economically* disadvantaged communities;

1952 6. Establish requirements for health and safety warning labels to be placed on ~~retail~~ marijuana and ~~retail~~
 1953 marijuana products to be sold or offered for sale by a licensee to a consumer in accordance with the
 1954 provisions of this subtitle;

1955 7. Establish a maximum tetrahydrocannabinol level for ~~retail~~ marijuana products, which shall not exceed
 1956 (i) ~~five~~ 10 milligrams per serving for edible marijuana products and where practicable an equivalent amount
 1957 for other marijuana products or (ii) ~~50~~ 100 milligrams per package for edible marijuana products and where
 1958 practicable an equivalent amount for other marijuana products. Such regulations may include other product
 1959 and dispensing limitations on tetrahydrocannabinol;

1960 8. Establish requirements for the form, content, and retention of all records and accounts by all licensees;

1961 9. Provide alternative methods for licensees to maintain and store business records that are subject to
 1962 Board inspection, including methods for Board-approved electronic and offsite storage;

1963 10. Establish (i) criteria by which to evaluate new licensees based on the density of retail marijuana stores
 1964 in the community and (ii) metrics that have similarly shown an association with negative community-level
 1965 health outcomes or health disparities. In promulgating such regulations, the Board shall coordinate with the
 1966 Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council established pursuant to § 4.1-603;

1967 11. Require retail licensees to file an appeal from any hearing decision rendered by a hearing officer
 1968 within 30 days of the date the notice of the decision is sent. The notice shall be sent to the licensee at the
 1969 address on record with the Board by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by regular mail;

1970 12. Prescribe the schedule of proration for refunded license fees to licensees who qualify pursuant to
 1971 subsection C of § ~~4.1-1002~~ 4.1-1003;

1972 13. Establish ~~criteria~~ a process by which to evaluate social equity identify impact license applicants,
 1973 which shall be an applicant who has lived or been domiciled for at least 12 months in the Commonwealth and
 1974 is either (i) an applicant with that has at least 66 percent ownership and direct control by a person or persons
 1975 who meet the criteria in clause (iii) and one more of the following seven criteria: (i) have been convicted of
 1976 or adjudicated delinquent for any misdemeanor or felony violation of § 18.2-248.1, former § 18.2-250.1, or
 1977 subsection A of § 18.2-265.3 as it relates to marijuana or any substantially similar offense under the laws of
 1978 another jurisdiction; (ii) an applicant with at least 66 percent ownership by a person or persons who is are the

1979 parent, child, sibling, or spouse of a person who has been convicted of or adjudicated delinquent for any
 1980 misdemeanor *or felony* violation of § 18.2-248.1, former § 18.2-250.1, or subsection A of § 18.2-265.3 as it
 1981 relates to marijuana *or any substantially similar offense under the laws of another jurisdiction*; (iii) ~~an~~
 1982 applicant with at least 66 percent ownership by a person or persons who have resided for at least three of the
 1983 past five years (a) *between the years 2011 and 2025* in a jurisdiction that is determined by the Board, after
 1984 utilizing census tract data made available by the United States Census Bureau, *is determined* to have been
 1985 disproportionately policed for marijuana crimes *or (b) for at least three of the past five years in a historically*
 1986 *economically disadvantaged community*; (iv) ~~an applicant with at least 66 percent ownership by a person or~~
 1987 ~~persons who have resided for at least three of the last five years in a jurisdiction determined by the Board~~
 1988 ~~after utilizing census tract data made available by the United States Census Bureau to be economically~~
 1989 ~~distressed; or (v) an applicant with at least 66 percent ownership by a person or persons who graduated from~~
 1990 ~~a historically black have attended for at least five years a public elementary or secondary school located in a~~
 1991 ~~historically economically disadvantaged community; (v) have received a Federal Pell Grant or attended for~~
 1992 ~~at least two years a college or university located in the Commonwealth at which at least 30 percent of the~~
 1993 ~~students, on average, are eligible for a Federal Pell Grant; (vi) are veterans of the Armed Forces of the~~
 1994 ~~United States; or (vii) have qualified for financial assistance or relief from the U.S. Department of~~
 1995 ~~Agriculture as a distressed farmer in the last five years;~~

1996 14. For the purposes of establishing criteria by which to evaluate social equity license applicants, establish
 1997 standards by which to determine (i) which jurisdictions have been disproportionately policed for marijuana
 1998 crimes and (ii) which jurisdictions are economically distressed;

1999 15. Establish For impact license applicants, establish standards and requirements for (i) ~~any a preference~~
 2000 in the licensing process for qualified social equity applicants; (ii) what percentage of application or license
 2001 fees are waived for a qualified social equity applicant, and to promote participation by impact licensees with
 2002 an inability to pay standard application and license fees; (iii) a low-interest business loan program for
 2003 qualified social equity applicants; (iv) a waiver of any requirements to show proof of funds or current
 2004 possession and control of the proposed licensed premises at the time of application; and (v) to the extent
 2005 practicable, the proportional distribution of licenses among the applicants set forth in clauses (i) through
 2006 (vii) of subdivision 13. If at any time the Board determines that an impact license was obtained on the basis
 2007 of a fraudulent financial transaction or predatory operating agreement or if a prohibited assignment, sale, or
 2008 transfer of an impact license occurs in violation of subsection C of § 4.1-702, the Board shall immediately
 2009 begin revocation proceedings pursuant to § 4.1-903 and require the original impact licensee and any other
 2010 true parties of interest to repay to the Commonwealth the full value of any and all application or licensing
 2011 fees that were waived;

2012 16. 15. Establish guidelines, in addition to requirements set forth in this subtitle, for the personal
 2013 cultivation of marijuana that promote personal and public safety, including child protection, and discourage
 2014 personal cultivation practices that create a nuisance, including a nuisance caused by odor;

2015 17. 16. Establish reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions on outdoor advertising of ~~retail~~ marijuana
 2016 or ~~retail~~ marijuana products, not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, so that such advertising
 2017 displaces the illicit market and notifies the public of the location of marijuana establishments. Such
 2018 regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with § ~~4.1-1404~~ 4.1-1402;

2019 18. 17. Establish restrictions on the number of licenses that a person may be granted to operate a
 2020 marijuana establishment in single locality or region; ~~and~~

2021 19. Establish restrictions on pharmaceutical processors and industrial hemp processors that have been
 2022 granted a license in more than one license category pursuant to subsection C of § 4.1-805 that ensure all
 2023 licensees have an equal and meaningful opportunity to participate in the market. Such regulations may limit
 2024 the amount of products cultivated or manufactured by the pharmaceutical processor or industrial hemp
 2025 processor that such processor may offer for sale in its retail marijuana stores

2026 18. Allow impact licensees and microbusinesses to (i) enter into cooperative agreements; (ii) lease space
 2027 and equipment and cultivate, process, and sell marijuana and marijuana products on the premises of another
 2028 licensee; and (iii) process marijuana or marijuana products out of a shared processing space;

2029 19. Establish an approval process for the Board to approve or deny ownership, financing, management,
 2030 and brand-licensing agreements to ensure compliance with § 4.1-807 and establish objective criteria for
 2031 determining whether a financial arrangement between a licensee and another party constitutes undue
 2032 influence, including the consideration of factors such as price-setting authority, shelf-space control,
 2033 financing dependency, or shared personnel; and

2034 20. Establish procedures governing ownership disclosure, prior written approval of the Board for the
 2035 assignment, sale, or transfer of any license or any change in ownership or control and background
 2036 investigations of transferees. Such regulations shall (i) require that ownership interests be traced through all
 2037 intermediary entities to the ultimate beneficial owners and (ii) include provisions specifying that a change of
 2038 control occurs upon the (a) acquisition of 25 percent or more of equity or voting power, (b) execution of any
 2039 instrument conferring appointment or removal rights over managers, or (c) cumulative transfers totaling 25
 2040 percent or more within any 24-month period.

2041 C. The Board may promulgate regulations that:

2042 1. ~~Limit~~ Set the number of licenses issued by type or class to operate a marijuana establishment *in order to*
 2043 *ensure that there is a sufficient supply of marijuana to meet demand, provide market stability, avoid market*
 2044 *dominance, ensure a competitive market that considers small business opportunities and concerns, and limit*
 2045 *the sale of unregulated marijuana*; however, the number of licenses issued *before January 1, 2028*, shall not
 2046 exceed the following limits:

2047 a. Retail marijuana stores, ~~400~~ 350; and

2048 b. Marijuana wholesalers, ~~25~~;

2049 e. Marijuana manufacturing facilities, 60; and

2050 d. Marijuana cultivation facilities, 450 *Tier V marijuana cultivation facilities, 5.*

2051 In determining the number of licenses issued pursuant to this subdivision, the Board shall not consider any
 2052 license granted pursuant to subsection C of § 4.1-805 to (i) a pharmaceutical processor that has been issued a
 2053 permit by the Board of Pharmacy pursuant to Article 4.2 (§ 54.1-3442.5 et seq.) of the Drug Control Act or
 2054 (ii) an industrial hemp processor registered with the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services
 2055 pursuant to Chapter 41.1 (§ 3.2-4112 et seq.) of Title 3.2.

2056 *Beginning January 1, 2028, the Board shall determine the number of retail marijuana store and tier V*
 2057 *marijuana cultivation facility licenses that the Authority will issue consistent with the goals identified in this*
 2058 *subsection. If the Board makes an additional number of those licenses available, the number of licenses*
 2059 *available to impact licensee applicants shall be equal to or greater than the number of licenses available to*
 2060 *all other applicants.*

2061 *The Board may issue as many licenses as it deems necessary for any other license type not specified in*
 2062 *this subdivision. If the Board does limit the number of licenses available for any other license type not*
 2063 *specified in this subdivision, the number of licenses available to impact licensee applicants shall be equal to*
 2064 *or greater than the number of licenses available to all other applicants.*

2065 2. Prescribe any requirements deemed appropriate for the administration of taxes under §§ ~~4.1-1003~~ and §
 2066 4.1-1004, including method of filing a return, information required on a return, and form of payment.

2067 3. Limit the allowable square footage of a retail marijuana store, which shall not exceed ~~4,500~~ 2,500
 2068 square feet of retail floor space.

2069 4. ~~Allow certain persons to be granted or have interest in a license in more than one of the following~~
 2070 ~~license categories: marijuana cultivation facility license, marijuana manufacturing facility license, marijuana~~
 2071 ~~wholesaler license, or retail marijuana store license. Such regulations shall be drawn narrowly to limit vertical~~
 2072 ~~integration to small businesses and ensure that all licensees have an equal and meaningful opportunity to~~
 2073 ~~participate in the market. Ensure that marijuana establishment licenses are, as possible and practicable,~~
 2074 ~~issued evenly among all areas of the Commonwealth; and~~

2075 5. Establish additional market-concentration thresholds, including regional or statewide market-share
 2076 and Herfindahl-Hirschman Index (HHI) benchmarks and policies and procedures for denying or
 2077 conditioning the issuance of licenses or approval of transfers of licenses that would create undue market
 2078 concentration.

2079 D. Board regulations shall be uniform in their application, except those relating to hours of sale for
 2080 licensees.

2081 E. Courts shall take judicial notice of Board regulations.

2082 F. The Board shall consult with the Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council in promulgating any
 2083 regulations relating to public health, including regulations promulgated pursuant to subdivision B 3, 4, 6, 7,
 2084 10, or ~~16~~ 15, and, *except as otherwise provided in § 4.1-603*, shall not promulgate any such regulation that
 2085 has not been approved by a majority of the members of the Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council.

2086 G. With regard to regulations governing licensees that have been issued a permit by the Board of
 2087 Pharmacy to operate as a pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility pursuant to Article 4.2
 2088 (§ 54.1-3442.5 et seq.) of the Drug Control Act, the Board shall make reasonable efforts (i) to align such
 2089 regulations with any applicable regulations promulgated by the Board of Pharmacy that establish health,
 2090 safety, and security requirements for pharmaceutical processors and cannabis dispensing facilities and (ii) to
 2091 deem in compliance with applicable regulations promulgated pursuant to this subtitle such pharmaceutical
 2092 processors and cannabis dispensing facilities that have been found to be in compliance with regulations
 2093 promulgated by the Board of Pharmacy that mirror or are more extensive in scope than similar regulations
 2094 promulgated pursuant to this subtitle.

2095 H. The Board's power to regulate shall be broadly construed.

2096 **§ 4.1-607. Board membership; terms; compensation.**

2097 A. The Authority shall be governed by a Board of Directors, which shall consist of ~~five~~ seven citizens at
 2098 large *as follows: five members* appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the affirmative vote of a majority
 2099 of those voting in each house of the General Assembly *and two members appointed by the Joint Rules*
 2100 *Committee and confirmed by the affirmative vote of a majority of those voting in each house of the General*
 2101 *Assembly*. Each appointee shall (i) have been a resident of the Commonwealth for a period of at least three
 2102 years next preceding his appointment, and his continued residency shall be a condition of his tenure in office;

2103 (ii) hold, at a minimum, a baccalaureate degree in business or a related field of study; and (iii) possess a
 2104 minimum of seven years of demonstrated experience or expertise in the direct management, supervision, or
 2105 control of a business or legal affairs. *Members shall be appointed in a manner that ensures expertise among*
 2106 *the Board members in health, law, agriculture, finance, and law enforcement.* Appointees shall reflect the
 2107 racial, ethnic, gender, and geographic diversity of the Commonwealth. Appointees shall be subject to a
 2108 background check in accordance with § 4.1-609.

2109 B. After the initial staggering of terms, members shall be appointed for a term of five years. All members
 2110 shall serve until their successors are appointed. Any appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired
 2111 term. No member appointed by the Governor shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms;
 2112 however, a member appointed to fill a vacancy may serve two additional consecutive terms. Members of the
 2113 Board may be removed from office by the ~~Governor~~ *appointing authority* for cause, including the improper
 2114 use of its police powers, malfeasance, misfeasance, incompetence, misconduct, neglect of duty, absenteeism,
 2115 conflict of interests, failure to carry out the policies of the Commonwealth as established in the Constitution
 2116 or by the General Assembly, or refusal to carry out a lawful directive of the Governor.

2117 C. The Governor shall appoint the ~~chairman~~ *chair* and ~~vice-chairman~~ *vice-chair* of the Board from among
 2118 the membership of the Board. The Board may elect other subordinate officers, who need not be members of
 2119 the Board. The Board may also form committees and advisory councils, which may include representatives
 2120 who are not members of the Board, to undertake more extensive study and discussion of the issues before the
 2121 Board. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the Authority's business, and
 2122 no vacancy in the membership shall impair the right of a quorum to exercise the rights and perform all duties
 2123 of the Authority.

2124 D. The Board shall meet at least every 60 days for the transaction of its business. Special meetings may be
 2125 held at any time upon the call of the chairman of the Board or the Chief Executive Officer or upon the written
 2126 request of a majority of the Board members.

2127 E. Members of the Board shall receive annually such salary, compensation, and reimbursement of
 2128 expenses for the performance of their official duties as set forth in the general appropriation act for members
 2129 of the House of Delegates when the General Assembly is not in session, except that the ~~chairman~~ *chair* of the
 2130 Board shall receive annually such salary, compensation, and reimbursement of expenses for the performance
 2131 of his official duties as set forth in the general appropriation act for a member of the Senate of Virginia when
 2132 the General Assembly is not in session.

2133 F. The provisions of the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act (§ 2.2-3100 et seq.) shall
 2134 apply to the members of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority, and the employees of the
 2135 Authority.

2136 **§ 4.1-611. Seed-to-sale tracking system.**

2137 To ensure that no ~~retail~~ marijuana or ~~retail~~ marijuana products grown or processed by a marijuana
 2138 establishment are sold or otherwise transferred except as authorized by law, the Board shall develop and
 2139 maintain a seed-to-sale tracking system that tracks ~~retail~~ marijuana from either the seed or immature plant
 2140 stage until the ~~retail~~ marijuana or ~~retail~~ marijuana product is sold to a customer at a retail marijuana store *or*
 2141 *microbusiness.*

2142 **§ 4.1-614. Disposition of moneys collected by the Board.**

2143 A. All moneys collected by the Board shall be paid directly and promptly into the state treasury, or shall
 2144 be deposited to the credit of the State Treasurer in a state depository, without any deductions on account of
 2145 salaries, fees, costs, charges, expenses, refunds, or claims of any description whatever, as required by
 2146 § 2.2-1802.

2147 All moneys so paid into the state treasury, less the net profits determined pursuant to subsection C, shall
 2148 be set aside as and constitute an Enterprise Fund, subject to appropriation, for the payment of (i) the salaries
 2149 and remuneration of the members, agents, and employees of the Board and (ii) all costs and expenses
 2150 incurred in the administration of this subtitle.

2151 B. The net profits derived under the provisions of this subtitle shall be transferred by the Comptroller to
 2152 the general fund of the state treasury quarterly, within 50 days after the close of each quarter or as otherwise
 2153 provided in the appropriation act. As allowed by the Governor, the Board may deduct from the net profits
 2154 quarterly a sum for the creation of a reserve fund not exceeding the sum of \$2.5 million in connection with
 2155 the administration of this subtitle and to provide for the depreciation on the buildings, plants, and equipment
 2156 owned, held, or operated by the Board. After accounting for the Authority's expenses as provided in
 2157 subsection A, net profits shall be appropriated in the general appropriation act as follows:

2158 1. Forty percent to ~~pre-kindergarten programs for at-risk three-year-olds and four-year-olds support early~~
 2159 *childhood care and early childhood education in the Commonwealth;*

2160 2. Thirty percent to the Cannabis Equity Reinvestment Fund established pursuant to § 2.2-2499.8;

2161 3. Twenty-five percent to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, which shall
 2162 distribute such appropriated funds to community services boards for the purpose of administering substance
 2163 use disorder prevention and treatment programs; and

2164 4. Five percent to public health programs, including public awareness campaigns that are designed to

2165 prevent drugged driving, discourage consumption by persons younger than 21 years of age, and inform the
2166 public of other potential risks.

2167 C. As used in this section, "net profits" means the total of all moneys collected by the Board, less local
2168 marijuana tax revenues collected under *subsection B of § 4.1-1004* and distributed pursuant to § 4.1-614
2169 4.1-1004 and all costs, expenses, and charges authorized by this section.

2170 D. All local tax revenues collected under *subsection B of § 4.1-1004* 4.1-1004 shall be paid into the state
2171 treasury as provided in subsection A and credited to a special fund, which is hereby created on the
2172 Comptroller's books under the name "Collections of Local Marijuana Taxes." The revenues shall be credited
2173 to the account of the locality in which they were collected. If revenues were collected from a marijuana
2174 establishment located in more than one locality by reason of the boundary line or lines passing through the
2175 marijuana establishment, tax revenues shall be distributed pro rata among the localities. The Authority shall
2176 provide to the Comptroller any records and assistance necessary for the Comptroller to determine the locality
2177 to which tax revenues are attributable.

2178 On a quarterly basis, the Comptroller shall draw his warrant on the Treasurer of Virginia in the proper
2179 amount in favor of each locality entitled to the return of its tax revenues, and such payments shall be charged
2180 to the account of each such locality under the special fund created by this section. If errors are made in any
2181 such payment, or adjustments are otherwise necessary, whether attributable to refunds to taxpayers, or to
2182 some other fact, the errors shall be corrected and adjustments made in the payments for the next quarter.

2183 **§ 4.1-621. Certain information not to be made public.**

2184 Neither the Board nor its employees shall divulge any information regarding (i) financial reports or
2185 records required pursuant to this subtitle; (ii) the purchase orders and invoices for ~~retail~~ marijuana or ~~retail~~
2186 marijuana products filed with the Board by marijuana ~~wholesaler~~ licensees; (iii) taxes collected from,
2187 refunded to, or adjusted for any person; or (iv) information contained in the seed-to-sale tracking system
2188 maintained by the Board pursuant to § 4.1-611. The provisions of § 58.1-3 shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to
2189 taxes collected pursuant to this subtitle and to purchase orders and invoices for ~~retail~~ marijuana or ~~retail~~
2190 marijuana products filed with the Board by marijuana ~~wholesaler~~ licensees.

2191 Nothing contained in this section shall prohibit the use or release of such information or documents by the
2192 Board to any governmental or law-enforcement agency, or when considering the granting, denial, revocation,
2193 or suspension of a license or permit, or the assessment of any penalty against a licensee or permittee, nor shall
2194 this section prohibit the Board or its employees from compiling and disseminating to any member of the
2195 public aggregate statistical information pertaining to (a) tax collection, as long as such information does not
2196 reveal or disclose tax collection from any identified licensee; (b) the total amount of ~~retail~~ marijuana or ~~retail~~
2197 marijuana products sales in the Commonwealth by marijuana ~~wholesaler~~ licensees collectively; or (c) the
2198 total amount of purchases or sales submitted by licensees, provided that such information does not identify
2199 the licensee.

2200 **§ 4.1-629. Local ordinances or resolutions regulating marijuana or marijuana products.**

2201 A. No county, city, or town shall, except as provided in § 4.1-630, adopt any ordinance or resolution that
2202 regulates or prohibits the cultivation, processing, possession, sale, distribution, handling, transportation,
2203 consumption, use, advertising, or dispensing of marijuana or marijuana products in the Commonwealth.

2204 B. However, the governing body of any county, city, or town may adopt an ordinance that prohibits in its
2205 local public parks, playgrounds, public streets, or any sidewalk adjoining any public street the acts described
2206 in § 4.1-1108 or the acts described in § 4.1-1109 and may provide a penalty for violation thereof.

2207 C. The governing body of any county, city, or town may adopt an ordinance that decreases the minimum
2208 distance requirements specified in § 4.1-810 (i) between retail marijuana stores and microbusinesses or (ii)
2209 between a retail marijuana store or microbusiness and any place of religious worship; hospital; public,
2210 private, or parochial school or institution of higher education; public or private playground or other similar
2211 recreational facility; child day program; substance use disorder treatment facility; or federal, state, or local
2212 government-operated facility.

2213 D. Except as provided in this section, nothing in this subtitle shall be construed to supersede or limit the
2214 authority of a locality to adopt and enforce local ordinances to regulate businesses licensed pursuant to this
2215 subtitle, including local zoning and land use requirements and business license requirements.

2216 E. Except as provided in this section, all local acts, including charter provisions and ordinances of
2217 counties, cities, and towns, inconsistent with any of the provisions of this subtitle, are repealed to the extent
2218 of such inconsistency.

2219 **§ 4.1-630. Local ordinances regulating time of sale of marijuana and marijuana products.**

2220 The governing body of each county may adopt ordinances effective in that portion of such county not
2221 embraced within the corporate limits of any incorporated town, and the governing body of each city and town
2222 may adopt ordinances effective in such city or town, fixing hours during which marijuana and marijuana
2223 products may be sold. Such governing bodies shall provide for fines and other penalties for violations of any
2224 such ordinances, which shall be enforced as if the violations were Class 1 misdemeanors with a right of
2225 appeal pursuant to § 16.1-106.

2226 A copy of any ordinance adopted pursuant to this section shall be certified by the clerk of the governing

2227 body adopting it and transmitted to the Board.

2228 On and after the effective date of any ordinance adopted pursuant to this section, no marijuana store shall
2229 sell marijuana or marijuana products during the hours limited by the ordinance.

2230

CHAPTER 7.

2231

ADMINISTRATION OF LICENSES; GENERAL PROVISIONS.

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§ 4.1-700. Exemptions from licensure.

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The licensure requirements of this subtitle shall not apply to (i) a handler, grower, or processor of
2234 industrial hemp that is registered with the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services pursuant to
2235 Chapter 41.1 (§ 3.2-4112 et seq.) of Title 3.2 and is acting in accordance with the provisions of Title 3.2; (ii)
2236 a person that has been issued a regulated hemp product retail facility registration and is acting in
2237 accordance with the provisions of Title 3.2; (iii) a manufacturer of an edible hemp product operating in
2238 accordance with Article 5 (§ 3.2-5145.1 et seq.) of Chapter 51 of Title 3.2; or (iv) a person who cultivates
2239 marijuana at home for personal use pursuant to § 4.1-1101. Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed to (a)
2240 prevent any person described in clauses (i) through (iii) from obtaining a license pursuant to this subtitle,
2241 provided such person satisfies applicable licensing requirements; (b) prevent a licensee from acquiring hemp
2242 products from an industrial hemp processor in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41.1 (§ 3.2-4112 et
2243 seq.) of Title 3.2; or (c) prevent a cultivation, processing, transporter, microbusiness, or retail licensee from
2244 operating on the licensed premises of an industrial hemp processing facility in accordance with Chapter 41.1
2245 (§ 3.2-4112 et seq.) of Title 3.2.

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§ 4.1-701. To whom privileges conferred by licenses extend; liability for violations of law.

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The privilege of any licensee to cultivate, process, transport, deliver, sell, or test marijuana or marijuana
2248 products shall extend to such licensee and to all agents or employees of such licensee for the purpose of
2249 operating under such license. The licensee may be held liable for any violation of this subtitle or any Board
2250 regulation committed by such agents or employees in connection with their employment.

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**§ 4.1-702. Separate license for each place of business; transfer or amendment or license; mandatory
2252 holding period for impact licenses; posting; expiration; civil penalties.**

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A. Each license granted by the Board shall designate the place where the business of the licensee will be
2254 carried on. A separate license shall be required for each separate place of business.

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B. No license shall be transferable from one location to another unless such transfer is conducted in
2256 accordance with Board regulations. No license shall be assigned, sold, or transferred, nor shall ownership or
2257 control of a license be changed, unless the licensee has received prior written approval by the Board and
2258 such assignment, sale, transfer, or change is conducted in accordance with Board regulations. Any such
2259 change made without approval of the Board is void and shall constitute grounds for immediate suspension or
2260 revocation of all affected licenses.

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C. No impact licensee, nor any person holding a direct or indirect beneficial interest therein, shall sell,
2262 assign, or transfer a controlling interest of more than 49 percent of the license to any person or entity for a
2263 period of five years from the date the license is issued. The Board may, by regulation, provide for an
2264 exception to this mandatory holding period for transfers made as part of an estate plan to a family member or
2265 into a trust for the benefit of the licensee's immediate family.

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D. The Board may permit a licensee to amend the classification of an existing license without complying
2267 with the posting and publishing procedures required by § 4.1-1000 if the effect of the amendment is to reduce
2268 materially the privileges of an existing license.

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E. Each license shall be posted in a location conspicuous to the public at the place where the licensee
2270 carries on the business for which the license is granted.

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F. The privileges conferred by any license granted by the Board shall continue until the last day of the
2272 twelfth month next ensuing or the last day of the designated month and year of expiration, except the license
2273 may be sooner terminated for any cause for which the Board would be entitled to refuse to grant a license or
2274 by operation of law, voluntary surrender, or order of the Board.

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The Board may grant licenses for one year based on the fees set by the Board pursuant to § 4.1-1002.

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§ 4.1-703. Records of licensees; inspection of records and places of business.

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A. Every licensed marijuana establishment shall keep complete, accurate, and separate records in
2278 accordance with Board regulations of all marijuana and marijuana products it cultivated, purchased,
2279 processed, sold, developed, researched, tested, or shipped.

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B. Every licensed retail marijuana store and microbusiness shall keep complete, accurate, and separate
2281 records in accordance with Board regulations of all purchases of marijuana products, the prices charged
2282 such licensee therefor, and the names and addresses of the persons from whom purchased. Every licensed
2283 retail marijuana store and microbusiness shall also preserve all invoices showing its purchases for a period
2284 as specified by Board regulations. The licensee shall also keep an accurate account of daily sales, showing
2285 quantities of marijuana products sold and the total price charged by it therefor. Except as otherwise provided
2286 in subsections C and D, such account need not give the names or addresses of the purchasers thereof, except
2287 as may be required by Board regulation.

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Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection D, electronic records of licensed retail marijuana stores and

2289 *microbusinesses may be stored off-site, provided that such records are readily retrievable and available for*
 2290 *electronic inspection by the Board or its agents at the licensed premises. However, in the case that such*
 2291 *electronic records are not readily available for electronic inspection on the licensed premises, the licensee*
 2292 *may obtain Board approval, for good cause shown, to permit the licensee to provide the records to an agent*
 2293 *of the Board within three business days or less, as determined by the Board, after a request is made to inspect*
 2294 *the records.*

2295 *C. Every licensed marijuana testing facility shall keep records of the names and addresses of all licensees*
 2296 *or persons who submit marijuana or marijuana products to the marijuana testing facility.*

2297 *D. The Board and its special agents shall be allowed free access during reasonable hours to every place*
 2298 *in the Commonwealth and to the premises of every licensee or for the purpose of examining and inspecting*
 2299 *such place and all records, invoices, and accounts therein.*

2300 *For the purposes of a Board inspection of the records of any retail marijuana store or microbusiness*
 2301 *licensees, "reasonable hours" means the hours between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.; however, if the licensee generally*
 2302 *is not open to the public substantially during the same hours, "reasonable hours" means the business hours*
 2303 *when the licensee is open to the public. At any other time of day, if the retail marijuana store or*
 2304 *microbusiness licensee's records are not available for inspection, the licensee shall provide the records to an*
 2305 *agent of the Board within 24 hours after a request is made to inspect the records.*

2306 CHAPTER 8.

2307 ADMINISTRATION OF LICENSES; LICENSES GRANTED BY BOARD.

2308 § 4.1-800. *Marijuana cultivation facility license.*

2309 *A. The Board may issue any of the following marijuana cultivation facility licenses, which shall authorize*
 2310 *the licensee to cultivate, label, and package marijuana; to purchase or take possession of marijuana plants*
 2311 *and seeds from other marijuana cultivation facilities; to transfer possession of and sell marijuana, immature*
 2312 *marijuana plants, and marijuana seeds to retail marijuana stores; to transfer possession of marijuana,*
 2313 *immature marijuana plants, and marijuana seeds to marijuana transporters; to transfer possession of and*
 2314 *sell marijuana, marijuana plants, and marijuana seeds to other marijuana cultivation facilities; to transfer*
 2315 *possession of and sell marijuana to marijuana processing facilities; and to transport marijuana, immature*
 2316 *marijuana plants, and marijuana seeds from the marijuana cultivation facility's licensed premises to another*
 2317 *licensed marijuana establishment:*

2318 *1. Tier I marijuana cultivation facility license, which shall authorize the licensee to cultivate marijuana*
 2319 *indoors or outdoors with a canopy that does not exceed 5,000 square feet.*

2320 *2. Tier II marijuana cultivation facility license, which shall authorize the licensee to cultivate marijuana*
 2321 *indoors or outdoors with a canopy that does not exceed 10,000 square feet.*

2322 *3. Tier III marijuana cultivation facility license, which shall authorize the licensee to cultivate marijuana*
 2323 *indoors with a canopy that does not exceed 15,000 square feet.*

2324 *4. Tier IV marijuana cultivation facility license, which shall authorize the licensee to cultivate marijuana*
 2325 *indoors with a canopy that does not exceed 25,000 square feet.*

2326 *5. Tier V marijuana cultivation facility license, which shall authorize the licensee to cultivate marijuana*
 2327 *indoors with a canopy that does not exceed 35,000 square feet.*

2328 *In consideration of (i) market demand, (ii) utilization rates, (iii) sales data, (iv) product transfers, (v)*
 2329 *inventory data, and (vi) the volume of license applications and issuances, the Board may (a) adjust the*
 2330 *canopy of marijuana cultivation facilities within the square footage parameters set forth in this subsection or*
 2331 *(b) increase the canopy of a marijuana cultivation facility beyond the square footage parameters set forth in*
 2332 *this subsection if the Board determines that such increase will assist or encourage participation by impact*
 2333 *licensees in the industry.*

2334 *B. In accordance with the requirements of § 4.1-611, a marijuana cultivation facility licensee shall track*
 2335 *the marijuana it cultivates from seed or immature marijuana plant to the point at which the marijuana plant*
 2336 *or the marijuana produced by the marijuana plant is transported or transferred to a marijuana testing*
 2337 *facility, a marijuana transporter, another marijuana cultivation facility, a marijuana processor, or a retail*
 2338 *marijuana store or is disposed of or destroyed.*

2339 *C. The cultivation of marijuana by a marijuana cultivation facility licensee in a secure agricultural*
 2340 *greenhouse shall be considered indoor cultivation and shall be permitted, provided that the secure*
 2341 *agricultural greenhouse is surrounded by a privacy fence that is no less than eight feet tall and is subject to*
 2342 *monitored ingress and egress.*

2343 *D. All areas within the licensed premises of a marijuana cultivation facility in which marijuana is*
 2344 *cultivated, labeled, packaged, or stored shall meet all sanitary standards specified in regulations adopted by*
 2345 *the Board.*

2346 § 4.1-801. *Marijuana processing facility license.*

2347 *A. The Board may issue marijuana processing facility licenses, which shall authorize the licensee to*
 2348 *process, label, and package marijuana and marijuana products; to purchase or take possession of marijuana*
 2349 *from a marijuana cultivation facility or another marijuana processing facility; to transfer possession of and*
 2350 *sell marijuana and marijuana products to retail marijuana stores or other marijuana processing facilities; to*

2351 *transfer possession of marijuana and marijuana products to marijuana transporters; and to transport*
 2352 *marijuana and marijuana products from the marijuana processing facility's licensed premises to another*
 2353 *licensed marijuana establishment.*

2354 *B. All areas within the licensed premises of a marijuana processing facility in which marijuana and*
 2355 *marijuana products are processed shall meet all sanitary standards specified in regulations adopted by the*
 2356 *Board. A marijuana processing facility that processes an edible marijuana product shall comply with the*
 2357 *requirements of Chapter 51 (§ 3.2-5100 et seq.) of Title 3.2 and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto.*

2358 *C. In accordance with the requirements of § 4.1-611, a marijuana processing facility licensee shall track*
 2359 *the marijuana it uses in its processing from the point the marijuana is delivered or transferred to the*
 2360 *marijuana processing facility by a marijuana transporter licensee to the point the marijuana or marijuana*
 2361 *products produced using the marijuana are delivered or transferred to another marijuana processing facility,*
 2362 *a retail marijuana store, a marijuana testing facility, or a marijuana transporter or are disposed of or*
 2363 *destroyed.*

2364 **§ 4.1-802. Retail marijuana store license.**

2365 *A. The Board may issue retail marijuana store licenses, which shall authorize the licensee to purchase or*
 2366 *take possession of marijuana, marijuana products, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds from a*
 2367 *marijuana cultivation facility or marijuana processing facility; to take possession of marijuana, marijuana*
 2368 *products, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds from a marijuana transporter; to sell marijuana,*
 2369 *marijuana products, marijuana paraphernalia, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds to consumers*
 2370 *on premises approved by the Board; to deliver marijuana, marijuana products, marijuana paraphernalia,*
 2371 *immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds only in person to consumers; to transfer possession of*
 2372 *marijuana, marijuana products, marijuana paraphernalia, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds to*
 2373 *marijuana delivery operators; and to transport marijuana, marijuana products, marijuana paraphernalia,*
 2374 *immature marijuana plants, and marijuana seeds from the retail marijuana store's licensed premises to*
 2375 *another retail marijuana store.*

2376 *B. Retail marijuana stores shall be operated in accordance with the following provisions:*

2377 *1. A person shall be 21 years of age or older to make a purchase in a retail marijuana store.*

2378 *2. A retail marijuana store shall be permitted to sell marijuana, marijuana products, immature marijuana*
 2379 *plants, or marijuana seeds to consumers only (i) in a direct, face-to-face exchange; (ii) using a licensed*
 2380 *marijuana delivery operator; or (iii) by delivery in person to consumers at any residence, including a*
 2381 *temporary residence, or business; however, a retail marijuana store shall not deliver marijuana, marijuana*
 2382 *products, marijuana paraphernalia, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds to (a) any military base,*
 2383 *child day center, school, or correctional facility; (b) the State Capitol; (c) hospital; (d) marine terminal*
 2384 *under the supervision of the Virginia Port Authority; or (e) any public gathering places, including sporting*
 2385 *events, festivals, fairs, races, concerts, and terminals of public transportation companies. A retail marijuana*
 2386 *store shall not be permitted to sell marijuana, marijuana products, marijuana paraphernalia, immature*
 2387 *marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds using:*

2388 *a. An automated dispensing or vending machine; or*

2389 *b. A drive-through sales window.*

2390 *3. A retail marijuana store shall not be permitted to sell more than two and one-half ounces of marijuana*
 2391 *or an equivalent amount of marijuana products as determined by regulation promulgated by the Board*
 2392 *during a single transaction to one person.*

2393 *4. A retail marijuana store shall not sell or market marijuana, marijuana products, marijuana*
 2394 *paraphernalia, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds through an internet-based sales platform*
 2395 *operated by a third party or fulfill any order referred by such internet-based sales platform operated by a*
 2396 *third party.*

2397 *5. A retail marijuana store shall not:*

2398 *a. Give away any marijuana, marijuana products, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds except*
 2399 *as otherwise permitted by this subtitle; or*

2400 *b. Sell marijuana, marijuana products, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds to any person*
 2401 *when at the time of such sale he knows or has reason to believe that the person attempting to purchase the*
 2402 *marijuana, marijuana product, immature marijuana plant, or marijuana seeds is intoxicated or is attempting*
 2403 *to purchase marijuana for someone younger than 21 years of age.*

2404 *6. In accordance with the requirements of § 4.1-611, a retail marijuana store licensee shall track all*
 2405 *marijuana, marijuana products, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds from the point at which the*
 2406 *marijuana, marijuana products, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds are delivered or transferred*
 2407 *to the retail marijuana store to the point at which the marijuana, marijuana products, immature marijuana*
 2408 *plants, or marijuana seeds are sold to a consumer, delivered or transferred to a marijuana testing facility,*
 2409 *transferred to a marijuana delivery operator, or disposed of or destroyed.*

2410 *7. A retail marijuana store shall not be subject to the requirements of Chapter 51 (§ 3.2-5100 et seq.) of*
 2411 *Title 3.2.*

2412 *C. Each retail marijuana store licensee shall post in each retail marijuana store notice of the existence of*

2413 *a human trafficking hotline to alert possible witnesses or victims of human trafficking to the availability of a*
2414 *means to report crimes or gain assistance. The notice required by this subsection shall (i) be posted in a*
2415 *place readily visible and accessible to the public and (ii) meet the requirements specified in subsection C of*
2416 *§ 40.1-11.3.*

2417 *D. Each retail marijuana store licensee shall prominently display and make available for dissemination to*
2418 *consumers Board-approved information regarding the potential risks of marijuana use.*

2419 *E. Each retail marijuana store licensee shall provide training, established by the Board, to all employees*
2420 *educating them on how to discuss the potential risks of marijuana use with consumers.*

2421 *F. All areas within the licensed premises of a retail marijuana store in which marijuana, marijuana*
2422 *products, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds are sold or stored shall meet all sanitary standards*
2423 *specified in regulations adopted by the Board.*

2424 **§ 4.1-803. Microbusiness license.**

2425 *A. The Board may issue microbusiness licenses, which shall authorize the licensee to conduct any*
2426 *activities authorized for marijuana cultivation facilities pursuant to § 4.1-800, marijuana processing*
2427 *facilities pursuant to § 4.1-801, and retail marijuana stores pursuant to § 4.1-802, as determined by the*
2428 *Board; however, (i) a microbusiness licensee shall process and sell only marijuana or marijuana products*
2429 *cultivated or processed by a microbusiness licensee; (ii) a microbusiness license shall authorize the licensee*
2430 *to cultivate marijuana indoors or outdoors with an indoor canopy that does not exceed 5,000 square feet and*
2431 *an outdoor canopy that does not exceed 10,000 square feet, or such other comparable limits as the Board*
2432 *may establish by regulation; and (iii) a microbusiness licensee shall not hold or control any other license and*
2433 *may operate only one licensed premises.*

2434 *B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a microbusiness licensee may conduct authorized*
2435 *activities at no more than two separate locations within the Commonwealth, provided that (i) each location is*
2436 *appropriately zoned and approved by the locality in which it is located; (ii) the locations are within 10 miles*
2437 *of one another; (iii) all locations operate under the same microbusiness license and common ownership and*
2438 *control; and (iv) no single license privilege, such as cultivating, processing, or retail sales, shall be exercised*
2439 *at more than one location.*

2440 *C. Unless otherwise provided by law or the Board, a microbusiness licensee shall be subject to the same*
2441 *statutory requirements and regulations as marijuana cultivation facilities, marijuana processing facilities,*
2442 *and retail marijuana stores, including requirements for (i) tracking all marijuana, marijuana products,*
2443 *immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds in accordance with § 4.1-611 and (ii) ensuring all areas*
2444 *within the licensed premises of the microbusiness meet all sanitary standards specified in regulations*
2445 *adopted by the Board.*

2446 **§ 4.1-804. Marijuana transporter license.**

2447 *A. The Board may issue marijuana transporter licenses, which shall authorize the licensee to take*
2448 *possession of marijuana, marijuana products, immature marijuana plants, and marijuana seeds from a*
2449 *marijuana cultivation facility, a marijuana processing facility, a retail marijuana store, a microbusiness, or*
2450 *another marijuana transporter; to transfer possession of marijuana, marijuana products, immature*
2451 *marijuana plants, and marijuana seeds to a marijuana cultivation facility, marijuana processing facility,*
2452 *retail marijuana store, microbusiness, or another marijuana transporter; and to transport marijuana,*
2453 *marijuana products, immature marijuana plants, and marijuana seeds from one licensed establishment to*
2454 *another.*

2455 *B. All areas within the licensed premises of a marijuana transporter in which marijuana and marijuana*
2456 *products are stored shall meet all sanitary standards specified in regulations adopted by the Board.*

2457 *C. In accordance with the requirements of § 4.1-611, a marijuana transporter licensee shall track the*
2458 *marijuana, marijuana products, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds from the point at which the*
2459 *marijuana, marijuana products, plants, or seeds are delivered or transferred to the marijuana transporter to*
2460 *the point at which the marijuana, marijuana products, plants, or seeds are transferred to a marijuana*
2461 *processor, marijuana transporter, retail marijuana store, microbusiness, or marijuana testing facility or are*
2462 *disposed of or destroyed.*

2463 **§ 4.1-805. Marijuana delivery operator license.**

2464 *A. The Board may issue marijuana delivery operator licenses, which shall authorize the licensee to take*
2465 *possession of marijuana or marijuana products from a retail marijuana store or microbusiness and deliver*
2466 *such marijuana or marijuana products only in person to consumers at any residence, including a temporary*
2467 *residence, or business; however, a delivery operator licensee shall not deliver marijuana or marijuana*
2468 *products to (i) any military base, child day center, school, or correctional facility; (ii) the State Capitol; (iii)*
2469 *hospital; (iv) marine terminal under the supervision of the Virginia Port Authority; or (v) any public*
2470 *gathering places, including sporting events, festivals, fairs, races, concerts, and terminals of public*
2471 *transportation companies.*

2472 *B. In accordance with the requirements of § 4.1-611, a marijuana delivery operator licensee shall track*
2473 *the marijuana or marijuana products from the point at which the marijuana or marijuana products are*
2474 *transferred to the marijuana delivery operator to the point at which the marijuana or marijuana products are*

2475 *delivered or transferred to the consumer or are disposed of or destroyed.*

2476 **§ 4.1-806. Marijuana testing facility license.**

2477 A. *The Board may issue marijuana testing facility licenses, which shall authorize the licensee to develop,*
2478 *research, transport, or test marijuana, marijuana products, and other substances.*

2479 B. *A marijuana testing facility may develop, research, or test marijuana and marijuana products for (i)*
2480 *that facility, (ii) another licensee, or (iii) a person who intends to use the marijuana or marijuana product for*
2481 *personal use as authorized under § 4.1-1100.*

2482 C. *Neither this subtitle nor the regulations adopted pursuant to this subtitle shall prevent a marijuana*
2483 *testing facility from developing, researching, or testing substances that are not marijuana or marijuana*
2484 *products for that facility or for another person.*

2485 D. *To obtain licensure from the Board, a marijuana testing facility shall be required to obtain and*
2486 *maintain accreditation pursuant to standard ISO/IEC 17025 of the International Organization for*
2487 *Standardization by a third-party accrediting body.*

2488 E. *In accordance with the requirements of § 4.1-611, a marijuana testing facility licensee shall track all*
2489 *marijuana and marijuana products it receives from a licensee for testing purposes from the point at which the*
2490 *marijuana or marijuana products are delivered or transferred to the marijuana testing facility to the point at*
2491 *which the marijuana or marijuana products are disposed of or destroyed.*

2492 F. *A person that has an interest in a marijuana testing facility license shall not have any interest in a*
2493 *licensed marijuana cultivation facility, licensed marijuana processing facility, licensed marijuana*
2494 *transporter, licensed retail marijuana store, or licensed microbusiness.*

2495 G. *All areas within the licensed premises of a marijuana testing facility in which marijuana or marijuana*
2496 *products are tested or stored shall meet all sanitary standards specified in regulations adopted by the Board.*

2497 **§ 4.1-807. Multiple licenses awarded to one person; limitations.**

2498 A. *As used in this section, "interest" means a direct or indirect equity ownership interest, a partial equity*
2499 *ownership interest, or any other financial or economic interest representing at least 10 percent or more of*
2500 *the ownership, voting power, or economic value of an entity, including being an investor, partner, member,*
2501 *officer, or director or serving in any other management position.*

2502 B. *A person may possess or hold interest in one or any combination of the following licenses pursuant to*
2503 *Board regulations: tier I marijuana cultivation facility license, tier II marijuana cultivation facility license,*
2504 *tier III marijuana cultivation facility license, tier IV marijuana cultivation facility license, tier V marijuana*
2505 *cultivation facility license, marijuana processing facility license, marijuana transporter license, marijuana*
2506 *delivery operator license, or retail marijuana store license. Board regulations shall be drawn to ensure that*
2507 *all licensees have an equal and meaningful opportunity to participate in the market. Moreover, except as*
2508 *provided in subsection C, (i) no person shall be granted or hold interest in more than five total licenses, not*
2509 *including marijuana transporter licenses, issued pursuant to this subtitle or more than one tier V marijuana*
2510 *cultivation facility license; (ii) no person that has been granted or holds interest in a marijuana cultivation*
2511 *facility license, marijuana processing facility license, marijuana transporter license, marijuana delivery*
2512 *operator license, retail marijuana store license, or microbusiness license shall be issued or hold interest in a*
2513 *marijuana testing facility license; and (iii) no person that has been granted or holds interest in a*
2514 *microbusiness license shall be issued or hold interest in any other marijuana establishment.*

2515 **§ 4.1-808. Temporary permits required in certain instances.**

2516 A. *The Board may grant a permit that shall authorize any person who purchases at a foreclosure, secured*
2517 *creditor's, or judicial auction sale the premises or property of a person licensed by the Board and who has*
2518 *become lawfully entitled to the possession of the licensed premises to continue to operate the marijuana*
2519 *establishment to the same extent as the license holder for a period not to exceed 60 days or for such longer*
2520 *period as determined by the Board. Such permit shall be temporary and shall confer the privileges of any*
2521 *licenses held by the previous owner to the extent determined by the Board. Such temporary permit may be*
2522 *issued in advance, conditioned on the requirements in this subsection.*

2523 B. *A temporary permit granted pursuant to subsection A may be revoked summarily by the Board for any*
2524 *cause set forth in § 4.1-900 without complying with subsection A of § 4.1-903. Revocation of a temporary*
2525 *permit shall be effective upon service of the order of revocation upon the permittee or upon the expiration of*
2526 *three business days after the order of the revocation has been mailed to the permittee at either his residence*
2527 *or the address given for the business in the permit application. No further notice shall be required.*

2528 **§ 4.1-809. Licensee shall maintain possession of premises.**

2529 *As a condition of licensure, a licensee shall at all times maintain possession of the licensed premises of*
2530 *the marijuana establishment that the licensee is licensed to operate, whether pursuant to a lease, rental*
2531 *agreement, or other arrangement for possession of the premises or by virtue of ownership of the premises. If*
2532 *the licensee fails to maintain possession of the licensed premises, the license shall be revoked by the Board.*

2533 **§ 4.1-810. Conditions under which the Board shall or may refuse to grant licenses.**

2534 A. *The Board may refuse to grant any license if it has reasonable cause to believe that the granting of the*
2535 *license would be detrimental to the interest, morals, safety, or welfare of the public or would be inconsistent*
2536 *with the provisions of this subtitle.*

2537 *B. The Board shall refuse to grant any license if it has reasonable cause to believe that:*
2538 *1. The applicant, or if the applicant is a partnership, any general partner thereof, or if the applicant is an*
2539 *association, any member thereof, or a limited partner of 10 percent or more with voting rights, or if the*
2540 *applicant is a corporation, any officer, director, or shareholder owning 10 percent or more of its capital*
2541 *stock, or if the applicant is a limited liability company, any member-manager or any member owning 10*
2542 *percent or more of the membership interest of the limited liability company:*
2543 *a. Is not 21 years of age or older;*
2544 *b. Has been convicted in any court of a felony, other than a conviction for a felony violation of*
2545 *§ 18.2-248.1, or any crime or offense involving moral turpitude under the laws of any state or of the United*
2546 *States within seven years of the date of the application or has not completed all terms of sentencing and*
2547 *probation resulting from any such conviction;*
2548 *c. Knowingly employs or allows to volunteer someone younger than 21 years of age;*
2549 *d. Is not the legitimate owner of the business proposed to be licensed, or other persons have ownership*
2550 *interests in the business that have not been disclosed;*
2551 *e. Has not demonstrated financial responsibility sufficient to meet the requirements of the business*
2552 *proposed to be licensed;*
2553 *f. Has misrepresented a material fact in applying to the Board for a license;*
2554 *g. Has defrauded or attempted to defraud the Board, or any federal, state, or local government or*
2555 *governmental agency or authority, by making or filing any report, document, or tax return required by statute*
2556 *or regulation that is fraudulent or contains a false representation of a material fact, or has willfully deceived*
2557 *or attempted to deceive the Board, or any federal, state, or local government or governmental agency or*
2558 *authority, by making or maintaining business records required by statute or regulation that are false or*
2559 *fraudulent;*
2560 *h. Is violating or allowing the violation of any provision of this subtitle in his establishment at the time his*
2561 *application for a license is pending;*
2562 *i. Is a full-time or part-time employee of the Department of State Police or of a police department or*
2563 *sheriff's office that is a part of or administered by the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof,*
2564 *and who is responsible for the enforcement of the penal, traffic, or motor vehicle laws of the Commonwealth;*
2565 *j. Has been sanctioned by the Board pursuant to regulations promulgated by the Board for a violation*
2566 *pursuant to Chapter 16 (§ 4.1-1600 et seq.);*
2567 *k. Is physically unable to carry on the business for which the application for a license is filed or has been*
2568 *adjudicated incapacitated; or*
2569 *l. Is delinquent for a period of 90 days or more in the payment of any taxes, or any penalties or interest*
2570 *related thereto, lawfully imposed by the locality where the place to be occupied by the applicant is located, as*
2571 *certified by the treasurer, commissioner of the revenue, or finance director of such locality, unless (i) the*
2572 *outstanding amount is de minimis; (ii) the applicant has pending a bona fide application for correction or*
2573 *appeal with respect to such taxes, penalties, or interest; or (iii) the applicant has entered into a payment plan*
2574 *approved by the same locality to settle the outstanding liability.*
2575 *2. The applicant is a member or employee of the Board or is a corporation or other business entity in*
2576 *which a member or employee of the Board is a stockholder or has any other economic interest. Whenever any*
2577 *other elected or appointed official of the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof applies for such*
2578 *a license or continuance thereof, he shall state on the application the official position he holds, and whenever*
2579 *a corporation or other business entity in which any such official is a stockholder or has any other economic*
2580 *interest applies for such a license, it shall state on the application the full economic interests of each such*
2581 *official in such corporation or other business entity.*
2582 *3. The place to be occupied by the applicant:*
2583 *a. Does not conform to the requirements of the governing body of the county, city, or town in which such*
2584 *place is located with respect to sanitation, health, construction, or equipment, or to any similar requirements*
2585 *established by the laws of the Commonwealth or by Board regulation;*
2586 *b. Is so located that granting a license and operation thereunder by the applicant would result in*
2587 *violations of this subtitle or Board regulations or violation of the laws of the Commonwealth or local*
2588 *ordinances relating to peace and good order;*
2589 *c. When the applicant is applying for a retail marijuana store license or microbusiness license, is (i)*
2590 *located within 1,000 feet of any place of religious worship; hospital; public, private, or parochial school or*
2591 *institution of higher education; public or private playground or other similar recreational facility; child day*
2592 *program; substance use disorder treatment facility; or federal, state, or local government-operated facility,*
2593 *unless the locality has adopted an ordinance decreasing the minimum distance requirement between retail*
2594 *marijuana stores or microbusinesses and such facilities, programs, or institutions or (ii) so located with*
2595 *respect to any such facilities, programs, or institutions that the operation of such place under such license*
2596 *will adversely affect or interfere with the normal, orderly conduct of the affairs of such facilities, programs,*
2597 *or institutions;*
2598 *d. When the applicant is applying for a retail marijuana store license or microbusiness license, is so*

2599 *located with respect to any residence or residential area that the operation of such place under such license*
 2600 *will adversely affect real property values or substantially interfere with the usual quietude and tranquility of*
 2601 *such residence or residential area;*

2602 *e. When the applicant is applying for a retail marijuana store license or microbusiness license, is located*
 2603 *within 1,000 feet of an existing retail marijuana store or microbusiness, unless the locality has adopted an*
 2604 *ordinance decreasing the distance requirement between retail marijuana stores;*

2605 *f. Is so constructed, arranged, or illuminated that law-enforcement officers and agents of the Board are*
 2606 *prevented from ready access to and reasonable observation of any room or area within which marijuana or*
 2607 *marijuana products are to be sold; or*

2608 *g. Is an establishment where alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or tobacco products are manufactured, sold,*
 2609 *or used.*

2610 *Nothing in this subdivision 3 shall be construed to require an applicant to have secured a place or*
 2611 *premises until the final stage of the license approval process.*

2612 *4. The number of licenses existing in the locality is such that the granting of a license is detrimental to the*
 2613 *interest, morals, safety, or welfare of the public. In reaching such conclusion, the Board shall consider (i) the*
 2614 *criteria established by the Board to evaluate new licensees based on the density of retail marijuana stores in*
 2615 *the community; (ii) the character of, population of, number of similar licenses in, and number of all licenses*
 2616 *existent in the particular county, city, or town and the immediate neighborhood concerned; (iii) the effect that*
 2617 *a new license may have on such county, city, town, or neighborhood in conforming with the purposes of this*
 2618 *subtitle; and (iv) the objections, if any, that may have been filed by a local governing body or local residents.*

2619 *5. There exists any law, ordinance, or regulation of the United States, the Commonwealth, or any political*
 2620 *subdivision thereof that warrants refusal by the Board to grant any license.*

2621 *6. The Board is not authorized under this subtitle to grant such license.*

2622 **§ 4.1-811. Denial of license or permit final.**

2623 *A. The denial of a license or permit by the Board shall be final unless appealed pursuant to § 4.1-1009.*

2624 **CHAPTER 9.**

2625 **ADMINISTRATION OF LICENSES; DENIAL, SUSPENSION, AND REVOCATION.**

2626 **§ 4.1-900. Grounds for which Board may suspend or revoke licenses.**

2627 *A. The Board may suspend or revoke any license if it has reasonable cause to believe that:*

2628 *1. The licensee, or if the licensee is a partnership, any general partner thereof, or if the licensee is an*
 2629 *association, any member thereof, or a limited partner of 10 percent or more with voting rights, or if the*
 2630 *licensee is a corporation, any officer, director, or shareholder owning 10 percent or more of its capital stock,*
 2631 *or if the licensee is a limited liability company, any member-manager or any member owning 10 percent or*
 2632 *more of the membership interest of the limited liability company:*

2633 *a. Has misrepresented a material fact in applying to the Board for such license;*

2634 *b. Within the five years immediately preceding the date of the hearing held in accordance with § 4.1-903,*
 2635 *has (i) violated any provision of Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.), Chapter 12 (§ 4.1-1200 et seq.), or Chapter*
 2636 *13 (§ 4.1-1300 et seq.); (ii) committed a violation of this subtitle in bad faith; (iii) violated or failed or*
 2637 *refused to comply with any regulation, rule, or order of the Board; or (iv) failed or refused to comply with*
 2638 *any of the conditions or restrictions of the license granted by the Board;*

2639 *c. Has been convicted in any court of a felony or of any crime or offense involving moral turpitude under*
 2640 *the laws of any state or of the United States;*

2641 *d. Is not the legitimate owner of the business conducted under the license granted by the Board, or other*
 2642 *persons have ownership interests in the business that have not been disclosed;*

2643 *e. Cannot demonstrate financial responsibility sufficient to meet the requirements of the business*
 2644 *conducted under the license granted by the Board;*

2645 *f. Has been intoxicated or under the influence of some self-administered drug while upon the licensed*
 2646 *premises;*

2647 *g. Has maintained the licensed premises in an unsanitary condition, or allowed such premises to become*
 2648 *a meeting place or rendezvous for members of a criminal street gang as defined in § 18.2-46.1 or persons of*
 2649 *ill repute, or has allowed any form of illegal gambling, as defined in § 18.2-325, to take place upon such*
 2650 *premises;*

2651 *h. Has allowed any person whom he knew or had reason to believe was intoxicated to loiter upon such*
 2652 *licensed premises;*

2653 *i. Has allowed any person to consume upon the licensed premises any marijuana or marijuana product;*

2654 *j. Is physically unable to carry on the business conducted under such license or has been adjudicated*
 2655 *incapacitated;*

2656 *k. Has possessed any illegal gambling device upon the licensed premises;*

2657 *l. Has upon the licensed premises (i) illegally possessed, distributed, sold, or used, or has knowingly*
 2658 *allowed any employee or agent, or any other person, to illegally possess, distribute, sell, or use, controlled*
 2659 *substances, imitation controlled substances, drug paraphernalia, or controlled paraphernalia as those terms*
 2660 *are defined in Articles 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) and 1.1 (§ 18.2-265.1 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2 and the*

2661 Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.); (ii) laundered money in violation of § 18.2-246.3; or (iii) conspired
 2662 to commit any drug-related offense in violation of Article 1 or 1.1 of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2 or the Drug
 2663 Control Act. The provisions of this subdivision l shall also apply to any conduct related to the operation of
 2664 the licensed business that facilitates the commission of any of the offenses set forth herein;

2665 m. Has failed to take reasonable measures to prevent (i) the licensed premises, (ii) any premises
 2666 immediately adjacent to the licensed premises that is owned or leased by the licensee, or (iii) any portion of
 2667 public property immediately adjacent to the licensed premises from becoming a place where patrons of the
 2668 establishment commit criminal violations of Article 1 (§ 18.2-30 et seq.), 2 (§ 18.2-38 et seq.), 2.1
 2669 (§ 18.2-46.1 et seq.), 2.2 (§ 18.2-46.4 et seq.), 3 (§ 18.2-47 et seq.), 4 (§ 18.2-51 et seq.), 5 (§ 18.2-58 et seq.),
 2670 6 (§ 18.2-59 et seq.), or 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2; Article 2 (§ 18.2-266 et seq.) of
 2671 Chapter 7 of Title 18.2; Article 3 (§ 18.2-346 et seq.) or 5 (§ 18.2-372 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2; or
 2672 Article 1 (§ 18.2-404 et seq.), 2 (§ 18.2-415), or 3 (§ 18.2-416 et seq.) of Chapter 9 of Title 18.2 and such
 2673 violations lead to arrests that are so frequent and serious as to reasonably be deemed a continuing threat to
 2674 the public safety;

2675 n. Has failed to take reasonable measures to prevent an act of violence resulting in death or serious
 2676 bodily injury, or a recurrence of such acts, from occurring on (i) the licensed premises, (ii) any premises
 2677 immediately adjacent to the licensed premises that is owned or leased by the licensee, or (iii) any portion of
 2678 public property immediately adjacent to the licensed premises; or

2679 o. Has been sanctioned by the Board pursuant to regulations promulgated by the Board for a violation
 2680 pursuant to Chapter 16 (§ 4.1-1600 et seq.).

2681 2. The place occupied by the licensee:

2682 a. Does not conform to the requirements of the governing body of the county, city, or town in which such
 2683 establishment is located, with respect to sanitation, health, construction, or equipment, or to any similar
 2684 requirements established by the laws of the Commonwealth or by Board regulations;

2685 b. Has been adjudicated a common nuisance under the provisions of this subtitle or § 18.2-258; or

2686 c. Has become a meeting place or rendezvous for illegal gambling, illegal users of narcotics, drunks,
 2687 prostitutes, pimps, panderers, or habitual law violators or has become a place where illegal drugs are
 2688 regularly used or distributed. The Board may consider the general reputation in the community of such
 2689 establishment in addition to any other competent evidence in making such determination.

2690 3. The licensee or any employee of the licensee discriminated against any member of the Armed Forces of
 2691 the United States by prices charged or otherwise.

2692 4. Any cause exists for which the Board would have been entitled to refuse to grant such license had the
 2693 facts been known.

2694 5. The licensee is delinquent for a period of 90 days or more in the payment of any taxes, or any penalties
 2695 or interest related thereto, lawfully imposed by the locality where the licensed business is located, as certified
 2696 by the treasurer, commissioner of the revenue, or finance director of such locality, unless (i) the outstanding
 2697 amount is de minimis; (ii) the licensee has pending a bona fide application for correction or appeal with
 2698 respect to such taxes, penalties, or interest; or (iii) the licensee has entered into a payment plan approved by
 2699 the same locality to settle the outstanding liability.

2700 6. The licensee has been convicted for a violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1324a(f), as amended, for actions of its
 2701 agents or employees constituting a pattern or practice of employing unauthorized aliens on the licensed
 2702 premises in the Commonwealth.

2703 7. The Board finds that the licensee assigned, sold, or transferred a license or changed ownership or
 2704 control of the license without prior written approval of the Board as required pursuant to § 4.1-702.

2705 8. Any other cause authorized by this subtitle.

2706 B. The Board shall promulgate regulations regarding suspension and revocation standards and protocols.

2707 **§ 4.1-901. Summary suspension in emergency circumstances; grounds; notice and hearing.**

2708 A. The Board may summarily suspend or restrict any license or permit without a hearing if the Board
 2709 finds that such suspension or restriction is necessary to prevent substantial danger to public health or safety.
 2710 The Board shall make decisions to summarily suspend or restrict a license or permit only during an in-person
 2711 meeting in which a quorum is present; however, if, after a good faith effort, the Board is unable to assemble a
 2712 quorum and a majority of the Board members determine that continued operation by the licensee or
 2713 permittee constitutes a substantial danger to public health or safety, the Board may summarily suspend the
 2714 license or permit during a telephone, video, or other electronic conference. Institution of proceedings for a
 2715 hearing shall be provided simultaneously with a summary suspension. The Board may summarily restrict a
 2716 license or permit without proceeding simultaneously with notification of an informal conference pursuant to
 2717 § 2.2-4019 or Board regulations. Such hearing or conference shall be held within a reasonable amount of
 2718 time after the summary suspension or restriction is issued.

2719 B. Allegations of violations of this subtitle shall be submitted to the Board in writing.

2720 C. This section shall not apply to temporary permits granted under § 4.1-808.

2721 **§ 4.1-902. Grounds for which Board shall suspend or revoke licenses.**

2722 The Board shall suspend or revoke any license if it finds that:

2723 1. A licensee has violated or permitted the violation of § 18.2-331, relating to the illegal possession of a
2724 gambling device, upon the premises for which the Board has granted a retail marijuana store or
2725 microbusiness license.

2726 2. A licensee has defrauded or attempted to defraud the Board, or any federal, state, or local government
2727 or governmental agency or authority, by making or filing any report, document, or tax return required by
2728 statute or regulation that is fraudulent or contains a willful or knowing false representation of a material fact
2729 or has willfully deceived or attempted to deceive the Board, or any federal, state, or local government or
2730 governmental agency or authority, by making or maintaining business records required by statute or
2731 regulation that are false or fraudulent.

2732 3. The licensee is not operational within 24 months of the issuance of the license.

2733 **§ 4.1-903. Suspension or revocation of licenses; notice and hearings; imposition of civil penalties.**

2734 A. Before the Board may suspend or revoke any license, reasonable notice of such proposed or
2735 contemplated action shall be given to the licensee in accordance with the provisions of § 2.2-4020 of the
2736 Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.).

2737 Notwithstanding the provisions of § 2.2-4022, the Board shall, upon written request by the licensee,
2738 permit the licensee to inspect and copy or photograph all (i) written or recorded statements made by the
2739 licensee or copies thereof or the substance of any oral statements made by the licensee or a previous or
2740 present employee of the licensee to any law-enforcement officer, the existence of which is known by the Board
2741 and upon which the Board intends to rely as evidence in any adversarial proceeding under this subtitle
2742 against the licensee, and (ii) designated books, papers, documents, tangible objects, buildings, or places, or
2743 copies or portions thereof, that are within the possession, custody, or control of the Board and upon which
2744 the Board intends to rely as evidence in any adversarial proceeding under this subtitle against the licensee.
2745 In addition, any subpoena for the production of documents issued to any person at the request of the licensee
2746 or the Board pursuant to § 4.1-604 shall provide for the production of the documents sought within 10
2747 working days, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in § 4.1-604.

2748 If the Board fails to provide for inspection or copying under this section for the licensee after a written
2749 request, the Board shall be prohibited from introducing into evidence any items the licensee would have
2750 lawfully been entitled to inspect or copy under this section.

2751 The action of the Board in suspending or revoking any license or in imposing a civil penalty shall be
2752 subject to judicial review in accordance with the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.). Such review
2753 shall extend to the entire evidential record of the proceedings provided by the Board in accordance with the
2754 Administrative Process Act. An appeal shall lie to the Court of Appeals from any order of the court.
2755 Notwithstanding § 8.01-676.1, the final judgment or order of the circuit court shall not be suspended, stayed,
2756 or modified by such circuit court pending appeal to the Court of Appeals. Neither mandamus nor injunction
2757 shall lie in any such case.

2758 B. In suspending any license, the Board may impose, as a condition precedent to the removal of such
2759 suspension or any portion thereof, a requirement that the licensee pay the cost incurred by the Board in
2760 investigating the licensee and in holding the proceeding resulting in such suspension, or it may impose and
2761 collect such civil penalties as it deems appropriate. In no event shall the Board impose a civil penalty
2762 exceeding \$2,000 for the first violation occurring within five years immediately preceding the date of the
2763 violation or \$5,000 for the second or subsequent violation occurring within five years immediately preceding
2764 the date of the second or subsequent violation. However, if the violation involved selling marijuana or
2765 marijuana products to a person prohibited from purchasing marijuana or marijuana products or allowing
2766 consumption of marijuana or marijuana products, the Board may impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$3,000
2767 for the first violation occurring within five years immediately preceding the date of the violation and \$6,000
2768 for a second or subsequent violation occurring within five years immediately preceding the date of the second
2769 or subsequent violation in lieu of such suspension or any portion thereof, or both. The Board may also
2770 impose a requirement that the licensee pay for the cost incurred by the Board not exceeding \$25,000 in
2771 investigating the licensee and in holding the proceeding resulting in the violation in addition to any
2772 suspension or civil penalty incurred.

2773 C. Following notice to (i) the licensee of a hearing that may result in the suspension or revocation of his
2774 license or (ii) the applicant of a hearing to resolve a contested application, the Board may accept a consent
2775 agreement as authorized in § 4.1-604. The notice shall advise the licensee or applicant of the option to (a)
2776 admit the alleged violation or the validity of the objection; (b) waive any right to a hearing or an appeal
2777 under the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.); and (c) (1) accept the proposed restrictions for
2778 operating under the license, (2) accept the period of suspension of the licensed privileges within the Board's
2779 parameters, (3) pay a civil penalty in lieu of the period of suspension, or any portion of the suspension as
2780 applicable, or (4) proceed to a hearing.

2781 D. The Board shall, by regulation or written order:

2782 1. Designate those (i) objections to an application or (ii) alleged violations that will proceed to an initial
2783 hearing;

2784 2. Designate the violations for which a waiver of a hearing and payment of a civil charge in lieu of

2785 suspension may be accepted for a first offense occurring within three years immediately preceding the date of
2786 the violation;

2787 3. Provide for a reduction in the length of any suspension and a reduction in the amount of any civil
2788 penalty for any retail marijuana store or microbusiness licensee where the licensee can demonstrate that it
2789 provided to its employees marijuana seller training certified in advance by the Board;

2790 4. Establish a schedule of penalties for such offenses, prescribing the appropriate suspension of a license
2791 and the civil charge acceptable in lieu of such suspension; and

2792 5. Establish a schedule of offenses for which any penalty may be waived upon a showing that the licensee
2793 has had no prior violations within five years immediately preceding the date of the violation. No waiver shall
2794 be granted by the Board, however, for a licensee's willful and knowing violation of this subtitle or Board
2795 regulations.

2796 **§ 4.1-904. Suspension or revocation; disposition of marijuana or marijuana products on hand;
2797 termination.**

2798 A. Marijuana or marijuana products owned by or in the possession of or for sale by any licensee at the
2799 time the license of such person is suspended or revoked may be disposed of as follows:

2800 1. Sold to persons in the Commonwealth licensed to sell such marijuana or marijuana products upon
2801 permits granted by the Board in accordance with § 4.1-808 and conditions specified by the Board; or

2802 2. Destroyed by the Board or its designee.

2803 B. Marijuana or marijuana products owned by or in the possession of or for sale by any licensee at the
2804 time the license of such person is suspended may be placed on administrative hold by the Board during any
2805 such suspension period. For the purpose of this subsection, "administrative hold" means a status given to
2806 marijuana or marijuana product by the Board that prohibits any activity with the marijuana or marijuana
2807 product, including waste, sale, or transfer of the marijuana or marijuana product, until the administrative
2808 hold is lifted.

2809 C. All marijuana or marijuana products owned by or in the possession of any person whose license is
2810 suspended or revoked shall be placed on administrative hold or disposed of by such person in accordance
2811 with the provisions of this section within 60 days from the date of such suspension or revocation.

2812 D. Marijuana or marijuana products owned by or in the possession of or for sale by persons whose
2813 licenses have been terminated other than by suspension or revocation may be disposed of in accordance with
2814 subsection A within such time as the Board deems proper. Such period shall not be less than 60 days.

2815 E. All marijuana or marijuana products owned by or remaining in the possession of any person described
2816 in subsection A or D after the expiration of such period shall be deemed contraband and forfeited to the
2817 Commonwealth in accordance with the provisions of § 4.1-1303.

2818 CHAPTER 10.

2819 ADMINISTRATION OF LICENSES; APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES; FEES; TAXES.

2820 **§ 4.1-1000. Applications for licenses; procedures; notice to localities; fees; permits.**

2821 A. The Authority shall announce the commencement of a licensing period in advance of accepting
2822 applications for marijuana establishment licenses. At a minimum, the announcement shall include:

2823 1. The types of licenses that will be available during the licensing period;

2824 2. If the Board limits the number of a type of license that will be available, the number of that type of
2825 license available in the licensing period;

2826 3. The date on which the Authority will begin accepting applications; and

2827 4. The date on which the Authority will no longer accept applications.

2828 B. Every person intending to apply for any license authorized by this subtitle shall file with the Board an
2829 application on forms provided by the Board and a statement in writing by the applicant swearing and
2830 affirming that all of the information contained therein is true.

2831 C. Such applications, including applications for renewal, shall include any information necessary for the
2832 Board to determine whether the applicant meets or continues to meet the criteria set forth in subdivision B 13
2833 of § 4.1-606. If the Authority receives an application that fails to include such required information or an
2834 applicant fails to pay the applicable application fee as required by subsection K, the Authority shall issue a
2835 deficiency notice to the applicant. The applicant may submit the required information or pay the required
2836 application fee within 10 calendar days from the date of the deficiency notice. Failure by an applicant to
2837 submit all required information or pay the application fee within such 10-day period shall result in the
2838 application being rejected.

2839 D. After an applicant submits an application that contains all required information and pays the
2840 applicable application fee, the Authority shall review the application. The Authority may deny an application
2841 if:

2842 1. The application is incomplete;

2843 2. The application contains a materially false statement about the applicant or omits information
2844 required;

2845 3. The applicant meets any condition set forth in § 4.1-810;

2846 4. The applicant is prohibited from holding the license under this subtitle;

- 2847 5. The applicant fails to pay the applicable application fee;
 2848 6. The application was not submitted by the application deadline;
 2849 7. The applicant submitted more than one application for a license type; or
 2850 8. The Authority determines that the applicant would be prohibited from holding a license for any other
 2851 reason.

2852 If the Authority denies an application, the Authority shall notify the applicant of the denial and the basis
 2853 for the denial. The Authority may request additional information from any applicant if the Authority
 2854 determines that the information is necessary to review or process the application. If the applicant does not
 2855 provide the additional requested information within 10 calendar days of the Authority's request for
 2856 information, the Authority may deny the application. An applicant whose application is not denied pursuant
 2857 to this subsection is a qualified applicant.

2858 E. If the number of qualified applicants seeking a type of license exceeds the number of licenses of that
 2859 type that are made available, the Authority shall first conduct a lottery to select qualified applicants for
 2860 preliminary license approval. If the number of impact licensee applicants seeking a type of license exceeds
 2861 the number of licenses made available for impact licensee applicants, the Authority shall first conduct a
 2862 lottery consisting of impact licensee applicants to select applicants for preliminary license approval. If an
 2863 impact licensee applicant is not selected in a lottery conducted under this paragraph, the Authority shall
 2864 include the impact licensee applicant in the pool of qualified applicants for licenses of that type that are
 2865 made available to all applicants. A lottery conducted pursuant to this section shall be impartial, random, and
 2866 in a format determined by the Authority.

2867 F. Following the completion of any lottery conducted pursuant to this section, the Authority shall notify
 2868 each applicant entered in the lottery that the applicant was either selected in the lottery for preliminary
 2869 license approval or not selected in the lottery. Within 18 months of receiving notice that an applicant was
 2870 selected in the lottery for preliminary license approval, such applicant shall provide:

- 2871 1. The address and legal property description of the location where the marijuana establishment will
 2872 operate;
 2873 2. The name of the local governing body where the marijuana establishment will be located;
 2874 3. If applicable, an updated description of the location where the marijuana establishment will operate,
 2875 an updated security plan, and any other additional information required by the Authority; and
 2876 4. For applicants for licenses for establishments that are otherwise required to obtain an inspection by the
 2877 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, proof of inspection or proof of a pending request for such
 2878 inspection.

2879 A preliminary license approval expires after 18 months unless the Authority revokes the preliminary
 2880 license approval or grants an extension. The Authority may grant a one-time extension of up to six months if
 2881 an applicant has made good faith efforts to convert a preliminary license approval into a license. The
 2882 Authority shall not issue a license to an applicant whose preliminary license approval has expired. If the
 2883 Authority determines that an applicant is not eligible for a license, the Authority may revoke a preliminary
 2884 license approval. The Authority shall notify an applicant if the Authority revokes the applicant's preliminary
 2885 license approval or if the applicant's preliminary license approval expires.

2886 G. Upon receipt of the information required under subsection F from an applicant that has received
 2887 preliminary license approval, the Authority shall: (i) notify the local governing body of the applicant through
 2888 the town manager, city manager, county administrator, or other designee of the locality; (ii) schedule a site
 2889 inspection; and (iii) require the applicant to pay the applicable license fee established pursuant to
 2890 § 4.1-1002. Local governing bodies notified pursuant to clause (i) shall submit any objections to the granting
 2891 of a license within 30 days of the Authority's notification;

2892 H. The Authority may deny final authorization of a license if:

- 2893 1. An applicant fails to submit any required information;
 2894 2. The applicant submits a materially false statement about the applicant or fails to provide any required
 2895 information;
 2896 3. The Authority confirms that the marijuana establishment for which the Authority granted preliminary
 2897 license approval does not meet local zoning and land use laws;
 2898 4. The applicant fails to pay the applicable license fee;
 2899 5. The applicant meets any condition set forth in § 4.1-810; or
 2900 6. The Authority determines that the applicant is disqualified from holding the license or would operate in
 2901 violation of the provisions of this subtitle.

2902 I. Within 90 days of receiving the information required under subsection F and the results of any required
 2903 background check pursuant to subsection J, the Authority shall grant final authorization and issue the
 2904 appropriate license or send the applicant a notice of rejection setting forth the specific reasons that the
 2905 Authority did not issue the license. If final authorization is granted and a license is issued to an establishment
 2906 that is otherwise required to obtain an inspection by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
 2907 and such licensee provided proof of a pending request for such inspection pursuant to subdivision F 4, such
 2908 license shall authorize the licensee to purchase marijuana, marijuana products, immature marijuana plants,

2909 *or marijuana seeds in accordance with the provisions of this subtitle; however, the licensee shall not sell*
2910 *marijuana, marijuana products, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds until an inspection is*
2911 *completed.*

2912 *J. The Board, in conjunction with an accredited law-enforcement agency, shall conduct a background*
2913 *investigation, including a criminal history records check and fingerprinting, of the following individuals: (i)*
2914 *every individual applying for a license or permit pursuant to this subtitle; (ii) every individual who is an*
2915 *officer, director, or principal of a licensee or applicant for a license; and (iii) all permit holders and officers,*
2916 *directors, principals. Each such individual shall submit his fingerprints and personal descriptive information*
2917 *to the Central Criminal Records Exchange to be forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a*
2918 *national criminal records search and to the Department of State Police for a Virginia criminal history*
2919 *records check. The results of the background check and national and state criminal records check shall be*
2920 *returned to the Board. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board may accept a third-party local and national*
2921 *criminal background check submitted by any such individual specified in clause (i), (ii), or (iii) in lieu of a*
2922 *fingerprint-based national criminal history records check. Any such third-party background check shall (a)*
2923 *be conducted by a third-party consumer reporting agency or background screening company that is in*
2924 *compliance with the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.) and accredited by the*
2925 *Professional Background Screening Association, and (b) include a multistate and multi-jurisdiction criminal*
2926 *record locator or other similar commercial nationwide database with validation and other such background*
2927 *screening as the Board may require. The applicant shall request such background check not more than 60*
2928 *days prior to submission of the application.*

2929 *In considering criminal history record information, subject to the provisions of subdivision B 1 b of*
2930 *§ 4.1-810, the Board shall not disqualify an applicant because of a past conviction for a marijuana-related*
2931 *offense.*

2932 *K. Each applicant shall pay the required application fee at the time the application is filed. The license*
2933 *application fee shall be determined by the Board and shall be in addition to the actual cost charged to the*
2934 *Department of State Police by the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the Central Criminal Records*
2935 *Exchange for processing any fingerprints through the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the Central*
2936 *Criminal Records Exchange for each criminal history records search required by the Board. Application fees*
2937 *shall be in addition to the state license fee required pursuant to § 4.1-1001 and shall not be refunded.*

2938 *L. Subsection B shall not apply to the continuance of licenses granted under this subtitle; however, all*
2939 *licensees shall file and maintain with the Board a current, accurate record of the information required by the*
2940 *Board pursuant to subsection C and notify the Board of any changes to such information in accordance with*
2941 *Board regulations.*

2942 *M. Every application for a permit granted pursuant to § 4.1-808 shall be on a form provided by the*
2943 *Board. Such permits shall confer upon their holders no authority to make solicitations in the Commonwealth*
2944 *as otherwise provided by law.*

2945 *The fee for a temporary permit shall be one-twelfth of the combined fees required by this section for*
2946 *applicable licenses to sell marijuana or marijuana products computed to the nearest cent and multiplied by*
2947 *the number of months for which the permit is granted.*

2948 *N. If the Authority holds a lottery as provided in this section, the Authority shall retain the applications of*
2949 *any applicant not selected in the lottery for one year. The Authority shall consider a retained application*
2950 *during any licensing periods that begin within the year and, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the*
2951 *Authority shall treat a retained application as if the application were submitted during the licensing period.*

2952 *At the beginning of a subsequent licensing period, the applicant may amend an application or provide*
2953 *additional information to the Authority and the Authority may request additional information from any*
2954 *applicant whose application is retained to determine if the applicant meets the requirements for a subsequent*
2955 *licensing period. If the applicant does not provide the requested information to the Authority within 14*
2956 *calendar days of the Authority's request, the Authority may deny the application. The Authority shall not*
2957 *charge an additional application fee to an applicant whose application was retained.*

2958 *An applicant may withdraw a retained application at any time. If the applicant withdraws a retained*
2959 *application, the applicant may submit a new application during a licensing period. An applicant withdrew a*
2960 *retained application and submits a new application shall pay the applicable application fee. The Authority*
2961 *may disqualify an application from retention if the Authority could deny the application pursuant to*
2962 *subsection D.*

2963 **§ 4.1-1001. Labor peace agreements.**

2964 *A. For purposes of this section:*

2965 *"Bona fide labor organization" means a labor organization, as defined by 29 U.S.C. § 402(i), that is*
2966 *actively seeking to represent marijuana establishment employees in the Commonwealth. In determining*
2967 *whether a labor organization is a bona fide labor organization, the Authority shall consider each of the*
2968 *following as indicative, but not determinative, of a finding that a labor organization is a bona fide labor*
2969 *organization:*

2970 *1. The labor organization has been recognized or certified as the bargaining representative for marijuana*

2971 establishment employees in the Commonwealth;

2972 2. The labor organization has executed current collective bargaining agreements with marijuana
2973 establishment employers in the Commonwealth;

2974 3. The labor organization has spent resources as part of current and active attempts to organize and
2975 represent marijuana establishments in the Commonwealth;

2976 4. The labor organization has filed the annual report required by 29 U.S.C. § 431(b) for the three years
2977 immediately preceding;

2978 5. The labor organization has audited financial reports covering the three years immediately preceding;

2979 6. The existence of written bylaws or a constitution for the three years immediately preceding; and

2980 7. The labor organization's affiliation with any regional or national association of unions, including
2981 central labor councils.

2982 "Labor peace agreement" means an agreement between a marijuana establishment and a bona fide labor
2983 organization that, at a minimum, protects the Commonwealth's proprietary interests by prohibiting the labor
2984 organization from engaging in picketing, work stoppages, or boycotts against the marijuana establishment.

2985 B. All marijuana establishment license applicants, renewal applicants, and license holders shall have
2986 entered into, maintained, and abided by the terms of a labor peace agreement. Such labor peace agreement
2987 requirement is an ongoing material condition of the license, of which a violation may result in denial,
2988 suspension, or revocation of the license.

2989 C. All initial marijuana establishment license applicants shall submit a labor peace agreement attestation
2990 (LPA attestation) signed by both the applicant and the bona fide labor organization stating that the applicant
2991 meets this section's requirements and has entered into, maintained, and abided by the terms of the LPA
2992 attestation. All renewal applicants must submit a new LPA attestation executed within 10 days of the
2993 submission date of the renewal application. An applicant's failure to submit a timely LPA attestation shall
2994 result in a denial of the initial or renewal license.

2995 D. The Authority shall be required to determine a schedule establishing the ongoing review of the status
2996 and maintenance of a labor peace agreement to assess eligibility of license holder. Upon review and findings
2997 of unsatisfactory status or the insufficient maintenance of a labor peace agreement, the Authority shall
2998 suspend a licensee for a marijuana establishment.

2999 **§ 4.1-1002. Fees for state licenses.**

3000 A. Annual fees on state licenses shall be established by the Board in an amount sufficient to cover the
3001 costs of regulating the marijuana establishment

3002 B. Nothing in this subtitle shall exempt any licensee from any state merchants' license or state restaurant
3003 license or any other state tax. Every licensee, in addition to the taxes and fees imposed by this subtitle, shall
3004 be liable to state merchants' license taxation, state restaurant license taxation, and other state taxation.

3005 C. In addition to the fees set forth in this section, a fee of \$5 may be imposed on any license purchased in
3006 person from the Board if such license is available for purchase online.

3007 D. The Board shall have the authority to increase state license fees. The Board shall set the amount of
3008 such increases on the basis of the consumer price index and shall not increase fees more than once every
3009 three years. Prior to implementing any state license fee increase, the Board shall provide notice to all
3010 licensees and the general public of (i) the Board's intent to impose a fee increase and (ii) the new fee that
3011 would be required for any license affected by the Board's proposed fee increases. Such notice shall be
3012 provided on or before November 1 in any year in which the Board has decided to increase state license fees,
3013 and such increases shall become effective July 1 of the following year

3014 **§ 4.1-1003. Refund of state license fee.**

3015 A. The Board may (i) correct erroneous assessments made by it against any person, (ii) refund any
3016 amounts collected through erroneous assessments or collected as fees on license applications that are
3017 subsequently refused or withdrawn, and (iii) allow credit for any license fees paid for any license that is
3018 subsequently merged or changed into another license during the same license period. No refund shall be
3019 made of any such amount, however, unless made within three years from the date of collection of the same.

3020 B. In any case where a licensee has changed its name or form of organization during a license period
3021 without any change being made in its ownership, and because of such change is required to pay an additional
3022 license fee for such period, the Board shall refund to such licensee the amount of such fee so paid in excess of
3023 the required license fee for such period.

3024 C. The Board shall make refunds, prorated according to a schedule of its prescription, to licensees of
3025 state license fees paid pursuant to subsection A of § 4.1-1002 if the place of business designated in the license
3026 is destroyed by an act of God, including a fire, earthquake, hurricane, storm, or similar natural disaster or
3027 phenomenon.

3028 D. Any amount required to be refunded under this section shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of
3029 moneys appropriated to the Board and in the manner prescribed in § 4.1-614.

3030 **§ 4.1-1004. Marijuana taxes; exceptions.**

3031 A. A tax of 12.875 percent is levied on the sale in the Commonwealth of any marijuana or marijuana
3032 products. Subject to the provisions of subsection C, the tax shall be in addition to any tax imposed under the

3033 Virginia Retail Sales and Use Tax Act (§ 58.1-600 et seq.) or any other provision of federal, state, or local
3034 law. The tax shall not apply to any sale:

3035 1. From a marijuana establishment to another marijuana establishment.

3036 2. Of cannabis products for treatment under the provisions of Chapter 16 (§ 4.1-1600 et seq.).

3037 3. Of industrial hemp by a grower, processor, or handler under the provisions of Chapter 41.1
3038 (§ 3.2-4112 et seq.) of Title 3.2.

3039 4. Of a hemp product.

3040 B. 1. Each locality shall by ordinance levy an additional local tax on any sale taxable under subsection A
3041 at a rate of three percent. Other than the tax authorized and identified in this subsection, a locality shall not
3042 impose any other tax on a sale taxable under subsection A. The tax imposed by a surrounding county under
3043 this subsection shall not apply within the limits of any town. Each locality shall, within 30 days, notify the
3044 Authority and any retail marijuana store and microbusiness in such locality of the ordinance enacted
3045 pursuant to this subsection. The ordinance shall take effect on the first day of the second month following its
3046 enactment and such rate shall be effective for at least three years.

3047 2. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to (i) prohibit a locality from imposing any tax authorized
3048 by law on a person or property regulated under this subtitle or (ii) limit the authority of any locality to
3049 impose a license or privilege tax or fee on a business engaged in whole or in part in sales taxable under
3050 subsection A if such tax or fee is (a) based on an annual or per-event flat fee authorized by law or (b) an
3051 annual license or privilege tax authorized by law and such tax includes sales or receipts taxable under
3052 subsection A in its taxable measure.

3053 C. Any tax imposed under the Virginia Retail Sales and Use Tax Act (§ 58.1-600 et seq.) on a sale taxable
3054 under subsection A shall be limited to a 1.125 percent tax, which shall be distributed as follows: (i) the
3055 revenue from the tax at the rate of one percent shall be distributed as provided in subsections B, C, and D of
3056 § 58.1-638 and (ii) the revenue from the tax at the rate of 0.125 percent shall be distributed as provided in
3057 subdivision F 2 of § 58.1-638. No other tax shall be levied pursuant to the Virginia Retail Sales and Use Tax
3058 Act (§ 58.1-600 et seq.) on a sale taxable under subsection A.

3059 D. All revenues remitted to the Authority under this subsection shall be disposed of as provided in
3060 § 4.1-614.

3061 **§ 4.1-1005. Tax returns and payments; commissions; interest.**

3062 A. For any sale taxable under § 4.1-1004, the seller shall be liable for collecting any taxes due. All taxes
3063 collected by a seller shall be deemed to be held in trust for the Commonwealth. The buyer shall not be liable
3064 for collecting or remitting the taxes or filing a return.

3065 B. On or before the tenth day of each month, any person liable for a tax due under § 4.1-1004 shall file a
3066 return under oath with the Authority and pay any taxes due. Upon written application by a person filing a
3067 return, the Authority may, if it determines good cause exists, grant an extension to the end of the calendar
3068 month in which the tax is due, or for a period not exceeding 30 days. Any extension shall toll the accrual of
3069 any interest or penalties under § 4.1-1008.

3070 C. The Authority may accept payment by any commercially acceptable means, including cash, checks,
3071 credit cards, debit cards, and electronic funds transfers, for any taxes, interest, or penalties due under this
3072 subtitle. The Board may assess a service charge for the use of a credit or debit card.

3073 D. Upon request, the Authority may collect and maintain a record of a person's credit card, debit card, or
3074 automated clearinghouse transfer information and use such information for future payments of taxes,
3075 interest, or penalties due under this subtitle. The Authority may assess a service charge for any payments
3076 made under this subsection. The Authority may procure the services of a third-party vendor for the secure
3077 storage of information collected pursuant to this subsection.

3078 E. If any person liable for tax under § 4.1-1004 sells out his business or stock of goods or quits the
3079 business, such person shall make a final return and payment within 15 days after the date of selling or
3080 quitting the business. Such person's successors or assigns, if any, shall withhold sufficient of the purchase
3081 money to cover the amount of such taxes, interest, and penalties due and unpaid until such former owner
3082 produces a receipt from the Authority showing payment or a certificate stating that no taxes, penalties, or
3083 interest are due. If the buyer of a business or stock of goods fails to withhold the purchase money as provided
3084 in this subsection, such buyer shall be liable for the payment of the taxes, interest, and penalties due and
3085 unpaid on account of the operation of the business by any former owner.

3086 F. When any person fails to timely pay the full amount of tax due under § 4.1-1004, interest at a rate
3087 determined in accordance with § 58.1-15 shall accrue on the tax until it is paid. Any taxes due under
3088 § 4.1-1004 shall, if applicable, be subject to penalties as provided in §§ 4.1-1205 and 4.1-1206.

3089 **§ 4.1-1006. Bonds.**

3090 The Authority may, when deemed necessary and advisable to do so in order to secure the collection of the
3091 taxes levied under § 4.1-1004, require any person subject to such tax to file a bond, with such surety as it
3092 determines is necessary to secure the payment of any tax, penalty, or interest due or that may become due
3093 from such person. In lieu of such bond, securities approved by the Authority may be deposited with the State
3094 Treasurer, which securities shall be kept in the custody of the State Treasurer, and shall be sold by the State

3095 *Treasurer at the request of the Authority at public or private sale if it becomes necessary to do so in order to*
 3096 *recover any tax, interest, or penalty due the Commonwealth. Upon any such sale, the surplus, if any, above*
 3097 *the amounts due shall be returned to the person who deposited the securities.*

3098 **§ 4.1-1007. Refunds.**

3099 *A. Whenever it is proved to the satisfaction of the Authority that any taxes levied pursuant to § 4.1-1004*
 3100 *have been paid and that the taxable items were or are (i) damaged, destroyed, or otherwise deemed to be*
 3101 *unsalable by reason of fire or any other providential cause before sale to the consumer; (ii) destroyed*
 3102 *voluntarily, after notice to and approval by the Authority of such destruction, because the taxable items were*
 3103 *defective; or (iii) destroyed in any manner while in the possession of a common, private, or contract carrier,*
 3104 *the Authority shall certify such facts to the Comptroller for approval of a refund payment from the state*
 3105 *treasury to such extent as may be proper.*

3106 *B. Whenever it is proved to the satisfaction of the Authority that any person has purchased taxable items*
 3107 *that have been sold by such person in such manner as to be exempt from the tax, the Authority shall certify*
 3108 *such facts to the Comptroller for approval of a refund payment from the state treasury to such extent as may*
 3109 *be proper.*

3110 *C. In the event purchases are returned to the seller by the buyer after a tax imposed under § 4.1-1004 has*
 3111 *been collected or charged to the account of the buyer, the seller shall be entitled to a refund of the amount of*
 3112 *tax so collected or charged in the manner prescribed by the Authority. The amount of tax so refunded to the*
 3113 *seller shall not, however, include the tax paid upon any amount retained by the seller after such return of*
 3114 *merchandise. In case the tax has not been remitted by the seller, the seller may deduct the same in submitting*
 3115 *his return.*

3116 **§ 4.1-1008. Statute of limitations; civil remedies for collecting past-due taxes, interest, and penalties.**

3117 *A. The taxes imposed under § 4.1-1004 shall be assessed within three years from the date on which such*
 3118 *taxes became due and payable. In the case of a false or fraudulent return with intent to defraud the*
 3119 *Commonwealth, or a failure to file a return, the taxes may be assessed, or a proceeding in court for the*
 3120 *collection of such taxes may be begun without assessment, at any time within six years from such date. The*
 3121 *Authority shall not examine any person's records beyond the three-year period of limitations unless it has*
 3122 *reasonable evidence of fraud or reasonable cause to believe that such person was required by law to file a*
 3123 *return and failed to do so.*

3124 *B. If any person fails to file a return as required by this section, or files a return that is false or*
 3125 *fraudulent, the Authority may make an estimate for the taxable period of the taxable sales of such person and*
 3126 *assess the tax, plus any applicable interest and penalties. The Authority shall give such person 10 days'*
 3127 *notice requiring such person to provide any records as it may require relating to the business of such person*
 3128 *for the taxable period. The Authority may require such person or the agents and employees of such person to*
 3129 *give testimony or to answer interrogatories under oath administered by the Authority respecting taxable*
 3130 *sales, the filing of the return, and any other relevant information. If any person fails to file a required return,*
 3131 *refuses to provide required records, or refuses to answer interrogatories from the Authority, the Authority*
 3132 *may make an estimated assessment based upon the information available to it and issue a memorandum of*
 3133 *lien under subsection C for the collection of any taxes, interest, or penalties. The estimated assessment shall*
 3134 *be deemed prima facie correct.*

3135 *C. 1. If the Authority assesses taxes, interest, or penalties on a person and such person does not pay*
 3136 *within 30 days after the due date, taking into account any extensions granted by the Authority, the Authority*
 3137 *may file a memorandum of lien in the circuit court clerk's office of the county or city in which the person's*
 3138 *place of business is located or in which the person resides. If the person has no place of business or residence*
 3139 *within the Commonwealth, the memorandum may be filed in the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond. A*
 3140 *copy of the memorandum may also be filed in the clerk's office of all counties and cities in which the person*
 3141 *owns real estate. Such memorandum shall be recorded in the judgment docket book and shall have the effect*
 3142 *of a judgment in favor of the Commonwealth, to be enforced as provided in Article 19 (§ 8.01-196 et seq.) of*
 3143 *Chapter 3 of Title 8.01, except that a writ of fieri facias may issue at any time after the memorandum is filed.*
 3144 *The lien on real estate shall become effective at the time the memorandum is filed in the jurisdiction in which*
 3145 *the real estate is located. No memorandum of lien shall be filed unless the person is first given 10 or more*
 3146 *days' prior notice of intent to file a lien; however, in those instances where the Authority determines that the*
 3147 *collection of any tax, penalties, or interest required to be paid pursuant to law will be jeopardized by the*
 3148 *provision of such notice, notification may be provided to the person concurrent with the filing of the*
 3149 *memorandum of lien. Such notice shall be given to the person at his last known address.*

3150 *2. Recordation of a memorandum of lien under this subsection shall not affect a person's right to appeal*
 3151 *under § 4.1-1009.*

3152 *3. If after filing a memorandum of lien the Authority determines that it is in the best interest of the*
 3153 *Commonwealth, it may place padlocks on the doors of any business enterprise that is delinquent in filing or*
 3154 *paying any tax owed to the Commonwealth. The Authority shall also post notices of distraint on each of the*
 3155 *doors so padlocked. If, after three business days, the tax deficiency has not been satisfied or satisfactory*
 3156 *arrangements for payment have not been made, the Authority may cause a writ of fieri facias to be issued. It*

3157 shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor for anyone to enter the padlocked premises without prior approval of the
 3158 Authority. In the event that the person against whom the distraint has been applied subsequently appeals
 3159 under § 4.1-1009, the person shall have the right to post bond equaling the amount of liability in lieu of
 3160 payment until the appeal is resolved.

3161 4. A person may petition the Authority after a memorandum of lien has been filed under this subsection if
 3162 the person alleges an error in the filing of the lien. The Authority shall make a determination on such petition
 3163 within 14 days. If the Authority determines that the filing was erroneous, it shall issue a certificate of release
 3164 of the lien within seven days after such determination is made.

3165 **§ 4.1-1009. Appeals.**

3166 Any person aggrieved by a refusal of the Board to issue any license or permit, the suspension or
 3167 revocation of a license or permit, the imposition of a fine, or any other penalty may seek review of such
 3168 action in accordance with Board regulations and Article 3 (§ 2.2-4018 et seq.) of the Administrative Process
 3169 Act in the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond. Further appeals shall also be in accordance with Article 5
 3170 (§ 2.2-4025 et seq.) of the Administrative Process Act.

3171 **§ 4.1-1010. Injunction.**

3172 The Authority may apply to the appropriate circuit court for an injunction against any person who has
 3173 violated or may violate any provision of this chapter or any regulation or final decision of the Board. The
 3174 order granting or refusing such injunction shall be subject to appeal as in other cases in equity.

3175 **§ 4.1-1100. Possession, etc., of marijuana and marijuana products by persons 21 years of age or
 3176 older lawful; penalties.**

3177 A. Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle and notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person
 3178 21 years of age or older may lawfully possess on his person or in any public place not more than ~~one ounce~~
 3179 *two and one-half ounces* of marijuana or an equivalent amount of marijuana product as determined by
 3180 regulation promulgated by the Board.

3181 B. Any person who possesses on his person or in any public place marijuana or marijuana products in
 3182 excess of the amounts set forth in subsection A is subject to a civil penalty of no more than \$25 except as
 3183 otherwise provided in this section. The penalty for any violations of this section by an adult shall be
 3184 prepayable according to the procedures in § 16.1-69.40:2.

3185 C. With the exception of possession by a person in his residence or possession by a licensee in the course
 3186 of his duties related to such licensee's marijuana establishment, any person who possesses on his person or in
 3187 any public place (i) more than four ounces but not more than one pound of marijuana or an equivalent amount
 3188 of marijuana product as determined by regulation promulgated by the Board is guilty of a Class 3
 3189 misdemeanor and, for a second or subsequent offense, a Class 2 misdemeanor and (ii) more than one pound
 3190 of marijuana or an equivalent amount of marijuana product as determined by regulation promulgated by the
 3191 Board is guilty of a felony punishable by a term of imprisonment of not less than one year nor more than 10
 3192 years and a fine of not more than \$250,000, or both.

3193 D. The provisions of this section shall not apply to members of federal, state, county, city, or town
 3194 law-enforcement agencies, jail officers, or correctional officers, as defined in § 53.1-1, certified as handlers of
 3195 dogs trained in the detection of controlled substances when possession of marijuana is necessary for the
 3196 performance of their duties.

3197 **§ 4.1-1101. Home cultivation of marijuana for personal use; penalties.**

3198 A. ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (e) of § 18.2-248.1, a~~ A person 21 years of age or older
 3199 may cultivate up to four marijuana plants for personal use at their place of residence; however, at no point
 3200 shall a household contain more than four marijuana plants. For purposes of this section, a "household" means
 3201 those individuals, whether related or not, who live in the same house or other place of residence.

3202 A person may only cultivate marijuana plants pursuant to this section at such person's main place of
 3203 residence.

3204 A violation of this subsection shall be punishable as follows:

3205 1. For possession of more than four marijuana plants but no more than 10 marijuana plants, (i) a civil
 3206 penalty of \$250 for a first offense, (ii) a Class 3 misdemeanor for a second offense, and (iii) a Class 2
 3207 misdemeanor for a third and any subsequent offense;

3208 2. For possession of more than 10 but no more than 49 marijuana plants, a Class 1 misdemeanor;

3209 3. For possession of more than 49 but no more than 100 marijuana plants, a Class 6 felony; and

3210 4. For possession of more than 100 marijuana plants, a felony punishable by a term of imprisonment of
 3211 not less than one year nor more than 10 years or a fine of not more than \$250,000, or both.

3212 B. A person who cultivates marijuana for personal use pursuant to this section shall:

3213 1. Ensure that no marijuana plant is visible from a public way without the use of aircraft, binoculars, or
 3214 other optical aids;

3215 2. Take precautions to prevent unauthorized access by persons younger than 21 years of age; and

3216 3. Attach to each marijuana plant a legible tag that includes the person's name, driver's license or
 3217 identification number, and a notation that the marijuana plant is being grown for personal use as authorized
 3218 under this section.

3219 Any person who violates this subsection is subject to a civil penalty of no more than \$25. The penalty for
3220 any violations of this section by an adult shall be prepayable according to the procedures in § 16.1-69.40:2.

3221 ~~C. A person shall not manufacture marijuana concentrate from home-cultivated marijuana. The owner of a~~
3222 ~~property or parcel or tract of land may not intentionally or knowingly allow another person to manufacture~~
3223 ~~marijuana concentrate from home-cultivated marijuana within or on that property or land.~~

3224 **§ 4.1-1102. Illegal cultivation or processing of marijuana or marijuana products; conspiracy; penalties.**

3225 A. Except as otherwise provided in §§ 4.1-700 and 4.1-1101, no person shall cultivate or process
3226 marijuana or marijuana products in the Commonwealth without being licensed to cultivate or process such
3227 marijuana or marijuana products.

3228 B. Any person convicted of a violation of this section is guilty of a Class 6 felony.

3229 C. If two or more persons conspire together to do any act that is in violation of subsection A, and one or
3230 more of such persons does any act to effect the object of the conspiracy, each of the parties to such
3231 conspiracy is guilty of a Class 6 felony.

3232 **§ 4.1-1103. Illegal sale of marijuana or marijuana products in general; penalties.**

3233 A. For the purposes of this section, "adult sharing" means transferring marijuana between persons who
3234 are 21 years of age or older without remuneration. "Adult sharing" does not include instances in which (i)
3235 marijuana is given away contemporaneously with another reciprocal transaction between the same parties;
3236 (ii) a gift of marijuana is offered or advertised in conjunction with an offer for the sale of goods or services;
3237 or (iii) a gift of marijuana is contingent upon a separate reciprocal transaction for goods or services.

3238 B. If any person who is not licensed sells, gives, or distributes or possesses with intent to sell, give, or
3239 distribute any marijuana or marijuana products except as permitted by this chapter or provided in subsection
3240 C, he is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

3241 A second or subsequent conviction under this section shall constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor.

3242 C. No civil or criminal penalty may be imposed for adult sharing of an amount of marijuana that does not
3243 exceed two and one-half ounces or of an equivalent amount of marijuana products.

3244 **§ 4.1-1104. Persons to whom marijuana or marijuana products may not be sold; proof of legal age;**
3245 **penalties.**

3246 A. No person shall, except as otherwise permitted under Chapter 16 (§ 4.1-1600 et seq.), sell, give, or
3247 distribute any marijuana or marijuana products to any individual when at the time of such sale he knows or
3248 has reason to believe that the individual to whom the sale is made is (i) younger than 21 years of age or (ii)
3249 intoxicated. Any person convicted of a violation of this subsection is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

3250 B. Any person who sells, except as otherwise permitted under Chapter 16 (§ 4.1-1600 et seq.), any
3251 marijuana or marijuana products to an individual who is younger than 21 years of age and at the time of the
3252 sale does not require the individual to present bona fide evidence of legal age indicating that the individual is
3253 21 years of age or older is guilty of a violation of this subsection. Bona fide evidence of legal age is limited to
3254 any evidence that is or reasonably appears to be an unexpired driver's license issued by any state of the
3255 United States or the District of Columbia, military identification card, United States passport or foreign
3256 government visa, unexpired special identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles, or any
3257 other valid government-issued identification card bearing the individual's photograph, signature, height,
3258 weight, and date of birth, or which bears a photograph that reasonably appears to match the appearance of
3259 the purchaser. A student identification card shall not constitute bona fide evidence of legal age for purposes
3260 of this subsection. Any person convicted of a violation of this subsection is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

3261 C. No person shall be convicted of both subsections A and B for the same sale.

3262 **§ 4.1-1105. Purchasing of marijuana or marijuana products unlawful in certain cases; venue;**
3263 **exceptions; penalties; forfeiture; treatment and education programs and services.**

3264 A. No person to whom marijuana or marijuana products may not lawfully be sold under § 4.1-1104 shall
3265 consume, purchase, or possess, or attempt to consume, purchase, or possess, any marijuana or marijuana
3266 products, except (i) pursuant to § 4.1-700 or (ii) by any federal, state, or local law-enforcement officer or his
3267 agent when possession of marijuana or marijuana products is necessary in the performance of his duties.
3268 Such person may be prosecuted either in the county or city in which the marijuana or marijuana products
3269 were possessed or consumed or in the county or city in which the person exhibits evidence of physical indicia
3270 of consumption of marijuana or marijuana products.

3271 B. Any person 18 years of age or older who violates subsection A is subject to a civil penalty of no more
3272 than \$25 and shall be ordered to enter a substance abuse treatment or education program or both, if
3273 available, that in the opinion of the court best suits the needs of the accused.

3274 C. Unless the juvenile is proceeded against informally pursuant to § 16.1-260, any juvenile who violates
3275 subsection A is subject to a civil penalty of no more than \$25 and the court shall require the accused to enter
3276 a substance abuse treatment or education program or both, if available, that in the opinion of the court best
3277 suits the needs of the accused. For purposes of §§ 16.1-266, 16.1-273, 16.1-278.8, 16.1-278.8:01, and
3278 16.1-278.9, the court shall treat the juvenile as delinquent.

3279 D. Any such substance abuse treatment or education program to which a juvenile is ordered pursuant to
3280 this section shall be provided by (i) a program licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and

3281 *Developmental Services or (ii) a similar program available through a facility or program operated by or*
3282 *under contract with the Department of Juvenile Justice or a locally operated court services unit or a program*
3283 *funded through the Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act (§ 16.1-309.2 et seq.). Any such*
3284 *substance abuse treatment or education program to which a person 18 years of age or older is ordered*
3285 *pursuant to this section shall be provided by (a) a program licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health*
3286 *and Developmental Services or (b) a program or services made available through a community-based*
3287 *probation services agency established pursuant to Article 9 (§ 9.1-173 et seq.) of Chapter 1 of Title 9.1, if one*
3288 *has been established for the locality. When an offender is ordered to a local community-based probation*
3289 *services agency, the local community-based probation services agency shall be responsible for providing for*
3290 *services or referring the offender to education or treatment services as a condition of probation.*

3291 *E. Any civil penalties collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Drug Offender*
3292 *Assessment and Treatment Fund established pursuant to § 18.2-251.02. No person younger than 21 years of*
3293 *age shall use or attempt to use any (i) altered, fictitious, facsimile, or simulated license to operate a motor*
3294 *vehicle; (ii) altered, fictitious, facsimile, or simulated document, including a birth certificate or student*
3295 *identification card; or (iii) motor vehicle driver's license or other document issued under Chapter 3*
3296 *(§ 46.2-300 et seq.) of Title 46.2 or the comparable law of another jurisdiction, birth certificate, or student*
3297 *identification card of another person in order to establish a false identification or false age for himself to*
3298 *consume, purchase, or attempt to consume or purchase marijuana or marijuana products. Any person*
3299 *convicted of a violation of this subsection is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.*

3300 *F. Any marijuana or marijuana product purchased or possessed in violation of this section shall be*
3301 *deemed contraband and forfeited to the Commonwealth in accordance with § 4.1-1303.*

3302 *G. Any retail marijuana store or microbusiness licensee who in good faith promptly notifies the Board or*
3303 *any state or local law-enforcement agency of a violation or suspected violation of this section shall be*
3304 *accorded immunity from an administrative penalty for a violation of § 4.1-1104.*

3305 **§ 4.1-1106. Purchasing marijuana or marijuana products for one to whom they may not be sold;**
3306 **penalties; forfeiture.**

3307 *A. Any person who purchases marijuana or marijuana products for another person and at the time of such*
3308 *purchase knows or has reason to believe that the person for whom the marijuana or marijuana products were*
3309 *purchased was intoxicated is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.*

3310 *B. Any person who purchases for, or otherwise gives, provides, or assists in the provision of marijuana or*
3311 *marijuana products to, another person when he knows or has reason to know that such person is younger*
3312 *than 21 years of age, except by any federal, state, or local law-enforcement officer when possession of*
3313 *marijuana or marijuana products is necessary in the performance of his duties, is guilty of a Class 1*
3314 *misdemeanor.*

3315 *C. Any marijuana or marijuana products purchased in violation of this section shall be deemed*
3316 *contraband and forfeited to the Commonwealth in accordance with § 4.1-1303.*

3317 **§ 4.1-1113. Maintaining common nuisances; penalties.**

3318 *A. All houses, boathouses, buildings, club or fraternity or lodge rooms, boats, cars, and places of every*
3319 *description where marijuana or marijuana products are manufactured, processed, stored, sold, dispensed,*
3320 *given away, or used contrary to law, by any scheme or device whatsoever, shall be deemed common*
3321 *nuisances.*

3322 *No person shall maintain, aid, abet, or knowingly associate with others in maintaining a common*
3323 *nuisance.*

3324 *Any person convicted of a violation of this subsection is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.*

3325 *B. In addition, after due notice and an opportunity to be heard on the part of any owner or lessor not*
3326 *involved in the original offense, by a proceeding analogous to that provided in § 4.1-1303 and upon proof of*
3327 *guilty knowledge, judgment may be given that such house, boathouse, building, boat, car, or other place, or*
3328 *any room or part thereof, be closed. The court may, upon the owner or lessor giving bond in the penalty of*
3329 *not less than \$500 and with security to be approved by the court, conditioned that the premises shall not be*
3330 *used for unlawful purposes, or in violation of the provisions of this subtitle for a period of five years, turn the*
3331 *same over to its owner or lessor, or proceeding may be had in equity as provided in § 4.1-1300.*

3332 *C. In a proceeding under this section, judgment shall not be entered against the owner, lessor, or*
3333 *lienholder of the property unless it is proved that he (i) knew of the unlawful use of the property and (ii) had*
3334 *the right, because of such unlawful use, to enter and repossess the property.*

3335 **§ 4.1-1114. Maintaining a fortified drug house; penalty.**

3336 *Any office, store, shop, restaurant, dance hall, theater, poolroom, clubhouse, storehouse, warehouse,*
3337 *dwelling house, apartment, or building or structure of any kind that is (i) substantially altered from its*
3338 *original status by means of reinforcement with the intent to impede, deter, or delay lawful entry by a law-*
3339 *enforcement officer into such structure; (ii) being used for the purpose of illegally manufacturing,*
3340 *processing, or distributing marijuana; and (iii) the object of a valid search warrant shall be considered a*
3341 *fortified drug house. Any person who maintains or operates a fortified drug house is guilty of a Class 5*
3342 *felony.*

3343 **§ 4.1-1115. Disobeying subpoena; hindering conduct of hearing; penalty.**

3344 No person shall (i) fail or refuse to obey any subpoena issued by the Board, any Board member, or any
3345 agent authorized by the Board to issue such subpoena or (ii) hinder the orderly conduct and decorum of any
3346 hearing held and conducted by the Board, any Board member, or any agent authorized by the Board to hold
3347 and conduct such hearing.

3348 Any person convicted of a violation of this section is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

3349 **§ 4.1-1117. Delivery of marijuana or marijuana products to prisoners; penalty.**

3350 No person shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to any prisoner in any state, local, or regional
3351 correctional facility or any person committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice in any juvenile
3352 correctional center any marijuana or marijuana products.

3353 Any person convicted of a violation of this section is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

3354 **§ 4.1-1118. Separation of plant resin by butane extraction; penalty.**

3355 A. No person shall separate plant resin by butane extraction or another method that utilizes a substance
3356 with a flashpoint below 100 degrees Fahrenheit in any public place, motor vehicle, or within the curtilage of
3357 any residential structure.

3358 B. Any person convicted of a violation of this section is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

3359 **§ 4.1-1119. Attempts; aiding or abetting; penalty.**

3360 No person shall attempt to do any of the things prohibited by this subtitle or to aid or abet another in
3361 doing, or attempting to do, any of the things prohibited by this subtitle.

3362 On an indictment, information, or warrant for the violation of this subtitle, the jury or the court may find
3363 the defendant guilty of an attempt, or being an accessory, and the punishment shall be the same as if the
3364 defendant were solely guilty of such violation.

3365 **§ 4.1-1121. Issuance of summonses for certain offenses; civil penalties.**

3366 Any violation under this subtitle that is subject to a civil penalty is a civil offense and, *except in the case*
3367 *of a violation alleged to have been committed by a juvenile, in which case the juvenile shall be proceeded*
3368 *against pursuant to § 16.1-260, shall be charged by summons. A summons for a violation under this subtitle*
3369 *that is subject to a civil penalty may be executed by a law-enforcement officer when such violation is*
3370 *observed by such officer. The summons used by a law-enforcement officer pursuant to this section shall be in*
3371 *a form the same as the uniform summons for motor vehicle law violations as prescribed pursuant to*
3372 *§ 46.2-388. Any civil penalties collected pursuant to this subtitle shall be deposited into the Drug Offender*
3373 *Assessment and Treatment Fund established pursuant to § 18.2-251.02.*

3374 CHAPTER 12.

3375 PROHIBITED PRACTICES BY LICENSEES.

3376 **§ 4.1-1200. Illegal cultivation, etc., of marijuana or marijuana products by licensees; penalty.**

3377 A. No licensee or any agent or employee of such licensee shall:

3378 1. Cultivate, process, transport, sell, or test any marijuana or marijuana products other than that which
3379 such license or this subtitle authorizes him to cultivate, process, transport, sell, or test;

3380 2. Sell marijuana or marijuana products to any person other than a person to whom such license or this
3381 subtitle authorizes him to sell;

3382 3. Cultivate, process, transport, sell, or test marijuana or marijuana products that such license or this
3383 subtitle authorizes him to sell, but in any place or in any manner other than such license or this subtitle
3384 authorizes him to cultivate, process, transport, sell, or test;

3385 4. Cultivate, process, transport, sell, or test any marijuana or marijuana products when forbidden by this
3386 subtitle;

3387 5. Keep or allow to be kept on the licensed premises, any marijuana or marijuana products other than
3388 that which he is authorized to cultivate, process, transport, sell, or test by such license or by this subtitle;

3389 6. Keep any marijuana or marijuana product other than in the container in which it was purchased by
3390 him; or

3391 7. Allow a person younger than 21 years of age to be employed by or volunteer for such licensee.

3392 B. Any person convicted of a violation of this section is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

3393 **§ 4.1-1201. Prohibited acts by employees of licensees; civil penalty.**

3394 A. In addition to the provisions of § 4.1-1200, no licensee, or his agent or employee shall use or consume
3395 any marijuana or marijuana products (i) on the licensed premises, except for certain sampling for quality
3396 control purposes in accordance with Board regulations or (ii) while on duty and in a position that is involved
3397 in the selling of marijuana or marijuana products to consumers.

3398 B. No licensee or his agent or employee shall make any gift of any marijuana or marijuana products.

3399 C. Any person convicted of a violation of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty in an amount not to
3400 exceed \$500. Upon a second or subsequent violation of this section, (i) if the person convicted is licensee, the
3401 Board shall revoke any license held by the licensee and (ii) if the person convicted is an agent of the licensee
3402 or employee, the Board shall require the licensee terminate such agent or employee's employment. Any such
3403 licensee, agent, or employee convicted of a second or subsequent violation of this section shall be prohibited
3404 from obtaining any marijuana establishment license and employment at a marijuana establishment.

3405 **§ 4.1-1202. Sale of; purchase for resale; marijuana or marijuana products from a person without a**
 3406 **license; penalty.**

3407 *Except as otherwise provided in § 4.1-807, no retail marijuana store licensee shall purchase for resale or*
 3408 *sell any marijuana, marijuana products, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds purchased from*
 3409 *anyone other than a marijuana cultivation facility or marijuana processing facility.*

3410 *Any person convicted of a violation of this section is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.*

3411 **§ 4.1-1203. Prohibiting transfer of marijuana or marijuana products by certain licensees; penalty.**

3412 *A. No licensed marijuana establishment shall transfer any marijuana or marijuana products from one*
 3413 *licensed place of business to another licensed place of business unless (i) such licensed marijuana*
 3414 *establishment is authorized to transfer marijuana or marijuana products from one licensed place of business*
 3415 *to another licensed place of business and the transfer is completed by the licensee or an employee of the*
 3416 *licensee or (ii) such transfer is completed by a marijuana transporter licensee.*

3417 *B. Any person convicted of a violation of this section is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.*

3418 **§ 4.1-1204. Illegal advertising materials; civil penalty.**

3419 *No person subject to the jurisdiction of the Board shall induce, attempt to induce, or consent to any*
 3420 *licensee selling, renting, lending, buying for, or giving to any person any advertising materials or*
 3421 *decorations under circumstances prohibited by this title or Board regulations.*

3422 *Any person found by the Board to have violated this section shall be subject to a civil penalty as*
 3423 *authorized in § 4.1-903.*

3424 **§ 4.1-1205. Failure of licensee to pay tax or to deliver, keep, and preserve records and accounts or to**
 3425 **allow examination and inspection; penalty.**

3426 *A. No licensee shall fail or refuse to (i) pay any tax provided for in § 4.1-1004; (ii) deliver, keep, and*
 3427 *preserve such records, invoices, and accounts as are required by § 4.1-703 or Board regulation; or (iii)*
 3428 *allow such records, invoices, and accounts or his place of business to be examined and inspected in*
 3429 *accordance with § 4.1-703. Any person convicted of a violation of this subsection is guilty of a Class 1*
 3430 *misdemeanor.*

3431 *B. After reasonable notice to a licensee that failed to make a return or pay taxes due, the Authority may*
 3432 *suspend or revoke any license of such licensee that was issued by the Authority.*

3433 **§ 4.1-1206. Nonpayment of marijuana tax; penalties.**

3434 *A. No person shall make a sale taxable under § 4.1-1004 without paying all applicable taxes due. No*
 3435 *retail marijuana store or microbusiness licensee shall purchase, receive, transport, store, or sell any*
 3436 *marijuana or marijuana products on which such retailer has reason to know such tax has not been paid and*
 3437 *may not be paid. Any person convicted of a violation of this subsection is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.*

3438 *B. Any person who fails to file a return required for a tax due under § 4.1-1004 is subject to a civil*
 3439 *penalty to be added to the tax in the amount of five percent of the proper tax due if the failure is for not more*
 3440 *than 30 days, with an additional five percent for each additional 30 days, or fraction thereof, during which*
 3441 *the failure continues. Such civil penalty shall not exceed 25 percent in the aggregate.*

3442 *C. In the case of a false or fraudulent return, where willful intent exists to defraud the Commonwealth of*
 3443 *any tax due on marijuana or marijuana products, a civil penalty of 50 percent of the amount of the proper tax*
 3444 *due shall be assessed. Such penalty shall be in addition to any penalty imposed under subsection B. It shall*
 3445 *be prima facie evidence of willful intent to defraud the Commonwealth when any person reports its taxable*
 3446 *sales to the Authority at 50 percent or less of the actual amount.*

3447 *D. If any check tendered for any amount due under § 4.1-1004 or this section is not paid by the bank on*
 3448 *which it is drawn, and the person that tendered the check fails to pay the Authority the amount due within five*
 3449 *days after the Authority gives it notice that such check was returned unpaid, the person that tendered the*
 3450 *check is guilty of a violation of § 18.2-182.1.*

3451 *E. All penalties shall be payable to the Authority and if not so paid shall be collectible in the same manner*
 3452 *as if they were a part of the tax imposed.*

3453 **§ 4.1-1300. Enjoining nuisances.**

3454 *A. In addition to the penalties imposed by § 4.1-1113, the Board, its agents, the attorney for the*
 3455 *Commonwealth, or any citizen of the county, city, or town where a common nuisance as defined in § 4.1-1113*
 3456 *exists may maintain a suit in equity in the name of the Commonwealth to enjoin the common nuisance.*

3457 *B. The courts of equity shall have jurisdiction, and in every case where the bill charges, on the knowledge*
 3458 *or belief of the complainant, and is sworn to by two reputable citizens, that marijuana or marijuana products*
 3459 *are cultivated, processed, stored, sold, dispensed, given away, or used in such house, building, or other place*
 3460 *described in § 4.1-1113 contrary to the laws of the Commonwealth, an injunction shall be granted as soon as*
 3461 *the bill is presented to the court. The injunction shall enjoin and restrain the owners and tenants and their*
 3462 *agents and employees, and any person connected with such house, building, or other place, and all persons*
 3463 *whomsoever from cultivating, processing, storing, selling, dispensing, giving away, or using marijuana or*
 3464 *marijuana products on such premises. The injunction shall also restrain all persons from removing any*
 3465 *marijuana or marijuana products then on such premises until the further order of the court. If the court is*
 3466 *satisfied that the material allegations of the bill are true, although the premises complained of may not then*

3467 *be unlawfully used, it shall continue the injunction against such place for a period of time as the court deems*
 3468 *proper. The injunction may be dissolved if a proper case is shown for dissolution.*

3469 **§ 4.1-1301. Contraband marijuana or marijuana products and other articles subject to forfeiture.**

3470 *A. All apparatus and materials for the cultivation or processing of marijuana or marijuana products, all*
 3471 *marijuana or marijuana products and materials used in their manufacture or processing, and all containers*
 3472 *in which marijuana or marijuana products may be found that are kept, stored, possessed, or in any manner*
 3473 *used in violation of the provisions of this subtitle, and any dangerous weapons as described in § 18.2-308*
 3474 *that may be used or that may be found upon the person, or in any vehicle that such person is using, to aid*
 3475 *such person in the unlawful cultivation, manufacture, processing, transportation, or sale of marijuana or*
 3476 *marijuana products, or found in the possession of such person, or any horse, mule, or other beast of burden*
 3477 *or any wagon, automobile, truck, or vehicle of any nature whatsoever that is found in the immediate vicinity*
 3478 *of any place where marijuana or marijuana products are being unlawfully manufactured or processed and*
 3479 *where such animal or vehicle is being used to aid in the unlawful manufacture or processing, shall be deemed*
 3480 *contraband and shall be forfeited to the Commonwealth.*

3481 *B. Proceedings for the confiscation of the property in subsection A shall be in accordance with § 4.1-1303*
 3482 *for all such property except motor vehicles, which proceedings shall be in accordance with Chapter 22.1*
 3483 *(§ 19.2-386.1 et seq.) of Title 19.2.*

3484 **§ 4.1-1303. Confiscation proceedings; disposition of forfeited articles.**

3485 *A. All proceedings for the confiscation of articles, except motor vehicles, declared contraband and*
 3486 *forfeited to the Commonwealth under this subtitle shall be as provided in this section.*

3487 *B. Whenever any article declared contraband under the provisions of this subtitle and required to be*
 3488 *forfeited to the Commonwealth has been seized, with or without a warrant, by any officer charged with the*
 3489 *enforcement of this subtitle, he shall produce the contraband article and any person in whose possession it*
 3490 *was found. In those cases where no person is found in possession of such articles, the return shall so state*
 3491 *and a copy of the warrant shall be posted on the door of the buildings or room where the articles were found,*
 3492 *or if there is no door, then in any conspicuous place upon the premises.*

3493 *In case of seizure of any item for any offense involving its forfeiture where it is impracticable to remove*
 3494 *such item to a place of safe storage from the place where seized, the seizing officer may destroy such item*
 3495 *only as necessary to prevent use of all or any part thereof. The destruction shall be in the presence of at least*
 3496 *one credible witness, and such witness shall join the officer in a sworn report of the seizure and destruction*
 3497 *to be made to the Board. The report shall set forth the grounds of the claim of forfeiture, the reasons for*
 3498 *seizure and destruction, an estimate of the fair cash value of the item destroyed, and the materials remaining*
 3499 *after such destruction. The report shall include a statement that, from facts within their own knowledge, the*
 3500 *seizing officer and witness have no doubt whatever that the item was set up for use, or had been used in the*
 3501 *unlawful cultivation, processing, or manufacture of marijuana, and that it was impracticable to remove such*
 3502 *apparatus to a place of safe storage.*

3503 *In case of seizure of any quantity of marijuana or marijuana products for any offense involving forfeiture*
 3504 *of the same, the seizing officer may destroy them to prevent the use of all or any part thereof for the purpose*
 3505 *of unlawful cultivation, processing, or manufacture of marijuana or marijuana products or any other*
 3506 *violation of this subtitle. The destruction shall be in the presence of at least one credible witness, and such*
 3507 *witness shall join the officer in a sworn report of the seizure and destruction to be made to the Board. The*
 3508 *report shall set forth the grounds of the claim of forfeiture, the reasons for seizure and destruction, and a*
 3509 *statement that, from facts within their own knowledge, the seizing officer and witness have no doubt whatever*
 3510 *that the marijuana or marijuana products were intended for use in the unlawful cultivation, processing, or*
 3511 *manufacture of marijuana or marijuana products or were intended for use in violation of this subtitle.*

3512 *C. Upon the return of the warrant as provided in this section, the court shall fix a time not less than 10*
 3513 *days, unless waived by the accused in writing, and not more than 30 days thereafter, for the hearing on such*
 3514 *return to determine whether or not the articles seized, or any part thereof, were used or in any manner kept,*
 3515 *stored, or possessed in violation of this subtitle.*

3516 *At such hearing, if no claimant appears, the court shall declare the articles seized forfeited to the*
 3517 *Commonwealth and, if such articles are not necessary as evidence in any pending prosecution, shall turn*
 3518 *them over to the Board. Any person claiming an interest in any of the articles seized may appear at the*
 3519 *hearing and file a written claim setting forth particularly the character and extent of his interest. The court*
 3520 *shall certify the warrant and the articles seized along with any claim filed to the circuit court to hear and*
 3521 *determine the validity of such claim.*

3522 *If the evidence warrants, the court shall enter a judgment of forfeiture and order the articles seized to be*
 3523 *turned over to the Board. Action under this section and the forfeiture of any articles hereunder shall not be a*
 3524 *bar to any prosecution under any other provision of this subtitle.*

3525 *D. Any articles forfeited to the Commonwealth and turned over to the Board in accordance with this*
 3526 *section shall be destroyed or sold by the Board as it deems proper. The net proceeds from such sales shall be*
 3527 *paid into the Literary Fund.*

3528 *If the Board believes that any foodstuffs forfeited to the Commonwealth and turned over to the Board in*

3529 *accordance with this section are usable, should not be destroyed, and cannot be sold, or whose sale would be*
3530 *impractical, it may give such foodstuffs to any institution in the Commonwealth and shall prefer a gift to the*
3531 *local jail or other local correctional facility in the jurisdiction where seizure took place. A record shall be*
3532 *made showing the nature of the foodstuffs and amount given, to whom given, and the date when given and*
3533 *shall be kept in the offices of the Board.*

3534 **§ 4.1-1304. Contraband marijuana or marijuana products.**

3535 *Failure to maintain on a conveyance or vehicle a permit or other indicia of permission issued by the*
3536 *Board authorizing the transportation of marijuana or marijuana products within the Commonwealth when*
3537 *other Board regulations applicable to such transportation have been complied with shall not be cause for*
3538 *deeming such marijuana or marijuana products contraband.*

3539 **§ 4.1-1305. Punishment for violations of title or regulations; bond.**

3540 *A. Any person convicted of a misdemeanor under the provisions of this subtitle without specification as to*
3541 *the class of offense or penalty, or convicted of violating any other provision thereof, or convicted of violating*
3542 *any Board regulation is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.*

3543 *B. In addition to the penalties imposed by this subtitle for violations, any court before whom any person is*
3544 *convicted of a violation of any provision of this subtitle may require such defendant to execute bond based*
3545 *upon his ability to pay, with approved security, in the penalty of not more than \$1,000, with the condition that*
3546 *the defendant will not violate any of the provisions of this subtitle for the term of one year. If any such bond is*
3547 *required and is not given, the defendant shall be committed to jail until it is given, or until he is discharged*
3548 *by the court, provided that he shall not be confined for a period longer than six months. If any such bond*
3549 *required by a court is not given during the term of the court by which conviction is had, it may be given*
3550 *before any judge or before the clerk of such court.*

3551 *C. The provisions of this subtitle shall not prevent the Board from suspending, revoking, or refusing to*
3552 *continue the license of any person convicted of a violation of any provision of this subtitle.*

3553 *D. No court shall hear such a case unless the respective attorney for the Commonwealth or his assistant*
3554 *has been notified that such a case is pending.*

3555 **§ 4.1-1306. Witness not excused from testifying because of self-incrimination.**

3556 *No person shall be excused from testifying or from producing books, papers, correspondence,*
3557 *memoranda, or other records for the Commonwealth as to any offense alleged to have been committed by*
3558 *another under this subtitle by reason of his testimony or other evidence tending to incriminate himself, but*
3559 *the testimony given and evidence so produced by such person on behalf of the Commonwealth when called*
3560 *for by the trial judge or court trying the case, or by the attorney for the Commonwealth, or when summoned*
3561 *by the Commonwealth and sworn as a witness by the court or the clerk and sent before the grand jury, shall*
3562 *be in no case used against him nor shall he be prosecuted as to the offense as to which he testifies.*

3563 **§ 4.1-1307. Previous convictions.**

3564 *In any indictment, information, or warrant charging any person with a violation of any provision of this*
3565 *subtitle, it may be alleged and evidence may be introduced at the trial of such person to prove that such*
3566 *person has been previously convicted of a violation of this subtitle.*

3567 **§ 4.1-1308. Label on sealed container prima facie evidence of marijuana content.**

3568 *In any prosecution for violations of this subtitle, where a sealed container is labeled as containing*
3569 *marijuana or marijuana products, such labeling shall be prima facie evidence of the marijuana content of the*
3570 *container. Nothing shall preclude the introduction of other relevant evidence to establish the marijuana*
3571 *content of a container, whether sealed or not.*

3572 **§ 4.1-1309. No recovery for marijuana or marijuana products illegally sold.**

3573 *No action to recover the price of any marijuana or marijuana products sold in contravention of this*
3574 *subtitle may be maintained.*

3575 **§ 4.1-1402. Outdoor advertising restrictions; limitations; variances.**

3576 *A. No outdoor advertising regarding marijuana, marijuana products, or any substance containing a*
3577 *synthetic tetrahydrocannabinol or synthetic derivative of tetrahydrocannabinol shall be placed within 500*
3578 *linear feet on the same side of the road, and parallel to such road, measured from the nearest edge of the sign*
3579 *face upon which the advertisement is placed to the nearest edge of a building or structure located on the real*
3580 *property of (i) a church, synagogue, mosque, or other place of religious worship; (ii) a public, private, or*
3581 *parochial school or an institution of higher education; (iii) a public or private playground or similar*
3582 *recreational facility; (iv) a substance use disorder treatment center; or (v) a dwelling used for residential use.*

3583 *B. However, (i) if there is no building or structure on a playground or similar recreational facility, the*
3584 *measurement shall be from the nearest edge of the sign face upon which the advertisement is placed to the*
3585 *property line of such playground or similar recreational facility and (ii) if a public or private school providing*
3586 *grades K through 12 education is located across the road from a sign, the measurement shall be from the*
3587 *nearest edge of the sign face upon which the advertisement is placed to the nearest edge of a building or*
3588 *structure located on such real property across the road.*

3589 *C. If, at the time the advertisement was displayed, the advertisement was more than 500 feet from (i) a*
3590 *church, synagogue, mosque, or other place of religious worship; (ii) a public, private, or parochial school or*

3591 an institution of higher education; (iii) a public or private playground or similar recreational facility; (iv) a
 3592 substance use disorder treatment center; or (v) a dwelling used for residential use, but the circumstances
 3593 change such that the advertiser would otherwise be in violation of subsection A, the Board shall permit the
 3594 advertisement to remain as displayed for the remainder of the term of any written advertising contract, but in
 3595 no event more than one year from the date of the change in circumstances.

3596 D. The Board may grant a permit authorizing a variance from the distance requirements of this section
 3597 upon a finding that the placement of the advertisement on a sign will not unduly expose children to
 3598 advertising regarding marijuana, marijuana products, or any substance containing a synthetic
 3599 tetrahydrocannabinol or synthetic derivative of tetrahydrocannabinol.

3600 E. The distance and zoning restrictions contained in this section shall not apply to any sign that is included
 3601 in the Integrated Directional Sign Program administered by the Virginia Department of Transportation or its
 3602 agents.

3603 F. *Any outdoor signs placed on the property of a marijuana establishment shall not (i) display imagery of*
 3604 *marijuana or the use of marijuana or (ii) draw undue attention to the facility, but may be designed to assist*
 3605 *consumers to find the marijuana establishment.*

3606 G. Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize billboard signs containing outdoor advertising
 3607 regarding marijuana, marijuana products, or any substance containing a synthetic tetrahydrocannabinol or
 3608 synthetic derivative of tetrahydrocannabinol on property zoned agricultural or residential, or on any unzoned
 3609 property. Nor shall this section be construed to authorize the erection of new billboard signs containing
 3610 outdoor advertising that would be prohibited under state law or local ordinance.

3611 G. H. All lawfully erected outdoor signs regarding marijuana, marijuana products, or any substance
 3612 containing a synthetic tetrahydrocannabinol or synthetic derivative of tetrahydrocannabinol shall comply with
 3613 the provisions of this subtitle, Board regulations, and Chapter 12 (§ 33.2-1200 et seq.) of Title 33.2 and
 3614 regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. Further, any outdoor
 3615 directional sign regarding marijuana, marijuana products, or any substance containing a synthetic
 3616 tetrahydrocannabinol or synthetic derivative of tetrahydrocannabinol that is located or to be located on
 3617 highway rights of way shall also be governed by and comply with the Integrated Directional Sign Program
 3618 administered by the Virginia Department of Transportation or its agents.

3619 **§ 4.1-1403. Board to establish regulations for marijuana testing.**

3620 *The Board shall establish a testing program for marijuana and marijuana products. Except as otherwise*
 3621 *provided in this subtitle or otherwise provided by law, the program shall require a licensee, prior to selling*
 3622 *or distributing marijuana or a marijuana product to a consumer or to another licensee, to submit a*
 3623 *representative sample of the marijuana or marijuana product, not to exceed an amount of the total harvest or*
 3624 *batch as established by the Board, to a licensed marijuana testing facility for testing to ensure that the*
 3625 *marijuana or marijuana product does not exceed the maximum level of allowable contamination for any*
 3626 *contaminant that is injurious to health and for which testing is required and to ensure correct labeling. The*
 3627 *Board shall adopt regulations (i) establishing a testing program pursuant to this section; (ii) establishing*
 3628 *acceptable testing and research practices, including regulations relating to testing practices, methods, and*
 3629 *standards; quality control analysis; equipment certification and calibration; marijuana testing facility*
 3630 *recordkeeping, documentation, and business practices; disposal of used, unused, and waste marijuana and*
 3631 *marijuana products; and reporting of test results; (iii) identifying the types of contaminants that are injurious*
 3632 *to health for which marijuana and marijuana products shall be tested under this subtitle; and (iv)*
 3633 *establishing the maximum level of allowable contamination for each contaminant.*

3634 **§ 4.1-1404. Mandatory testing; scope; recordkeeping; notification; additional testing not required;**
 3635 **required destruction; random testing.**

3636 A. A licensee may not sell or distribute marijuana or a marijuana product to a consumer or to another
 3637 licensee under this subtitle unless a representative sample of the marijuana or marijuana product has been
 3638 tested pursuant to this subtitle and the regulations adopted pursuant to this subtitle and the mandatory testing
 3639 has demonstrated that (i) the marijuana or marijuana product does not exceed the maximum level of
 3640 allowable contamination for any contaminant that is injurious to health and for which testing is required and
 3641 (ii) the labeling on the marijuana or marijuana product is correct.

3642 B. Mandatory testing of marijuana and marijuana products under this section shall include testing for:

- 3643 1. Residual solvents;
- 3644 2. Heavy metals;
- 3645 3. Microbiological contaminants;
- 3646 4. Mycotoxins;
- 3647 5. Pesticide chemical residue; and
- 3648 6. Active ingredient analysis.

3649 *Testing shall be performed on the final form in which the marijuana or marijuana product will be*
 3650 *consumed.*

3651 C. A licensee shall maintain a record of all mandatory testing that includes a description of the marijuana
 3652 or marijuana product provided to the marijuana testing facility, the identity of the marijuana testing facility,

3653 *and the results of the mandatory test.*

3654 *D. If the results of a mandatory test conducted pursuant to this section indicate that the tested marijuana*
3655 *or marijuana product exceeds the maximum level of allowable tetrahydrocannabinol or contamination for*
3656 *any contaminant that is injurious to health and for which testing is required, the marijuana testing facility*
3657 *shall immediately quarantine, document, and properly destroy the marijuana or marijuana product, unless*
3658 *remedial measures can bring the marijuana or marijuana product into compliance with such required health*
3659 *and safety standards, and within seven days of completing the test shall notify the Board of the test results.*

3660 *A marijuana testing facility is not required to notify the Board of the results of any test:*

3661 *1. Conducted on marijuana or a marijuana product at the direction of a licensee for research and*
3662 *development purposes only, so long as the licensee notifies the marijuana testing facility prior to the*
3663 *performance of the test that the testing is for research and development purposes only; or*

3664 *2. Conducted on marijuana or a marijuana product at the direction of a person who is not a licensee.*

3665 *E. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a licensee may sell or furnish to a consumer or to another licensee*
3666 *marijuana or a marijuana product that the licensee has not submitted for testing in accordance with this*
3667 *subtitle and regulations adopted pursuant to this subtitle if the following conditions are met:*

3668 *1. The marijuana or marijuana product has previously undergone testing in accordance with this subtitle*
3669 *and regulations adopted pursuant to this subtitle at the direction of another licensee and the testing*
3670 *demonstrated that the marijuana or marijuana product does not exceed the maximum level of allowable*
3671 *tetrahydrocannabinol or contamination for any contaminant that is injurious to health and for which testing*
3672 *is required;*

3673 *2. The mandatory testing process and the test results for the marijuana or marijuana product are*
3674 *documented in accordance with the requirements of this subtitle and all applicable regulations adopted*
3675 *pursuant to this subtitle;*

3676 *3. Tracking from immature marijuana plant to the point of retail sale has been maintained for the*
3677 *marijuana or marijuana product and transfers of the marijuana or marijuana product to another licensee or*
3678 *to a consumer can be easily identified; and*

3679 *4. The marijuana or marijuana product has not undergone any further processing, manufacturing, or*
3680 *alteration subsequent to the performance of the prior testing under subsection A.*

3681 *F. Licensees shall be required to destroy harvested batches of marijuana or batches of marijuana*
3682 *products whose testing samples indicate noncompliance with the health and safety standards required by this*
3683 *subtitle and the regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to this subtitle, unless remedial measures can*
3684 *bring the marijuana or marijuana product into compliance with such required health and safety standards.*

3685 *G. A licensee shall comply with all requests for samples of marijuana and marijuana products for the*
3686 *purpose of random testing by a state-owned laboratory or state-approved private laboratory.*

3687 **§ 4.1-1405. Labeling and packaging requirements; prohibitions.**

3688 *A. Marijuana and marijuana products to be sold or offered for sale by a licensee to a consumer shall be*
3689 *labeled with the following information:*

3690 *1. Identification of the type of marijuana or marijuana product;*

3691 *2. Identification of the marijuana cultivation facility and marijuana processing facility where the*
3692 *marijuana or marijuana product was cultivated and processed, as applicable;*

3693 *3. A statement of the net weight of the marijuana or marijuana product;*

3694 *4. In English and in a font no less than 1/16 of an inch, information concerning (i) all ingredients,*
3695 *including pharmacologically active ingredients, tetrahydrocannabinol, cannabidiol, and other cannabinoid*
3696 *content; (ii) all major allergens; (iii) the amount of servings in the package; and (iv) the total percentage or*
3697 *milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol and other cannabinoids, in accordance with Board regulations;*

3698 *5. Instructions on usage, including information regarding the amount of marijuana or marijuana product*
3699 *that constitutes a single serving, and information regarding the products purpose, as applicable;*

3700 *6. An expiration date;*

3701 *7. For marijuana and marijuana products, a warning statement adopted by the Board prominently*
3702 *displayed in bold print and in a clear and legible fashion;*

3703 *8. A universal symbol stamped or embossed on the packaging of any marijuana and marijuana products;*

3704 *9. A QR code or other means prescribed by the Board, linking to the certificate of analysis, produced by a*
3705 *licensed marijuana testing facility, that states the total tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of the substance*
3706 *or the total tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of the batch from which the substance originates; and*

3707 *10. Any other information required by Board regulations.*

3708 *B. Marijuana and marijuana products to be sold or offered for sale by a licensee to a consumer in*
3709 *accordance with the provisions of this subtitle shall be packaged in the following manner:*

3710 *1. Marijuana and marijuana products shall be prepackaged in child-resistant, tamper-evident, and*
3711 *resealable packaging that is opaque or shall be placed at the final point of sale to a consumer in child-*
3712 *resistant, tamper-evident, and resealable packaging that is opaque;*

3713 *2. Packaging for multiserving liquid marijuana products shall include an integral measurement*
3714 *component; and*

- 3715 3. Packaging shall comply with any other requirements imposed by Board regulations.
- 3716 C. Marijuana and marijuana products to be sold or offered for sale by a licensee to a consumer in
3717 accordance with the provisions of this subtitle shall not:
- 3718 1. (i) Without authorization, bear, be packaged in a container or wrapper that bears, or otherwise be
3719 labeled to bear the trademark, trade name, famous mark as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1125, or other identifying
3720 mark, imprint, or device, or any likeness thereof, of a manufacturer, processor, packer, or distributor of a
3721 product intended for human consumption other than the manufacturer, processor, packer, or distributor that
3722 did in fact so manufacture, process, pack, or distribute such substance or (ii) otherwise be packaged or
3723 labeled in violation of a federal trademark law or regulation;
- 3724 2. Be labeled or packaged in a manner that appeals particularly to persons younger than 21 years of age;
- 3725 3. Be labeled or packaged in a manner that obscures identifying information on the label;
- 3726 4. Be labeled or packaged using a false or misleading label;
- 3727 5. Depict, model the shape of, or use a label or package that depicts or models the shape of a human,
3728 animal, vehicle, or fruit; and
- 3729 6. Be labeled or packaged in violation of any other labeling or packaging requirements imposed by Board
3730 regulations.
- 3731 **§ 4.1-1406. Other health and safety requirements for edible marijuana products and other marijuana**
3732 **products deemed applicable by the Authority; health and safety regulations.**
- 3733 A. In addition to all other applicable provisions of this subtitle, edible marijuana products and other
3734 marijuana products deemed applicable by the Authority to be sold or offered for sale by a licensee to a
3735 consumer:
- 3736 1. Shall be processed and manufactured by an approved source, as determined by § 3.2-5145.3;
- 3737 2. Shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 51 (§ 3.2-5100 et seq.) of Title 3.2;
- 3738 3. Shall be processed and manufactured in a manner that results in the cannabinoid content within the
3739 product being homogeneous throughout the product or throughout each element of the product that has a
3740 cannabinoid content;
- 3741 4. Shall be processed and manufactured in a manner that results in the amount of marijuana concentrate
3742 within the product being homogeneous throughout the product or throughout each element of the product
3743 that contains marijuana concentrate;
- 3744 5. Shall have a universal symbol stamped or embossed on the packaging of each product;
- 3745 6. Shall not contain more than 10 milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol per serving of the product and shall
3746 not contain more than 100 milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol per package of the product;
- 3747 7. Shall not contain additives that (i) are toxic or harmful to human beings, (ii) are specifically designed
3748 to make the product more addictive, (iii) contain alcohol or nicotine, (iv) are misleading to consumers, or (v)
3749 are specifically designed to make the product appeal particularly to persons younger than 21 years of age;
3750 and
- 3751 8. Shall not involve the addition of marijuana to a trademarked food or drink product, except when the
3752 trademarked product is used as a component of or ingredient in the edible marijuana product and the edible
3753 marijuana product is not advertised or described for sale as containing the trademarked product.
- 3754 B. The Board shall adopt any additional labeling, packaging, or other health and safety regulations that it
3755 deems necessary for marijuana and marijuana products to be sold or offered for sale by a licensee to a
3756 consumer in accordance with this subtitle. Regulations adopted pursuant to this subsection shall establish
3757 mandatory health and safety standards applicable to the cultivation of marijuana, the processing and
3758 manufacture of marijuana products, and the packaging and labeling of marijuana and marijuana products
3759 sold by a licensee to a consumer. Such regulations shall address:
- 3760 1. Requirements for the storage, warehousing, and transportation of marijuana and marijuana products
3761 by licensees;
- 3762 2. Standards for the processing and manufacture of marijuana and marijuana products; and
- 3763 3. Limitations on the display of marijuana and marijuana products at retail marijuana stores and
3764 microbusinesses.
- 3765 **§ 4.1-1407. Product registration requirements; approval, deviation, and modification.**
- 3766 A. A marijuana cultivation facility licensee, marijuana processing facility licensee, and microbusiness
3767 licensee shall register with the Board all marijuana or marijuana products it cultivates or processes.
3768 Applications for marijuana or marijuana product registration shall be submitted to the Board on a form
3769 prescribed by the Board.
- 3770 B. An application for marijuana or marijuana product registration shall include:
- 3771 1. The total tetrahydrocannabinol and total cannabidiol in such marijuana or marijuana product, based
3772 on laboratory testing results for the marijuana or marijuana product formulation;
- 3773 2. A product name;
- 3774 3. A proposed product package; and
- 3775 4. A proposed product label, which shall not be required to contain an expiration date at the time of
3776 application.

3777 C. The Board shall register all marijuana or marijuana products that meet testing, labeling, and
 3778 packaging standards after an application for registration is submitted. If the marijuana or marijuana product
 3779 fails to meet such standards or the application was deficient, the Board shall notify the applicant of the
 3780 specific reasons for such failure or deficiency.

3781 D. The following marijuana or marijuana product deviations from an approved marijuana or marijuana
 3782 product registration shall be permitted without any requirement for a new marijuana or marijuana product
 3783 registration or notice to the Board:

3784 1. A deviation in the concentration of total tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) or total cannabidiol (CBD) in a
 3785 marijuana or marijuana product or dose thereof of up to 15 percent greater than or less than the
 3786 concentration of total tetrahydrocannabinol or total cannabidiol, either or both, listed in the approved
 3787 marijuana or marijuana product registration; however, for marijuana or a marijuana product with five
 3788 milligrams or less of total THC or total CBD per dose, the total THC or total CBD concentration shall be
 3789 within 0.5 milligrams of the single dose total THC or total CBD concentrations approved for that marijuana
 3790 or marijuana product;

3791 2. A variation in packaging, provided that the packaging is substantially similar to the approved
 3792 packaging and otherwise complies with applicable packaging requirements;

3793 3. A deviation in labeling that reflects allowable deviations in total THC or total CBD or that makes a
 3794 minor text, font, design, or similar modification, provided that the labeling is substantially similar to the
 3795 approved labeling and otherwise complies with applicable labeling requirements; and

3796 4. Any other insignificant changes.

3797 F. A marijuana cultivation facility licensee, marijuana processing facility licensee, or microbusiness
 3798 license may submit a request to modify an existing marijuana or marijuana product registration in the event
 3799 of a marijuana or marijuana product deviation that is not set forth in subsection

3800 E. Upon receipt, the Board shall respond to such request. The Board may grant or deny the request,
 3801 propose a reasonable revision, or require the licensee to provide additional information.

3802 **§ 4.1-1500. Definitions.**

3803 As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

3804 "CDFI" means a community development financial institution that provides credit and financial services
 3805 for underserved communities.

3806 "Fund" means the Virginia Cannabis Equity Business Loan Fund established in § 4.1-1501.

3807 "Funding" means loans *and grants* made from the Fund.

3808 "Program" means the Virginia Cannabis Equity Business Loan Program established in § 4.1-1502.

3809 "~~Social equity qualified cannabis licensee~~" means a person or business who meets the criteria in § 4.1-606
 3810 to qualify as a social equity applicant and who either holds or is in the final stages of acquiring, as determined
 3811 by the Board, a license to operate a marijuana establishment.

3812 **§ 4.1-1501. Virginia Cannabis Equity Business Loan Fund.**

3813 There is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund to be known as the Virginia
 3814 Cannabis Equity Business Loan Fund, referred to in this section as "the Fund." The Fund shall be established
 3815 on the books of the Comptroller. All funds appropriated for such purpose and any gifts, donations, grants,
 3816 bequests, and other funds received on its behalf shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Fund.
 3817 Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys remaining
 3818 in the Fund, including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but
 3819 shall remain in the Fund. Moneys in the Fund shall be used solely for the purposes of providing *grants*,
 3820 ~~low-interest and loans~~, zero-interest loans, *and other supports and services* to ~~social equity qualified cannabis~~
 3821 *impact* licensees in order to foster business ownership and economic growth within communities that have
 3822 been the most disproportionately impacted by the former prohibition of cannabis. Expenditures and
 3823 disbursements from the Fund shall be made by the State Treasurer on warrants issued by the Comptroller
 3824 upon written request signed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority.

3825 **§ 4.1-1502. Program requirements; guidelines for management of the Fund; selection of CDFI.**

3826 A. The Authority shall establish a Program to provide loans, *grants, and other supports and services* to
 3827 ~~qualified social equity cannabis impact~~ licensees for the purpose of promoting business ownership and
 3828 economic growth by communities that have been disproportionately impacted by the prohibition of cannabis.
 3829 ~~The~~ For the purposes of issuing loans, the Authority shall may select and work in collaboration with a CDFI
 3830 to assist in administering the Program and carrying out the purposes of the Fund. ~~The~~ If the Authority utilizes
 3831 a CDFI for issuing loans, the CDFI selected by the Authority shall have (i) a statewide presence in Virginia,
 3832 (ii) experience in business lending, (iii) a proven track record of working with disadvantaged communities,
 3833 and (iv) the capability to dedicate sufficient staff to manage the Program. ~~Working with the selected CDFI,~~
 3834 ~~the~~ The Authority shall establish monitoring and accountability mechanisms for ~~businesses impact licensees~~
 3835 receiving funding and shall report annually the number of businesses funded; the geographic distribution of
 3836 the businesses; the costs of the Program; and the outcomes, including the number and types of jobs created.

3837 B. The Program shall:

3838 1. Identify ~~social equity qualified cannabis impact~~ licensees who are in need of capital *or other supports*

3839 *and services* for the start-up of a cannabis business properly licensed pursuant to the provisions of this
3840 subtitle;

3841 2. Provide loans, *grants, and other supports and services* for the purposes described in subsection A *and*
3842 § 4.1-1501;

3843 3. Provide technical assistance; and

3844 4. Bring together community partners to sustain the Program.

3845 **§ 4.1-1600. Definitions.**

3846 As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

3847 "Botanical cannabis" means cannabis that is composed wholly of usable cannabis from the same parts of
3848 the same chemovar of cannabis plant.

3849 "Cannabis dispensing facility" means a *dual-use* facility that (i) has obtained a permit from the Board
3850 pursuant to § 4.1-1602; (ii) is owned, at least in part, by a pharmaceutical processor; ~~and~~ (iii) dispenses
3851 cannabis products produced by a pharmaceutical processor to a patient, his registered agent, or, if such patient
3852 is a minor or a vulnerable adult as defined in § 18.2-369, such patient's parent or legal guardian; *and (iv) has*
3853 *been verified by the Board pursuant to § 4.1-1602.1 to hold and exercise all privileges to operate as a retail*
3854 *marijuana store pursuant to § 4.1-802 on the premises of the cannabis dispensing facility.*

3855 "Cannabis oil" means any formulation of processed Cannabis plant extract, which may include industrial
3856 hemp extracts, including isolates and distillates, acquired by a pharmaceutical processor pursuant to
3857 § 4.1-1602, or a dilution of the resin of the Cannabis plant that contains, except as otherwise provided in this
3858 chapter, no more than 10 milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol per dose. "Cannabis oil" does not include
3859 industrial hemp, as defined in § 3.2-4112, that is grown, handled, or processed in compliance with state or
3860 federal law, unless it has been grown and processed in the Commonwealth by a registered industrial hemp
3861 processor and acquired and formulated by a pharmaceutical processor.

3862 "Cannabis product" means a product that (i) is formulated with cannabis oil or botanical cannabis; (ii) is
3863 produced by a pharmaceutical processor and sold by a pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing
3864 facility; (iii) is registered with the Board; (iv) contains, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, no more
3865 than 10 milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol per dose; and (v) is compliant with testing requirements.

3866 "*Delivery agent*" means an independent contractor that transports or delivers usable cannabis, botanical
3867 cannabis, cannabis oil, or cannabis products on behalf of a pharmaceutical processor or cannabis
3868 dispensing facility.

3869 "Designated caregiver facility" means any hospice or hospice facility licensed pursuant to § 32.1-162.3, or
3870 home care organization as defined in § 32.1-162.7 that provides pharmaceutical services or home health
3871 services, private provider licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services
3872 pursuant to Article 2 (§ 37.2-403 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 37.2, assisted living facility licensed pursuant
3873 to § 63.2-1701, or adult day center licensed pursuant to § 63.2-1701.

3874 "Dispense" means the same as that term is defined in § 54.1-3300.

3875 "Pharmaceutical processor" means a *dual-use* facility that (i) has obtained a permit from the Board
3876 pursuant to § 4.1-1602 ~~and~~; (ii) cultivates Cannabis plants intended ~~only~~ for the production of cannabis oil,
3877 botanical cannabis, and usable cannabis, produces cannabis products, and dispenses cannabis products to a
3878 patient pursuant to a written certification, his registered agent, or, if such patient is a minor or a vulnerable
3879 adult as defined in § 18.2-369, such patient's parent or legal guardian; *and (iii) has been verified by the Board*
3880 *pursuant to § 4.1-1602.1 to hold and exercise all privileges to operate as a marijuana cultivation facility*
3881 *pursuant to § 4.1-800, marijuana processing facility pursuant to § 4.1-801, and retail marijuana store*
3882 *pursuant to § 4.1-802.*

3883 "Pharmacist" means the same as that term is defined in § 54.1-3300.

3884 "Pharmacy intern" means the same as that term is defined in § 54.1-3300.

3885 "Pharmacy technician" means the same as that term is defined in § 54.1-3300.

3886 "Pharmacy technician trainee" means the same as that term is defined in § 54.1-3300.

3887 "Practitioner" means a practitioner of medicine or osteopathy licensed by the Board of Medicine, a
3888 physician assistant licensed by the Board of Medicine, or an advanced practice registered nurse jointly
3889 licensed by the Boards of Nursing and Medicine.

3890 "Registered agent" means an individual designated by a patient who has been issued a written
3891 certification, or, if such patient is a minor or a vulnerable adult as defined in § 18.2-369, designated by such
3892 patient's parent or legal guardian, and registered with the Board pursuant to subsection F of § 4.1-1601.

3893 "Usable cannabis" means any cannabis plant material, including seeds, but not (i) resin that has been
3894 extracted from any part of the cannabis plant, its seeds, or its resin; (ii) the mature stalks, fiber produced from
3895 the stalks, or any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the mature stalks;
3896 or (iii) oil or cake made from the seeds of the plant.

3897 **§ 4.1-1601. Certification for use of cannabis for treatment.**

3898 A. A practitioner in the course of his professional practice may issue a written certification for the use of
3899 cannabis products for treatment or to alleviate the symptoms of any diagnosed condition or disease
3900 determined by the practitioner to benefit from such use. The practitioner shall use his professional judgment

3901 to determine the manner and frequency of patient care and evaluation and may employ the use of
3902 telemedicine, provided that the use of telemedicine includes the delivery of patient care through real-time
3903 interactive audiovisual technology. No practitioner may issue a written certification while such practitioner is
3904 on the premises of a pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility. A pharmaceutical processor
3905 shall not endorse or promote any practitioner who issues certifications to patients. If a practitioner determines
3906 it is consistent with the standard of care to dispense botanical cannabis to a minor, the written certification
3907 shall specifically authorize such dispensing. If not specifically included on the initial written certification,
3908 authorization for botanical cannabis may be communicated verbally or in writing to the pharmacist at the
3909 time of dispensing. A practitioner who issues written certifications shall not directly or indirectly accept,
3910 solicit, or receive anything of value from a pharmaceutical processor, cannabis dispensing facility, or any
3911 person associated with a pharmaceutical processor, cannabis dispensing facility, or provider of paraphernalia,
3912 excluding information on products or educational materials on the benefits and risks of cannabis products.

3913 B. The written certification shall be on a form provided by the Authority. Such written certification shall
3914 contain the name, address, and telephone number of the practitioner, the name and address of the patient
3915 issued the written certification, the date on which the written certification was made, and the signature or
3916 authentic electronic signature of the practitioner. Such written certification issued pursuant to subsection A
3917 shall expire one year after its issuance unless the practitioner provides in such written certification an earlier
3918 expiration. A written certification shall not be issued to a patient by more than one practitioner during any
3919 given time period.

3920 C. No practitioner shall be prosecuted under *Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.)* or § 18.2-248 ~~or 18.2-248.1~~
3921 for the issuance of a certification for the use of cannabis products for the treatment or to alleviate the
3922 symptoms of a patient's diagnosed condition or disease pursuant to a written certification issued pursuant to
3923 subsection A. Nothing in this section shall preclude a practitioner's professional licensing board from
3924 sanctioning the practitioner for failing to properly evaluate or treat a patient's medical condition or otherwise
3925 violating the applicable standard of care for evaluating or treating medical conditions.

3926 D. A practitioner who issues a written certification to a patient pursuant to this section (i) shall hold
3927 sufficient education and training to exercise appropriate professional judgment in the certification of patients;
3928 (ii) shall not offer a discount or any other thing of value to a patient or a patient's parent, guardian, or
3929 registered agent that is contingent on or encourages the person's decision to use a particular pharmaceutical
3930 processor or cannabis product; (iii) shall not issue a certification to himself or his family members,
3931 employees, or coworkers; (iv) shall not provide product samples containing cannabis other than those
3932 approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration; and (v) shall not accept compensation from a
3933 pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility. The Board shall not limit the number of patients to
3934 whom a practitioner may issue a written certification. The Board may report information to the applicable
3935 licensing board on unusual patterns of certifications issued by a practitioner.

3936 E. No patient shall be required to physically present the written certification after the initial dispensing by
3937 any pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility under each written certification, provided that
3938 the pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility maintains an electronic copy of the written
3939 certification. Pharmaceutical processors and cannabis dispensing facilities shall electronically transmit on a
3940 monthly basis all new written certifications received by the pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing
3941 facility to the Authority.

3942 F. A patient, or, if such patient is a minor or a vulnerable adult as defined in § 18.2-369, such patient's
3943 parent or legal guardian, may designate an individual to act as his registered agent for the purposes of
3944 receiving cannabis products pursuant to a valid written certification. Such designated individual shall register
3945 with the Board unless the individual's name listed on the patient's written certification. An individual may, on
3946 the basis of medical need and in the discretion of the patient's registered practitioner, be listed on the patient's
3947 written certification upon the patient's request. The Board may set a limit on the number of patients for whom
3948 any individual is authorized to act as a registered agent.

3949 G. Upon delivery of a cannabis product by a pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility to a
3950 designated caregiver facility, any employee or contractor of a designated caregiver facility who is licensed or
3951 registered by a health regulatory board and who is authorized to possess, distribute, or administer medications
3952 may accept delivery of the cannabis product on behalf of a patient or resident for subsequent delivery to the
3953 patient or resident and may assist in the administration of the cannabis product to the patient or resident as
3954 necessary.

3955 H. Information obtained under the patient certification or agent registration process shall be confidential
3956 and shall not be subject to the disclosure provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700
3957 et seq.). However, reasonable access to registry information shall be provided to (i) the Chairmen of the
3958 House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice, (ii) state and federal agencies or local law enforcement
3959 for the purpose of investigating or prosecuting a specific individual for a specific violation of law, (iii)
3960 licensed practitioners or pharmacists, or their agents, for the purpose of providing patient care and drug
3961 therapy management and monitoring of drugs obtained by a patient, (iv) a pharmaceutical processor or
3962 cannabis dispensing facility involved in the treatment of a patient, or (v) a patient's registered agent, but only

3963 with respect to information related to such patient.

3964 **§ 4.1-1602. Permit to operate pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility.**

3965 A. No person shall operate a pharmaceutical processor or a cannabis dispensing facility without first
3966 obtaining a permit from the Board. The application for such permit shall be made on a form provided by the
3967 Authority and signed by a pharmacist who will be in full and actual charge of the pharmaceutical processor's
3968 dispensing area or cannabis dispensing facility. The Board shall establish an application fee and other general
3969 requirements for such application. *Effective November 1, 2026, no previously issued permit shall remain*
3970 *valid unless the pharmaceutical processor has received dual-use verification from the Board pursuant to*
3971 *§ 4.1-1602.1.*

3972 B. Each permit shall expire annually on a date determined by the Board in regulation. The number of
3973 permits that the Board may issue or renew in any year is limited to one *permit in each health service area*
3974 *established by the Board of Health, which shall govern the operations of the pharmaceutical processor and up*
3975 *to five cannabis dispensing facilities for in each health service area established by the Board of Health.*
3976 Permits shall be displayed in a conspicuous place on the premises of the pharmaceutical processor and
3977 cannabis dispensing facility.

3978 C. The Board shall adopt regulations establishing health, safety, and security requirements for
3979 pharmaceutical processors and cannabis dispensing facilities. Such regulations shall include requirements for
3980 (i) physical standards; (ii) location restrictions; (iii) security systems and controls; (iv) minimum equipment
3981 and resources; (v) recordkeeping; (vi) labeling and packaging; (vii) routine inspections no more frequently
3982 than once annually; (viii) processes for safely and securely dispensing and delivering in person cannabis
3983 products to a patient, his registered agent, or, if such patient is a minor or a vulnerable adult as defined in
3984 § 18.2-369, such patient's parent or legal guardian; (ix) dosage limitations for cannabis products that provide
3985 that each dispensed dose of a cannabis product not exceed 10 milligrams of total tetrahydrocannabinol,
3986 except as permitted under § 4.1-1603.2; (x) a process for the wholesale distribution of and the transfer of
3987 usable cannabis, botanical cannabis, cannabis oil, and cannabis products between pharmaceutical processors,
3988 between a pharmaceutical processor and a cannabis dispensing facility, and between cannabis dispensing
3989 facilities; (xi) an allowance for the sale of devices for administration of dispensed cannabis products and
3990 hemp-based CBD products that meet the applicable standards set forth in state and federal law, including the
3991 laboratory testing standards set forth in subsection N; (xii) an allowance for the use and distribution of inert
3992 product samples containing no cannabinoids for patient demonstration exclusively at the pharmaceutical
3993 processor or cannabis dispensing facility, and not for further distribution or sale, without the need for a
3994 written certification; (xiii) a process for acquiring industrial hemp extracts and formulating such extracts into
3995 cannabis products; and (xiv) an allowance for the advertising and promotion of the pharmaceutical
3996 processor's products and operations, which shall not limit the pharmaceutical processor from the provision of
3997 educational material to practitioners who issue written certifications and patients. The Board shall also adopt
3998 regulations for pharmaceutical processors that include requirements for (a) processes for safely and securely
3999 cultivating cannabis plants intended for producing cannabis products, (b) the disposal of agricultural waste,
4000 and (c) a process for registering cannabis products.

4001 D. The Board shall require pharmaceutical processors, after processing and before dispensing any
4002 cannabis products, to make a sample available from each batch of cannabis product for testing by an
4003 independent laboratory that is located in *the Commonwealth* and meets Board requirements. ~~A valid sample~~
4004 ~~size for testing shall be determined by each laboratory and may vary due to sample matrix, analytical method,~~
4005 ~~and laboratory-specific procedures. A minimum sample size of 0.5 percent of individual units for dispensing~~
4006 ~~or distribution from each homogenized batch of cannabis oil is required to achieve a representative cannabis~~
4007 ~~oil sample for analysis. A minimum sample size, to be determined by the certified testing laboratory, from~~
4008 ~~each batch of botanical cannabis is required to achieve a representative botanical cannabis sample for~~
4009 ~~analysis. Botanical cannabis products shall only be tested for the following: total cannabidiol (CBD); total~~
4010 ~~tetrahydrocannabinol (THC); terpenes, pesticide chemical residue, heavy metals, mycotoxins, moisture, and~~
4011 ~~microbiological contaminants. Testing thresholds shall be consistent with generally accepted cannabis~~
4012 ~~industry thresholds. The pharmaceutical processor may remediate botanical cannabis or cannabis oil that fails~~
4013 ~~any quality testing standard except pesticides. Following remediation, all remediated botanical cannabis or~~
4014 ~~cannabis oil shall be subject to laboratory testing, which shall not be more stringent than initial testing prior~~
4015 ~~to remediation. Remediated botanical cannabis or cannabis oil that passes such quality testing may be~~
4016 ~~packaged and labeled. If a batch of botanical cannabis fails retesting after remediation, it shall be considered~~
4017 ~~usable cannabis and may be processed into cannabis oil. Stability testing shall not be required for any~~
4018 ~~cannabis product with an expiration date assigned by the pharmaceutical processor of 12 months or less from~~
4019 ~~the date of the cannabis product registration approval. Stability testing required for assignment of an~~
4020 ~~expiration date longer than 12 months shall be limited to microbial testing, on a pass/fail basis, and potency~~
4021 ~~testing, on a 15 percent deviation basis, of total THC and total CBD. No cannabis product shall have an~~
4022 ~~expiration date longer than 12 months from the date of the cannabis product registration approval unless~~
4023 ~~supported by stability testing. The provisions of § 4.1-1404 shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to the testing of all~~
4024 ~~cannabis products.~~

4025 E. A laboratory testing samples for a pharmaceutical processor shall obtain a controlled substances
4026 registration certificate pursuant to § 54.1-3423 and shall comply with quality standards established by the
4027 Board of Pharmacy in regulation.

4028 F. Every pharmaceutical processor's dispensing area or cannabis dispensing facility shall be under the
4029 personal supervision of a licensed pharmacist on the premises of the pharmaceutical processor or cannabis
4030 dispensing facility unless all cannabis products are contained in a vault or other similar container to which
4031 only the pharmacist has access controls. The pharmaceutical processor shall ensure that security measures are
4032 adequate to protect the cannabis from diversion at all times, and the pharmacist-in-charge shall have
4033 concurrent responsibility for preventing diversion from the dispensing area.

4034 Every pharmaceutical processor shall designate a person who shall have oversight of the cultivation and
4035 production areas of the pharmaceutical processor and shall provide such information to the Board. The Board
4036 shall direct all communications related to enforcement of requirements related to cultivation and production
4037 of cannabis and cannabis products by the pharmaceutical processor to such designated person.

4038 G. The Board shall require the material owners of an applicant for a pharmaceutical processor or cannabis
4039 dispensing facility permit to submit to fingerprinting and provide personal descriptive information to be
4040 forwarded along with his fingerprints through the Central Criminal Records Exchange to the Federal Bureau
4041 of Investigation for the purpose of obtaining criminal history record information regarding the applicant's
4042 material owners. The cost of fingerprinting and the criminal history record search shall be paid by the
4043 applicant. The Central Criminal Records Exchange shall forward the results of the criminal history
4044 background check to the Board or its designee, which shall be a governmental entity.

4045 H. A pharmaceutical processor shall maintain evidence of criminal background checks for all employees
4046 and delivery agents of the pharmaceutical processor. Criminal background checks of employees and delivery
4047 agents may be conducted by any service sufficient to disclose any federal and state criminal convictions.

4048 I. In addition to other employees authorized by the Board, a pharmaceutical processor may employ
4049 individuals who may have less than one year of experience (i) to perform cultivation-related duties under the
4050 supervision of an individual who has received a degree in a field related to the cultivation of plants or a
4051 certification recognized by the Board or who has at least one year of experience cultivating plants, (ii) to
4052 perform extraction-related duties under the supervision of an individual who has a degree in chemistry or
4053 pharmacology or at least one year of experience extracting chemicals from plants, (iii) to perform duties at
4054 the pharmaceutical processor and cannabis dispensing facility upon certification as a pharmacy technician,
4055 and (iv) to serve as pharmacy technician trainees.

4056 J. A pharmaceutical processor to whom a permit has been issued by the Board may (i) establish up to five
4057 cannabis dispensing facilities, subject to the permit requirement set forth in subsection B, for the dispensing
4058 of cannabis products that have been cultivated and produced on the premises of a pharmaceutical processor
4059 permitted by the Board and (ii) establish, if authorized by the Board, one additional location at which the
4060 pharmaceutical processor may cultivate cannabis plants. *Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a
4061 pharmaceutical processor shall cultivate cannabis only indoors, which may include a secure agricultural
4062 greenhouse, with a canopy that does not exceed 70,000 square feet in the aggregate across all cultivation
4063 conducted by the pharmaceutical processor, including cultivation authorized under this chapter and for
4064 purposes of a pharmaceutical processor's operations as a marijuana cultivation facility pursuant to
4065 § 4.1-800, regardless of whether such canopy is utilized on the premises of the pharmaceutical processor or
4066 collectively on the premises of the pharmaceutical processor and the additional cultivation location.* Each
4067 cannabis dispensing facility and the additional cultivation location shall be located within the same health
4068 service area as the pharmaceutical processor.

4069 K. No person who has been convicted of a felony under the laws of the Commonwealth or another
4070 jurisdiction within the last five years shall be employed by or act as an agent of a pharmaceutical processor or
4071 cannabis dispensing facility.

4072 L. Every pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility shall adopt policies for pre-employment
4073 drug screening and regular, ongoing, random drug screening of employees.

4074 M. A pharmacist at the pharmaceutical processor's dispensing area and the cannabis dispensing facility
4075 shall determine the number of pharmacy interns, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy technician trainees
4076 who can be safely and competently supervised at one time; however, no pharmacist shall supervise more than
4077 six persons performing the duties of a pharmacy technician at one time in the pharmaceutical processor's
4078 dispensing area or cannabis dispensing facility.

4079 N. A pharmaceutical processor may acquire from a registered industrial hemp handler or processor
4080 industrial hemp extracts that (i) are grown and processed in Virginia in compliance with state or federal law,
4081 and (ii) notwithstanding the tetrahydrocannabinol limits set forth in the definition of "industrial hemp extract"
4082 in § 3.2-5145.1, contain a total tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of no greater than 0.3 percent. A
4083 pharmaceutical processor may process and formulate such extracts into an allowable dosage of cannabis
4084 product. Industrial hemp extracts acquired and formulated by a pharmaceutical processor are subject to the
4085 same third-party testing requirements that may apply to cannabis plant extract. Testing shall be performed by
4086 a laboratory located in Virginia and in compliance with state law governing the testing of cannabis products.

4087 The industrial hemp handler or processor shall provide such third-party testing results to the pharmaceutical
4088 processor before industrial hemp extracts may be acquired.

4089 O. Product labels for all cannabis products and botanical cannabis shall be complete, accurate, easily
4090 discernable, and uniform among different products and brands. Pharmaceutical processors shall affix to all
4091 cannabis products and botanical cannabis a label, which shall also be accessible on the pharmaceutical
4092 processor's website, that includes:

4093 1. The product name;

4094 2. All active and inactive ingredients, including cannabinoids, terpenes, additives, preservatives,
4095 flavorings, sweeteners, and carrier oils;

4096 3. The total percentage and milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol and cannabidiol included in the product
4097 and the number of milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol and cannabidiol in each serving;

4098 4. The amount of product that constitutes a single serving and the amount recommended for use by the
4099 practitioner or dispensing pharmacist;

4100 5. Information regarding the product's purpose and detailed usage directions;

4101 6. Child and safety warnings in a conspicuous font; and

4102 7. Such other information required by the Board.

4103 P. A pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility shall maintain an adequate supply of
4104 cannabis products that (i) contain cannabidiol as their primary cannabinoid and (ii) have low levels of or no
4105 tetrahydrocannabinol.

4106 Q. P. With the exception of § 2.2-4031, neither the provisions of the Administrative Process Act
4107 (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.) nor public participation guidelines adopted pursuant thereto shall apply to the adoption of
4108 any regulation pursuant to this section. Prior to adopting any regulation pursuant to this section, the Board
4109 shall publish a notice of opportunity to comment in the Virginia Register of Regulations and post the action
4110 on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall. Such notice of opportunity to comment shall contain (i) a summary of
4111 the proposed regulation; (ii) the text of the proposed regulation; and (iii) the name, address, and telephone
4112 number of the agency contact person responsible for receiving public comments. Such notice shall be made at
4113 least 60 days in advance of the last date prescribed in such notice for submittals of public comment. The
4114 legislative review provisions of subsections A and B of § 2.2-4014 shall apply to the promulgation or final
4115 adoption process for regulations pursuant to this section. The Board shall consider and keep on file all public
4116 comments received for any regulation adopted pursuant to this section.

4117 **§ 4.1-1602.1. Dual-use privileges.**

4118 A. As used in this section, "interest" means a direct or indirect equity ownership interest, a partial equity
4119 ownership interest, or any other financial or economic interest representing at least 10 percent or more of
4120 the ownership, voting power, or economic value of an entity, including being an investor, partner, member,
4121 officer, or director or serving in any other management position.

4122 B. Upon application to the Board, payment of a one-time conversion fee by a pharmaceutical processor,
4123 and verification by the Board that the applicable requirements are met, a pharmaceutical processor and its
4124 cannabis dispensing facilities may exercise dual-use privileges as set forth in this chapter.

4125 C. In addition to the provisions of this chapter, unless otherwise provided by law or regulation, a
4126 pharmaceutical processor authorized to exercise dual-use privileges shall hold the privileges of and be
4127 subject to all laws and regulations applicable to a marijuana cultivation facility, marijuana processing
4128 facility, and retail marijuana store and a cannabis dispensing facility shall hold the privileges of and be
4129 subject to all laws and regulations applicable to a retail marijuana store, except that the location restrictions
4130 set forth in § 4.1-629 and subdivision B 3 of § 4.1-810 shall not apply to a pharmaceutical processor or
4131 cannabis dispensing facility operating on July 1, 2026.

4132 D. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a pharmaceutical processor, and any entity that directly
4133 or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with a pharmaceutical processor, shall
4134 not possess or hold interest in a marijuana establishment license in addition to the permit obtained and the
4135 dual-use privileges granted pursuant to this chapter.

4136 **§ 4.1-1603. Dispensing cannabis products; report.**

4137 A. A pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility shall dispense or deliver cannabis products
4138 only in person to (i) a patient who is a Virginia resident or temporarily resides in Virginia and has been issued
4139 a valid written certification; (ii) such patient's registered agent; or (iii) if such patient is a minor or a
4140 vulnerable adult as defined in § 18.2-369, such patient's parent or legal guardian who is a Virginia resident or
4141 temporarily resides in Virginia. A pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility may dispense or
4142 deliver cannabis products to such patient or such patient's registered agent, parent, or legal guardian at any
4143 residence, including a temporary residence, or business. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a pharmaceutical
4144 processor or cannabis dispensing facility shall not dispense or deliver cannabis products to (a) any military
4145 base, child day center, school, or correctional facility; (b) the State Capitol; (c) marine terminal under the
4146 supervision of the Virginia Port Authority; or (d) any public gathering places, including sporting events,
4147 festivals, fairs, races, concerts, and terminals of public transportation companies. A companion may
4148 accompany a patient into a pharmaceutical processor's dispensing area or cannabis dispensing facility. Prior

4149 to the initial dispensing of cannabis products pursuant to each written certification, a pharmacist or pharmacy
4150 technician employed by the pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility shall make and
4151 maintain, on site or remotely by electronic means, for two years a paper or electronic copy of the written
4152 certification that provides an exact image of the document that is clearly legible; shall view, in person or by
4153 audiovisual means, a current photo identification of the patient, registered agent, parent, or legal guardian;
4154 and shall verify current board registration of the corresponding registered agent if applicable. Thereafter, an
4155 initial dispensing may be delivered to the patient, registered agent, parent, legal guardian, or designated
4156 caregiver facility. Prior to any subsequent dispensing of cannabis products pursuant to each written
4157 certification, an employee or delivery agent shall view a current photo identification of the patient, registered
4158 agent, parent, or legal guardian and the current board registration issued to the registered agent if applicable.
4159 No pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility shall dispense more than a 90-day supply, as
4160 determined by the dispensing pharmacist or certifying practitioner, for any patient during any 90-day period.
4161 A pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility may dispense less than a 90-day supply of a
4162 cannabis product for any patient during any 90-day period; however, a pharmaceutical processor or cannabis
4163 dispensing facility may dispense more than one cannabis product to a patient at one time. No more than four
4164 ounces of botanical cannabis shall be dispensed for each 30-day period for which botanical cannabis is
4165 dispensed. In determining the appropriate amount of a cannabis product to be dispensed to a patient, a
4166 pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility shall consider all cannabis products dispensed to the
4167 patient and adjust the amount dispensed accordingly.

4168 B. A pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility shall dispense only cannabis products
4169 produced on the premises of a pharmaceutical processor permitted by the Board or cannabis products that
4170 have been formulated with extracts from industrial hemp acquired by a pharmaceutical processor from a
4171 registered industrial hemp handler or processor pursuant to § 4.1-1602. A pharmaceutical processor may
4172 begin cultivation upon being issued a permit by the Board.

4173 C. The Board shall report annually by December 1 to the Chairmen of the House Committee on General
4174 Laws and the Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services on the operation of pharmaceutical
4175 processors and cannabis dispensing facilities issued a permit by the Board.

4176 D. The concentration of total tetrahydrocannabinol in any cannabis product on site may be up to 15
4177 percent greater than or less than the level of total tetrahydrocannabinol listed in the approved cannabis
4178 product registration. A pharmaceutical processor and cannabis dispensing facility shall ensure that such
4179 concentration in any cannabis product on site is within such range. A pharmaceutical processor producing
4180 cannabis products shall establish a stability testing schedule of cannabis products that have an expiration date
4181 of longer than 12 months.

4182 E. *All transportation or delivery of usable cannabis, botanical cannabis, cannabis oil, or cannabis*
4183 *products, whether by an employee or delivery agent, shall comply with the provisions of this subtitle and*
4184 *Board regulations, including those related to background checks, proof of identification, vehicle security,*
4185 *GPS tracking, secure communications, and recordkeeping. The Board may suspend or revoke the privileges*
4186 *of any employee or delivery agent to transport or deliver usable cannabis, cannabis oil, or cannabis products*
4187 *for failure of such employee or delivery agent to comply with the provisions of this subtitle or Board*
4188 *regulations.*

4189 **§ 4.1-1603.1. Packaging and labeling; corrections.**

4190 A. Pharmaceutical processors shall comply with all packaging and labeling requirements set forth in this
4191 article and Board regulations. *Product labels for all cannabis products and botanical cannabis shall be*
4192 *complete, accurate, easily discernible, and uniform among different products and brands. Pharmaceutical*
4193 *processors shall affix to all cannabis products and botanical cannabis a label, which shall also be accessible*
4194 *on the pharmaceutical processor's website. The provisions of § 4.1-1405 shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to the*
4195 *packaging and labeling of all cannabis products and botanical cannabis.*

4196 B. ~~No cannabis product shall be packaged in a container or wrapper that bears, or is otherwise labeled to~~
4197 ~~bear the trademark, trade name, famous mark as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1125, or other identifying mark,~~
4198 ~~imprint, or device, or any likeness thereof, of a manufacturer, processor, packer, or distributor of a product~~
4199 ~~intended for human consumption other than the manufacturer, processor, packer, or distributor that did in fact~~
4200 ~~so manufacture, process, pack, or distribute such cannabis product.~~

4201 C. Pharmaceutical processors may correct typographical errors made on cannabis product labels and any
4202 documents generated as the result of a wholesale transaction.

4203 **§ 4.1-1603.2. Cannabis product registration.**

4204 A. A pharmaceutical processor shall register with the Board each cannabis product it manufactures.
4205 Applications for cannabis product registration shall be submitted to the Board on a form prescribed by the
4206 Board. *The provisions of § 4.1-1407 shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to the registration of such cannabis*
4207 *products.*

4208 B. ~~An application for cannabis product registration shall include:~~

4209 ~~1. The total tetrahydrocannabinol and total cannabidiol in such cannabis product, based on laboratory~~
4210 ~~testing results for the cannabis product formulation;~~

4211 2. A product name;
 4212 3. A proposed product package; and
 4213 4. A proposed product label, which shall not be required to contain an expiration date at the time of
 4214 application.

4215 C. The Board shall register all cannabis products that meet testing, labeling, and packaging standards after
 4216 an application for registration is submitted. If the cannabis product fails to meet such standards or the
 4217 application was deficient, the Board shall notify the applicant of the specific reasons for such failure or
 4218 deficiency.

4219 D. Within two business days of the Board's approval or deemed approval of any cannabis product
 4220 registration, the Board shall enter the cannabis product's national drug code number into the Prescription
 4221 Monitoring Program.

4222 E. The following cannabis product deviations from an approved cannabis product registration shall be
 4223 permitted without any requirement for a new cannabis product registration or notice to the Board:

4224 1. A deviation in the concentration of total tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) or total cannabidiol (CBD) in a
 4225 cannabis product or dose thereof of up to 15 percent greater than or less than the concentration of total
 4226 tetrahydrocannabinol or total cannabidiol, either or both, listed in the approved cannabis product registration;
 4227 however, for a cannabis product with five milligrams or less of total THC or total CBD per dose, the total
 4228 THC or total CBD concentration shall be within 0.5 milligrams of the single dose total THC or total CBD
 4229 concentrations approved for that cannabis product;

4230 2. A variation in packaging, provided that the packaging is substantially similar to the approved packaging
 4231 and otherwise complies with applicable packaging requirements;

4232 3. A deviation in labeling, including a variation made in accordance with § 54.1-3442.7-1, that reflects
 4233 allowable deviations in total THC or total CBD or that makes a minor text, font, design, or similar
 4234 modification, provided that the labeling is substantially similar to the approved labeling and otherwise
 4235 complies with applicable labeling requirements; and

4236 4. Any other insignificant changes.

4237 F. A pharmaceutical processor may submit a request to modify an existing cannabis product registration in
 4238 the event of a cannabis product deviation that is not set forth in subsection E. Upon receipt, the Board shall
 4239 respond to such request. The Board may grant or deny the request, propose a reasonable revision, or require
 4240 the pharmaceutical processor to provide additional information.

4241 **§ 4.1-1604. Criminal liability; exceptions.**

4242 No agent or employee of a pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility shall be prosecuted
 4243 under Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) or § 18.2-248; ~~18.2-248.1~~, or 18.2-250 for possession or manufacture of
 4244 marijuana or for possession, manufacture, or distribution of cannabis products, subject to any civil penalty,
 4245 denied any right or privilege, or subject to any disciplinary action by a professional licensing board if such
 4246 agent or employee (i) possessed or manufactured such marijuana for the purposes of producing cannabis
 4247 products in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and Board regulations or (ii) possessed,
 4248 manufactured, or distributed such cannabis products that are consistent with generally accepted cannabis
 4249 industry standards in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and Board regulations.

4250 **§ 5.1-13. Operation of aircraft while under influence of intoxicating liquors or drugs; reckless
 4251 operation.**

4252 Any person who ~~shall operate~~ *operates* any aircraft within the airspace over, above, or upon the lands or
 4253 waters of ~~this~~ *the* Commonwealth, while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or of any narcotic *or*
 4254 *marijuana* or any habit-forming drugs ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of a felony and shall be confined in a state
 4255 correctional facility not less than one nor more than five years, or, in the discretion of the court or jury trying
 4256 the case, be confined in jail not exceeding ~~twelve~~ *12* months and fined not exceeding \$500, or both such fine
 4257 and imprisonment.

4258 Any person who ~~shall operate~~ *operates* any aircraft within the airspace over, above, or upon the lands or
 4259 waters of ~~this~~ *the* Commonwealth carelessly or heedlessly in willful or wanton disregard of the rights or
 4260 safety of others, or without due caution and circumspection and in a manner so as to endanger any person or
 4261 property, ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of a misdemeanor.

4262 **§ 6.2-108. Financial services for licensed marijuana establishments.**

4263 A. As used in this section:

4264 "Business associate" means a person that provides goods or services to, or receives goods or services
 4265 from, a licensed marijuana establishment in connection with lawful marijuana-related activities.

4266 "Financial service" includes deposit accounts, loans, lines of credit, payment processing, funds
 4267 transmission, cash management services, and other services customarily provided by a bank or credit union
 4268 in the ordinary course of business.

4269 "Licensed" and "marijuana establishment" have the same meanings as provided in § 4.1-600.

4270 B. A bank or credit union may provide financial services to a licensed marijuana establishment or its
 4271 business associates, subject to applicable state and federal law.

4272 C. A bank or credit union that provides a financial service to a licensed marijuana establishment, and the

4273 *officers, directors, and employees of that bank or credit union, shall not be held liable pursuant to any state*
 4274 *law or regulation solely for providing such a financial service or for further investing any income derived*
 4275 *from such a financial service.*

4276 *D. Nothing in this section shall require a bank or credit union to provide financial services to a licensed*
 4277 *marijuana establishment.*

4278 *E. No agency or political subdivision of the Commonwealth shall penalize, prohibit, or take adverse*
 4279 *supervisory or regulatory action against a bank or credit union solely because the bank or credit union*
 4280 *provides financial services to a licensed marijuana establishment.*

4281 *F. A bank or credit union, and its officers, directors, and employees, shall not be subject to criminal*
 4282 *prosecution, civil liability, or administrative sanction under the laws of the Commonwealth solely for*
 4283 *providing financial services to a licensed marijuana establishment in compliance with this section.*

4284 *G. The legal interest of a bank or credit union in collateral for a loan or other financial service provided*
 4285 *to a licensed marijuana establishment shall not be subject to civil or criminal forfeiture under the laws of the*
 4286 *Commonwealth solely because the collateral is associated with a licensed marijuana establishment.*

4287 *H. Proceeds derived from a transaction involving a licensed marijuana establishment shall not be*
 4288 *considered proceeds of unlawful activity under the laws of the Commonwealth solely because the transaction*
 4289 *involves a licensed marijuana establishment.*

4290 *I. The protections provided by this section apply where a bank or credit union has exercised reasonable*
 4291 *due diligence to confirm that the marijuana establishment is duly licensed and operating in compliance with*
 4292 *applicable Virginia law.*

4293 *J. The protections of this section extend to financial services provided to a business associate of a licensed*
 4294 *marijuana establishment where such services are provided in connection with lawful marijuana-related*
 4295 *activities.*

4296 *K. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the Commission from performing its supervisory*
 4297 *duties pursuant to Chapters 8 (§ 6.2-800 et seq.) and 13 (§ 6.2-1300 et seq.) or taking any such action as it*
 4298 *deems necessary to protect depositors and the public interest.*

4299 **§ 9.1-1101. Powers and duties of the Department.**

4300 *A. It shall be the responsibility of the Department to provide forensic laboratory services upon request of*
 4301 *the Superintendent of State Police; the Chief Medical Examiner, the Assistant Chief Medical Examiners, and*
 4302 *local medical examiners; any attorney for the Commonwealth; any chief of police, sheriff, or sergeant*
 4303 *responsible for law enforcement in the jurisdiction served by him; any local fire department; the head of any*
 4304 *private police department that has been designated as a criminal justice agency by the Department of*
 4305 *Criminal Justice Services as defined by § 9.1-101; or any state agency in any criminal matter. The*
 4306 *Department shall provide such services to any federal investigatory agency within available resources.*

4307 *B. The Department shall:*

4308 *1. Provide forensic laboratory services to all law-enforcement agencies throughout the Commonwealth*
 4309 *and provide laboratory services, research, and scientific investigations for agencies of the Commonwealth as*
 4310 *needed;*

4311 *2. Establish and maintain a DNA testing program in accordance with Article 1.1 (§ 19.2-310.2 et seq.) of*
 4312 *Chapter 18 of Title 19.2 to determine identification characteristics specific to an individual; and*

4313 *3. Test the accuracy of equipment used to test the blood alcohol content of breath at least once every six*
 4314 *months. Only equipment found to be accurate shall be used to test the blood alcohol content of breath; and*

4315 *4. Determine the proper methods for detecting the concentration of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in*
 4316 *substances for the purposes of Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 4.1 and §§ 54.1-3401 and 54.1-3446.*
 4317 *The testing methodology shall use post-decarboxylation testing or other equivalent method and shall consider*
 4318 *the potential conversion of tetrahydrocannabinol acid (THC-A) into THC. The test result shall include the*
 4319 *total available THC derived from the sum of the THC and THC-A content.*

4320 *C. The Department shall have the power and duty to:*

4321 *1. Receive, administer, and expend all funds and other assistance available for carrying out the purposes*
 4322 *of this chapter;*

4323 *2. Make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of its*
 4324 *duties and execution of its powers under this chapter including, but not limited to, contracts with the United*
 4325 *States, units of general local government or combinations thereof in Virginia or other states, and with*
 4326 *agencies and departments of the Commonwealth; and*

4327 *3. Perform such other acts as may be necessary or convenient for the effective performance of its duties.*

4328 *D. The Director may appoint and employ a deputy director and such other personnel as are needed to*
 4329 *carry out the duties and responsibilities conferred by this chapter.*

4330 **§ 16.1-69.40:1. Traffic infractions within authority of traffic violations clerk; schedule of fines;**
 4331 **prepayment of local ordinances.**

4332 *A. The Supreme Court shall by rule, which may from time to time be amended, supplemented or repealed,*
 4333 *but which shall be uniform in its application throughout the Commonwealth, designate the traffic infractions*
 4334 *for which a pretrial waiver of appearance, plea of guilty and fine payment may be accepted. Such designated*

4335 infractions shall include violations of §§ 46.2-830.1, 46.2-878.2 and 46.2-1242 or any parallel local
 4336 ordinances. Notwithstanding any rule of the Supreme Court, a person charged with a traffic offense that is
 4337 listed as prepayable in the Uniform Fine Schedule may prepay his fines and costs without court appearance
 4338 whether or not he was involved in an accident. The prepayable fine amount for a violation of § 46.2-878.2
 4339 shall be \$200 plus an amount per mile-per-hour in excess of posted speed limits, as authorized in
 4340 § 46.2-878.3.

4341 Such infractions shall not include:

4342 1. Indictable offenses;

4343 2. [Repealed.]

4344 3. Operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, *marijuana*, or a narcotic
 4345 or habit-producing drug, or permitting another person, who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor,
 4346 *marijuana*, or a narcotic or habit-producing drug, to operate a motor vehicle owned by the defendant or in his
 4347 custody or control;

4348 4. Reckless driving;

4349 5. Leaving the scene of an accident;

4350 6. Driving while under suspension or revocation of driving privileges;

4351 7. Driving without being licensed to drive.

4352 8. [Repealed.]

4353 B. An appearance may be made in person or in writing by mail to a clerk of court or in person before a
 4354 magistrate, prior to any date fixed for trial in court. Any person so appearing may enter a waiver of trial and a
 4355 plea of guilty and pay the fine and any civil penalties established for the offense charged, with costs. He shall,
 4356 prior to the plea, waiver, and payment, be informed of his right to stand trial, that his signature to a plea of
 4357 guilty will have the same force and effect as a judgment of court, and that the record of conviction will be
 4358 sent to the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

4359 C. The Supreme Court, upon the recommendation of the Committee on District Courts, shall establish a
 4360 schedule, within the limits prescribed by law, of the amounts of fines and any civil penalties to be imposed,
 4361 designating each infraction specifically. The schedule, which may from time to time be amended,
 4362 supplemented or repealed, shall be uniform in its application throughout the Commonwealth. Such schedule
 4363 shall not be construed or interpreted so as to limit the discretion of any trial judge trying individual cases at
 4364 the time fixed for trial. The rule of the Supreme Court establishing the schedule shall be prominently posted
 4365 in the place where the fines are paid. Fines and costs shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of this
 4366 Code or any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder.

4367 D. Fines imposed under local traffic infraction ordinances that do not parallel provisions of state law and
 4368 fulfill the criteria set out in subsection A may be prepayable in the manner set forth in subsection B if such
 4369 ordinances appear in a schedule entered by order of the local circuit courts. The chief judge of each circuit
 4370 may establish a schedule of the fines, within the limits prescribed by local ordinances, to be imposed for
 4371 prepayment of local ordinances designating each offense specifically. Upon the entry of such order it shall be
 4372 forwarded within 10 days to the Supreme Court of Virginia by the clerk of the local circuit court. The
 4373 schedule, which from time to time may be amended, supplemented or repealed, shall be uniform in its
 4374 application throughout the circuit. Such schedule shall not be construed or interpreted so as to limit the
 4375 discretion of any trial judge trying individual cases at the time fixed for trial. This schedule shall be
 4376 prominently posted in the place where fines are paid. Fines and costs shall be paid in accordance with the
 4377 provisions of this Code or any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder.

4378 **§ 16.1-260. Intake; petition; investigation.**

4379 A. All matters alleged to be within the jurisdiction of the court shall be commenced by the filing of a
 4380 petition, except as provided in subsection H and in § 16.1-259. The form and content of the petition shall be
 4381 as provided in § 16.1-262. No individual shall be required to obtain support services from the Department of
 4382 Social Services prior to filing a petition seeking support for a child. Complaints, requests, and the processing
 4383 of petitions to initiate a case shall be the responsibility of the intake officer. However, (i) the attorney for the
 4384 Commonwealth of the city or county may file a petition on his own motion with the clerk; (ii) designated
 4385 nonattorney employees of the Department of Social Services may complete, sign, and file petitions and
 4386 motions relating to the establishment, modification, or enforcement of support on forms approved by the
 4387 Supreme Court of Virginia with the clerk; (iii) designated nonattorney employees of a local department of
 4388 social services may complete, sign, and file with the clerk, on forms approved by the Supreme Court of
 4389 Virginia, petitions for foster care review, petitions for permanency planning hearings, petitions to establish
 4390 paternity, motions to establish or modify support, motions to amend or review an order, and motions for a
 4391 rule to show cause; and (iv) any attorney may file petitions on behalf of his client with the clerk except
 4392 petitions alleging that the subject of the petition is a child alleged to be in need of services, in need of
 4393 supervision, or delinquent. Complaints alleging abuse or neglect of a child shall be referred initially to the
 4394 local department of social services in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 15 (§ 63.2-1500 et seq.) of
 4395 Title 63.2. Motions and other subsequent pleadings in a case shall be filed directly with the clerk. The intake
 4396 officer or clerk with whom the petition or motion is filed shall inquire whether the petitioner is receiving

4397 child support services or public assistance. No individual who is receiving support services or public
4398 assistance shall be denied the right to file a petition or motion to establish, modify, or enforce an order for
4399 support of a child. If the petitioner is seeking or receiving child support services or public assistance, the
4400 clerk, upon issuance of process, shall forward a copy of the petition or motion, together with notice of the
4401 court date, to the Division of Child Support Enforcement. If a petitioner is seeking to establish child support,
4402 the intake officer shall provide the petitioner information on the possible availability of medical assistance
4403 through the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) plan or other government-sponsored
4404 coverage through the Department of Medical Assistance Services.

4405 B. The appearance of a child before an intake officer may be by (i) personal appearance before the intake
4406 officer or (ii) use of two-way electronic video and audio communication. If two-way electronic video and
4407 audio communication is used, an intake officer may exercise all powers conferred by law. All
4408 communications and proceedings shall be conducted in the same manner as if the appearance were in person,
4409 and any documents filed may be transmitted by facsimile process. The facsimile may be served or executed
4410 by the officer or person to whom sent, and returned in the same manner, and with the same force, effect,
4411 authority, and liability as an original document. All signatures thereon shall be treated as original signatures.
4412 Any two-way electronic video and audio communication system used for an appearance shall meet the
4413 standards as set forth in subsection B of § 19.2-3.1.

4414 When the court service unit of any court receives a complaint alleging facts which may be sufficient to
4415 invoke the jurisdiction of the court pursuant to § 16.1-241, the unit, through an intake officer, may proceed
4416 informally to make such adjustment as is practicable without the filing of a petition or may authorize a
4417 petition to be filed by any complainant having sufficient knowledge of the matter to establish probable cause
4418 for the issuance of the petition.

4419 An intake officer may proceed informally on a complaint alleging a child is in need of services, in need of
4420 supervision, or delinquent only if the juvenile (a) is not alleged to have committed a violent juvenile felony or
4421 (b) has not previously been proceeded against informally or adjudicated delinquent for an offense that would
4422 be a felony if committed by an adult. A petition alleging that a juvenile committed a violent juvenile felony
4423 shall be filed with the court. A petition alleging that a juvenile is delinquent for an offense that would be a
4424 felony if committed by an adult shall be filed with the court if the juvenile had previously been proceeded
4425 against informally by intake or had been adjudicated delinquent for an offense that would be a felony if
4426 committed by an adult.

4427 If a juvenile is alleged to be a truant pursuant to a complaint filed in accordance with § 22.1-258 and the
4428 attendance officer has provided documentation to the intake officer that the relevant school division has
4429 complied with the provisions of § 22.1-258, then the intake officer shall file a petition with the court. The
4430 intake officer may defer filing the petition and proceed informally by developing a truancy plan, provided
4431 that (1) the juvenile has not previously been proceeded against informally or adjudicated in need of
4432 supervision on more than two occasions for failure to comply with compulsory school attendance as provided
4433 in § 22.1-254 and (2) the immediately previous informal action or adjudication occurred at least three
4434 calendar years prior to the current complaint. The juvenile and his parent or parents, guardian, or other person
4435 standing in loco parentis must agree, in writing, for the development of a truancy plan. The truancy plan may
4436 include requirements that the juvenile and his parent or parents, guardian, or other person standing in loco
4437 parentis participate in such programs, cooperate in such treatment, or be subject to such conditions and
4438 limitations as necessary to ensure the juvenile's compliance with compulsory school attendance as provided
4439 in § 22.1-254. The intake officer may refer the juvenile to the appropriate public agency for the purpose of
4440 developing a truancy plan using an interagency interdisciplinary team approach. The team may include
4441 qualified personnel who are reasonably available from the appropriate department of social services,
4442 community services board, local school division, court service unit, and other appropriate and available
4443 public and private agencies and may be the family assessment and planning team established pursuant to
4444 § 2.2-5207. If at the end of the deferral period the juvenile has not successfully completed the truancy plan or
4445 the truancy program, then the intake officer shall file the petition.

4446 Whenever informal action is taken as provided in this subsection on a complaint alleging that a child is in
4447 need of services, in need of supervision, or delinquent, the intake officer shall (A) develop a plan for the
4448 juvenile, which may include restitution, the performance of community service, or on a complaint alleging
4449 that a child has committed a delinquent act other than an act that would be a felony or a Class 1 misdemeanor
4450 if committed by an adult and with the consent of the juvenile's parent or legal guardian, referral to a youth
4451 justice diversion program established pursuant to § 16.1-309.11, based upon community resources and the
4452 circumstances which resulted in the complaint, (B) create an official record of the action taken by the intake
4453 officer and file such record in the juvenile's case file, and (C) advise the juvenile and the juvenile's parent,
4454 guardian, or other person standing in loco parentis and the complainant that any subsequent complaint
4455 alleging that the child is in need of supervision or delinquent based upon facts which may be sufficient to
4456 invoke the jurisdiction of the court pursuant to § 16.1-241, or in the case of a referral to a youth justice
4457 diversion program established pursuant to § 16.1-309.11, that any subsequent report from the youth justice
4458 diversion program alleging that the juvenile failed to comply with the youth justice diversion program's

4459 sentence within 180 days of the sentencing date, may result in the filing of a petition with the court.

4460 C. The intake officer shall accept and file a petition in which it is alleged that (i) the custody, visitation, or
 4461 support of a child is the subject of controversy or requires determination, (ii) a person has deserted,
 4462 abandoned, or failed to provide support for any person in violation of law, (iii) a child or such child's parent,
 4463 guardian, legal custodian, or other person standing in loco parentis is entitled to treatment, rehabilitation, or
 4464 other services which are required by law, (iv) family abuse has occurred and a protective order is being
 4465 sought pursuant to § 16.1-253.1, 16.1-253.4, or 16.1-279.1, or (v) an act of violence, force, or threat has
 4466 occurred, a protective order is being sought pursuant to § 19.2-152.8, 19.2-152.9, or 19.2-152.10, and either
 4467 the alleged victim or the respondent is a juvenile. If any such complainant does not file a petition, the intake
 4468 officer may file it. In cases in which a child is alleged to be abused, neglected, in need of services, in need of
 4469 supervision, or delinquent, if the intake officer believes that probable cause does not exist, or that the
 4470 authorization of a petition will not be in the best interest of the family or juvenile or that the matter may be
 4471 effectively dealt with by some agency other than the court, he may refuse to authorize the filing of a petition.
 4472 The intake officer shall provide to a person seeking a protective order pursuant to § 16.1-253.1, 16.1-253.4,
 4473 or 16.1-279.1 a written explanation of the conditions, procedures and time limits applicable to the issuance of
 4474 protective orders pursuant to § 16.1-253.1, 16.1-253.4, or 16.1-279.1. If the person is seeking a protective
 4475 order pursuant to § 19.2-152.8, 19.2-152.9, or 19.2-152.10, the intake officer shall provide a written
 4476 explanation of the conditions, procedures, and time limits applicable to the issuance of protective orders
 4477 pursuant to § 19.2-152.8, 19.2-152.9, or 19.2-152.10.

4478 D. Prior to the filing of any petition alleging that a child is in need of supervision, the matter shall be
 4479 reviewed by an intake officer who shall determine whether the petitioner and the child alleged to be in need
 4480 of supervision have utilized or attempted to utilize treatment and services available in the community and
 4481 have exhausted all appropriate nonjudicial remedies which are available to them. When the intake officer
 4482 determines that the parties have not attempted to utilize available treatment or services or have not exhausted
 4483 all appropriate nonjudicial remedies which are available, he shall refer the petitioner and the child alleged to
 4484 be in need of supervision to the appropriate agency, treatment facility, or individual to receive treatment or
 4485 services, and a petition shall not be filed. Only after the intake officer determines that the parties have made a
 4486 reasonable effort to utilize available community treatment or services may he permit the petition to be filed.

4487 E. If the intake officer refuses to authorize a petition relating to an offense that if committed by an adult
 4488 would be punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor or as a felony, when such refusal is based solely upon a
 4489 finding that no probable cause exists, the complainant shall be notified in writing at that time of the
 4490 complainant's right to apply to a magistrate for a warrant. The application for a warrant to the magistrate shall
 4491 be filed within 10 days of the issuance of the written notification. The written notification shall indicate that
 4492 the intake officer made a finding that no probable cause exists and shall provide notice that the complainant
 4493 has 10 days to apply for a warrant to the magistrate. The complainant shall provide the magistrate with a copy
 4494 of the written notification upon application to the magistrate. If a magistrate determines that probable cause
 4495 exists, he shall issue a warrant returnable to the juvenile and domestic relations district court. The warrant
 4496 shall be delivered forthwith to the juvenile court, and the intake officer shall accept and file a petition
 4497 founded upon the warrant. If the court is closed and the magistrate finds that the criteria for detention or
 4498 shelter care set forth in § 16.1-248.1 have been satisfied, the juvenile may be detained pursuant to the warrant
 4499 issued in accordance with this subsection. If the intake officer refuses to authorize a petition relating to a
 4500 child in need of services or in need of supervision, a status offense, or a misdemeanor other than Class 1, his
 4501 decision is final. If the intake officer refuses to authorize a petition relating to an offense that if committed by
 4502 an adult would be punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor or as a felony when such refusal is based upon a
 4503 finding that (i) probable cause exists, but that (ii) the matter is appropriate for diversion, his decision is final
 4504 and the complainant shall not have a right to apply to a magistrate for a warrant.

4505 Upon delivery to the juvenile court of a warrant issued pursuant to subdivision 2 of § 16.1-256, the intake
 4506 officer shall accept and file a petition founded upon the warrant.

4507 F. The intake officer shall notify the attorney for the Commonwealth of the filing of any petition which
 4508 alleges facts of an offense which would be a felony if committed by an adult.

4509 G. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 12 (§ 16.1-299 et seq.), the intake officer shall file a report
 4510 with the division superintendent of the school division in which any student who is the subject of a petition
 4511 alleging that such student who is a juvenile has committed an act, wherever committed, which would be a
 4512 crime if committed by an adult, or that such student who is an adult has committed a crime and is alleged to
 4513 be within the jurisdiction of the court. The report shall notify the division superintendent of the filing of the
 4514 petition and the nature of the offense, if the violation involves:

- 4515 1. A firearm offense pursuant to Article 4 (§ 18.2-279 et seq.), 5 (§ 18.2-288 et seq.), 6 (§ 18.2-299 et
- 4516 seq.), 6.1 (§ 18.2-307.1 et seq.), or 7 (§ 18.2-308.1 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2;
- 4517 2. Homicide, pursuant to Article 1 (§ 18.2-30 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2;
- 4518 3. Felonious assault and bodily wounding, pursuant to Article 4 (§ 18.2-51 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title
- 4519 18.2;
- 4520 4. Criminal sexual assault, pursuant to Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2;

4521 5. Manufacture, sale, gift, distribution or possession of Schedule I or II controlled substances, pursuant to
4522 Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2;

4523 6. Manufacture, sale or distribution of marijuana pursuant to ~~Article 1~~ *Chapter 11* (§ ~~18.2-247 4.1-1100~~ et
4524 seq.) of ~~Chapter 7~~ of Title 18.2 4.1;

4525 7. Arson and related crimes, pursuant to Article 1 (§ 18.2-77 et seq.) of Chapter 5 of Title 18.2;

4526 8. Burglary and related offenses, pursuant to §§ 18.2-89 through 18.2-93;

4527 9. Robbery pursuant to § 18.2-58;

4528 10. Prohibited criminal street gang activity pursuant to § 18.2-46.2;

4529 11. Recruitment of other juveniles for a criminal street gang activity pursuant to § 18.2-46.3;

4530 12. An act of violence by a mob pursuant to § 18.2-42.1;

4531 13. Abduction of any person pursuant to § 18.2-47 or 18.2-48; or

4532 14. A threat pursuant to § 18.2-60.

4533 The failure to provide information regarding the school in which the student who is the subject of the
4534 petition may be enrolled shall not be grounds for refusing to file a petition.

4535 The information provided to a division superintendent pursuant to this section may be disclosed only as
4536 provided in § 16.1-305.2.

4537 H. The filing of a petition shall not be necessary:

4538 1. In the case of violations of the traffic laws, including offenses involving bicycles, hitchhiking and other
4539 pedestrian offenses, game and fish laws, or a violation of the ordinance of any city regulating surfing or any
4540 ordinance establishing curfew violations, animal control violations, or littering violations. In such cases the
4541 court may proceed on a summons issued by the officer investigating the violation in the same manner as
4542 provided by law for adults. Additionally, an officer investigating a motor vehicle accident may, at the scene
4543 of the accident or at any other location where a juvenile who is involved in such an accident may be located,
4544 proceed on a summons in lieu of filing a petition.

4545 2. In the case of seeking consent to apply for the issuance of a work permit pursuant to subsection H of
4546 § 16.1-241.

4547 3. In the case of a misdemeanor violation of § 18.2-266, 18.2-266.1, or 29.1-738 or the commission of any
4548 other alcohol-related offense, provided that the juvenile is released to the custody of a parent or legal
4549 guardian pending the initial court date. The officer releasing a juvenile to the custody of a parent or legal
4550 guardian shall issue a summons to the juvenile and shall also issue a summons requiring the parent or legal
4551 guardian to appear before the court with the juvenile. Disposition of the charge shall be in the manner
4552 provided in § 16.1-278.8, 16.1-278.8:01, or 16.1-278.9. If the juvenile so charged with a violation of
4553 § 18.2-51.4, 18.2-266, 18.2-266.1, 18.2-272, or 29.1-738 refuses to provide a sample of blood or breath or
4554 samples of both blood and breath for chemical analysis pursuant to §§ 18.2-268.1 through 18.2-268.12 or
4555 29.1-738.2, the provisions of these sections shall be followed except that the magistrate shall authorize
4556 execution of the warrant as a summons. The summons shall be served on a parent or legal guardian and the
4557 juvenile, and a copy of the summons shall be forwarded to the court in which the violation is to be tried.
4558 When a violation of § 4.1-305 *or* 4.1-1105 is charged by summons, the juvenile shall be entitled to have the
4559 charge referred to intake for consideration of informal proceedings pursuant to subsection B, provided that
4560 such right is exercised by written notification to the clerk not later than 10 days prior to trial. At the time such
4561 summons alleging a violation of § 4.1-305 *or* 4.1-1105 is served, the officer shall also serve upon the juvenile
4562 written notice of the right to have the charge referred to intake on a form approved by the Supreme Court and
4563 make return of such service to the court. If the officer fails to make such service or return, the court shall
4564 dismiss the summons without prejudice.

4565 4. In the case of offenses, *other than marijuana-related offenses*, which, if committed by an adult, would
4566 be punishable as a Class 3 or Class 4 misdemeanor. In such cases the court may direct that an intake officer
4567 proceed as provided in § 16.1-237 on a summons issued by the officer investigating the violation in the same
4568 manner as provided by law for adults provided that notice of the summons to appear is mailed by the
4569 investigating officer within five days of the issuance of the summons to a parent or legal guardian of the
4570 juvenile.

4571 I. Failure to comply with the procedures set forth in this section shall not divest the juvenile court of the
4572 jurisdiction granted it in § 16.1-241.

4573 **§ 16.1-273. Court may require investigation of social history and preparation of victim impact**
4574 **statement.**

4575 A. When a juvenile and domestic relations district court or circuit court has adjudicated any case
4576 involving a child subject to the jurisdiction of the court hereunder, except for a traffic violation, a violation of
4577 the game and fish law, or a violation of any city ordinance regulating surfing or establishing curfew
4578 violations, the court before final disposition thereof may require an investigation, which (i) shall include a
4579 drug screening and (ii) may, and for the purposes of subdivision A 14 or 17 of § 16.1-278.8 shall, include a
4580 social history of the physical, mental, and social conditions, including an assessment of any affiliation with a
4581 criminal street gang as defined in § 18.2-46.1, and personality of the child and the facts and circumstances
4582 surrounding the violation of law. However, in the case of a juvenile adjudicated delinquent on the basis of an

4583 act committed on or after January 1, 2000, which would be (a) a felony if committed by an adult, ~~or~~ (b) a
 4584 violation under Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) or Article 1.1 (§ 18.2-265.1 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2
 4585 and such offense would be punishable as a Class 1 or Class 2 misdemeanor if committed by an adult, *or (c) a*
 4586 *violation of § 4.1-1105*, the court shall order the juvenile to undergo a drug screening. If the drug screening
 4587 indicates that the juvenile has a substance abuse or dependence problem, an assessment shall be completed by
 4588 a certified substance abuse counselor as defined in § 54.1-3500 employed by the Department of Juvenile
 4589 Justice or by a locally operated court services unit or by an individual employed by or currently under
 4590 contract to such agencies and who is specifically trained to conduct such assessments under the supervision
 4591 of such counselor.

4592 B. The court also shall, on motion of the attorney for the Commonwealth with the consent of the victim,
 4593 or may in its discretion, require the preparation of a victim impact statement in accordance with the
 4594 provisions of § 19.2-299.1 if the court determines that the victim may have suffered significant physical,
 4595 psychological, or economic injury as a result of the violation of law.

4596 **§ 16.1-278.9. Delinquent children; loss of driving privileges for alcohol, firearm, and drug offenses;**
 4597 **truancy.**

4598 A. If a court has found facts which would justify a finding that a child at least 13 years of age at the time
 4599 of the offense is delinquent and such finding involves (i) a violation of § 18.2-266 or of a similar ordinance of
 4600 any county, city, or town; (ii) a refusal to take a breath test in violation of § 18.2-268.2; (iii) a felony violation
 4601 of Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 4.1 or § 18.2-248; ~~18.2-248.1~~, or 18.2-250; (iv) a misdemeanor
 4602 violation of Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 4.1 or § 18.2-248; ~~18.2-248.1~~, or 18.2-250 *or a violation*
 4603 *of § 4.1-1105*; (v) the unlawful purchase, possession, or consumption of alcohol in violation of § 4.1-305 or
 4604 the unlawful drinking or possession of alcoholic beverages in or on public school grounds in violation of
 4605 § 4.1-309; (vi) public intoxication in violation of § 18.2-388 or a similar ordinance of a county, city, or town;
 4606 (vii) the unlawful use or possession of a handgun or possession of a "streetsweeper" as defined below; or
 4607 (viii) a violation of § 18.2-83, the court shall order, in addition to any other penalty that it may impose as
 4608 provided by law for the offense, that the child be denied a driver's license. In addition to any other penalty
 4609 authorized by this section, if the offense involves a violation designated under clause (i) and the child was
 4610 transporting a person 17 years of age or younger, the court shall impose the additional fine and order
 4611 community service as provided in § 18.2-270. If the offense involves a violation designated under clause (i),
 4612 (ii), (iii), or (viii), the denial of a driver's license shall be for a period of one year or until the juvenile reaches
 4613 the age of 17, whichever is longer, for a first such offense or for a period of one year or until the juvenile
 4614 reaches the age of 18, whichever is longer, for a second or subsequent such offense. If the offense involves a
 4615 violation designated under clause (iv), (v), or (vi) the denial of driving privileges shall be for a period of six
 4616 months unless the offense is committed by a child under the age of 16 years and three months, in which case
 4617 the child's ability to apply for a driver's license shall be delayed for a period of six months following the date
 4618 he reaches the age of 16 and three months. If the offense involves a first violation designated under clause (v)
 4619 or (vi), the court shall impose the license sanction and may enter a judgment of guilt or, without entering a
 4620 judgment of guilt, may defer disposition of the delinquency charge until such time as the court disposes of the
 4621 case pursuant to subsection F. If the offense involves a violation designated under clause (iii) or (iv), the
 4622 court shall impose the license sanction and shall dispose of the delinquency charge pursuant to the provisions
 4623 of this chapter or § 18.2-251. If the offense involves a violation designated under clause (vii), the denial of
 4624 driving privileges shall be for a period of not less than 30 days, except when the offense involves possession
 4625 of a concealed handgun or a striker 12, commonly called a "streetsweeper," or any semi-automatic folding
 4626 stock shotgun of like kind with a spring tension drum magazine capable of holding 12 shotgun shells, in
 4627 which case the denial of driving privileges shall be for a period of two years unless the offense is committed
 4628 by a child under the age of 16 years and three months, in which event the child's ability to apply for a driver's
 4629 license shall be delayed for a period of two years following the date he reaches the age of 16 and three
 4630 months.

4631 A1. If a court finds that a child at least 13 years of age has failed to comply with school attendance and
 4632 meeting requirements as provided in § 22.1-258, the court shall order the denial of the child's driving
 4633 privileges for a period of not less than 30 days. If such failure to comply involves a child under the age of 16
 4634 years and three months, the child's ability to apply for a driver's license shall be delayed for a period of not
 4635 less than 30 days following the date he reaches the age of 16 and three months.

4636 If the court finds a second or subsequent such offense, it may order the denial of a driver's license for a
 4637 period of one year or until the juvenile reaches the age of 18, whichever is longer, or delay the child's ability
 4638 to apply for a driver's license for a period of one year following the date he reaches the age of 16 and three
 4639 months, as may be appropriate.

4640 A2. If a court finds that a child at least 13 years of age has refused to take a blood test in violation of
 4641 § 18.2-268.2, the court shall order that the child be denied a driver's license for a period of one year or until
 4642 the juvenile reaches the age of 17, whichever is longer, for a first such offense or for a period of one year or
 4643 until the juvenile reaches the age of 18, whichever is longer, for a second or subsequent such offense.

4644 B. Any child who has a driver's license at the time of the offense or at the time of the court's finding as

4645 provided in subsection A1 or A2 shall be ordered to surrender his driver's license, which shall be held in the
4646 physical custody of the court during any period of license denial.

4647 C. The court shall report any order issued under this section to the Department of Motor Vehicles, which
4648 shall preserve a record thereof. The report and the record shall include a statement as to whether the child was
4649 represented by or waived counsel or whether the order was issued pursuant to subsection A1 or A2.
4650 Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 12 (§ 16.1-299 et seq.) or the provisions of Title 46.2, this record
4651 shall be available only to all law-enforcement officers, attorneys for the Commonwealth and courts. No other
4652 record of the proceeding shall be forwarded to the Department of Motor Vehicles unless the proceeding
4653 results in an adjudication of guilt pursuant to subsection F.

4654 The Department of Motor Vehicles shall refuse to issue a driver's license to any child denied a driver's
4655 license until such time as is stipulated in the court order or until notification by the court of withdrawal of the
4656 order of denial under subsection E.

4657 D. If the finding as to the child involves a violation designated under clause (i), (ii), (iii) or (vi) of
4658 subsection A or a violation designated under subsection A2, the child may be referred to a certified alcohol
4659 safety action program in accordance with § 18.2-271.1 upon such terms and conditions as the court may set
4660 forth. If the finding as to such child involves a violation designated under clause (iii), (iv), (v), (vii) or (viii)
4661 of subsection A, such child may be referred to appropriate rehabilitative or educational services upon such
4662 terms and conditions as the court may set forth.

4663 The court, in its discretion and upon a demonstration of hardship, may authorize the use of a restricted
4664 permit to operate a motor vehicle by any child who has a driver's license at the time of the offense or at the
4665 time of the court's finding as provided in subsection A1 or A2 for any of the purposes set forth in subsection
4666 E of § 18.2-271.1 or for travel to and from school, except that no restricted license shall be issued for travel to
4667 and from home and school when school-provided transportation is available and no restricted license shall be
4668 issued if the finding as to such child involves a violation designated under clause (iii) or (iv) of subsection A,
4669 or if it involves a second or subsequent violation of any offense designated in subsection A, a second finding
4670 by the court of failure to comply with school attendance and meeting requirements as provided in subsection
4671 A1, or a second or subsequent finding by the court of a refusal to take a blood test as provided in subsection
4672 A2. The issuance of the restricted permit shall be set forth within the court order, a copy of which shall be
4673 provided to the child, and shall specifically enumerate the restrictions imposed and contain such information
4674 regarding the child as is reasonably necessary to identify him. The child may operate a motor vehicle under
4675 the court order in accordance with its terms. Any child who operates a motor vehicle in violation of any
4676 restrictions imposed pursuant to this section is guilty of a violation of § 46.2-301.

4677 E. Upon petition made at least 90 days after issuance of the order, the court may review and withdraw any
4678 order of denial of a driver's license if for a first such offense or finding as provided in subsection A1 or A2.
4679 For a second or subsequent such offense or finding, the order may not be reviewed and withdrawn until one
4680 year after its issuance.

4681 F. If the finding as to such child involves a first violation designated under clause (vii) of subsection A,
4682 upon fulfillment of the terms and conditions prescribed by the court and after the child's driver's license has
4683 been restored, the court shall or, in the event the violation resulted in the injury or death of any person or if
4684 the finding involves a violation designated under clause (i), (ii), (v), or (vi) of subsection A, may discharge
4685 the child and dismiss the proceedings against him. Discharge and dismissal under these provisions shall be
4686 without an adjudication of guilt but a record of the proceeding shall be retained for the purpose of applying
4687 this section in subsequent proceedings. Failure of the child to fulfill such terms and conditions shall result in
4688 an adjudication of guilt. If the finding as to such child involves a violation designated under clause (iii) or (iv)
4689 of subsection A, the charge shall not be dismissed pursuant to this subsection but shall be disposed of
4690 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or § 18.2-251. If the finding as to such child involves a second
4691 violation under clause (v), (vi) or (vii) of subsection A, the charge shall not be dismissed pursuant to this
4692 subsection but shall be disposed of under § 16.1-278.8.

4693 **§ 18.2-46.1. Definitions.**

4694 As used in this article, unless the context requires a different meaning:

4695 "Act of violence" means those felony offenses described in subsection C of § 17.1-805 or subsection A of
4696 § 19.2-297.1.

4697 "Criminal street gang" means any ongoing organization, association, or group of three or more persons,
4698 whether formal or informal, (i) which has as one of its primary objectives or activities the commission of one
4699 or more criminal activities; (ii) which has an identifiable name or identifying sign or symbol; and (iii) whose
4700 members individually or collectively have engaged in the commission of, attempt to commit, conspiracy to
4701 commit, or solicitation of two or more predicate criminal acts, at least one of which is an act of violence,
4702 provided such acts were not part of a common act or transaction.

4703 "Predicate criminal act" means (i) an act of violence; (ii) any violation of § 18.2-42, 18.2-46.3, 18.2-56.1,
4704 18.2-57, 18.2-57.2, 18.2-59, 18.2-83, 18.2-95, 18.2-103.1, 18.2-108.1, 18.2-121, 18.2-127, 18.2-128,
4705 18.2-137, 18.2-138, 18.2-146, 18.2-147, 18.2-248.01, 18.2-248.03, 18.2-255, 18.2-255.2, 18.2-287.4,
4706 18.2-300, 18.2-308.1, 18.2-308.2, 18.2-308.2:01, 18.2-308.4, or 18.2-357.1; (iii) a felony violation of

4707 § 18.2-60.3, 18.2-346.01, 18.2-348, or 18.2-349; (iv) a felony violation of § 4.1-1101; ~~or 18.2-248; or~~
 4708 ~~18.2-248.1~~ or a conspiracy to commit a felony violation of § 4.1-1101; ~~or 18.2-248; or 18.2-248.1;~~ (v) any
 4709 violation of a local ordinance adopted pursuant to § 15.2-1812.2; or (vi) any substantially similar offense
 4710 under the laws of another state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the United States.

4711 **§ 18.2-247. Use of terms "controlled substances," "Schedules I, II, III, IV, V, and VI," "imitation**
 4712 **controlled substance," and "counterfeit controlled substance" in Title 18.2.**

4713 A. Wherever the terms "controlled substances" and "Schedules I, II, III, IV, V, and VI" are used in Title
 4714 18.2, such terms refer to those terms as they are used or defined in the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et
 4715 seq.).

4716 B. The term "imitation controlled substance" when used in this article means (i) a counterfeit controlled
 4717 substance or (ii) a pill, capsule, tablet, or substance in any form whatsoever ~~which~~ *that* is not a controlled
 4718 substance subject to abuse, and:

4719 1. Which by overall dosage unit appearance, including color, shape, size, marking, and packaging or by
 4720 representations made, would cause the likelihood that such a pill, capsule, tablet, or substance in any other
 4721 form whatsoever will be mistaken for a controlled substance unless such substance was introduced into
 4722 commerce prior to the initial introduction into commerce of the controlled substance which it is alleged to
 4723 imitate; or

4724 2. Which by express or implied representations purports to act like a controlled substance as a stimulant or
 4725 depressant of the central nervous system and which is not commonly used or recognized for use in that
 4726 particular formulation for any purpose other than for such stimulant or depressant effect, unless marketed,
 4727 promoted, or sold as permitted by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

4728 C. In determining whether a pill, capsule, tablet, or substance in any other form whatsoever, is an
 4729 "imitation controlled substance," there shall be considered, in addition to all other relevant factors,
 4730 comparisons with accepted methods of marketing for legitimate nonprescription drugs for medicinal purposes
 4731 rather than for drug abuse or any similar nonmedicinal use, including consideration of the packaging of the
 4732 drug and its appearance in overall finished dosage form, promotional materials or representations, oral or
 4733 written, concerning the drug, and the methods of distribution of the drug and where and how it is sold to the
 4734 public.

4735 D. The term "marijuana" when used in this article means any part of a plant of the genus *Cannabis*,
 4736 whether growing or not, its seeds or resin; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or
 4737 preparation of such plant, its seeds, its resin, or any extract containing one or more cannabinoids. "Marijuana"
 4738 does not include (i) the mature stalks of such plant, fiber produced from such stalk, oil or cake made from the
 4739 seed of such plant, unless such stalks, fiber, oil or cake is combined with other parts of plants of the genus
 4740 *Cannabis*; (ii) industrial hemp, as defined in § 3.2-4112, that is possessed by a person registered pursuant to
 4741 subsection A of § 3.2-4115 or his agent; (iii) industrial hemp, as defined in § 3.2-4112, that is possessed by a
 4742 person who holds a hemp producer license issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture pursuant to 7 C.F.R.
 4743 Part 990; (iv) a hemp product, as defined in § 3.2-4112; (v) an industrial hemp extract, as defined in
 4744 § 3.2-5145.1; or (vi) any substance containing a tetrahydrocannabinol isomer, ester, ether, salt or salts of such
 4745 isomer, ester, or ether that has been placed by the Board of Pharmacy into one of the schedules set forth in the
 4746 Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) pursuant to § 54.1-3443.

4747 E. The term "counterfeit controlled substance" means a controlled substance that, without authorization,
 4748 bears, is packaged in a container or wrapper that bears, or is otherwise labeled to bear, the trademark, trade
 4749 name, or other identifying mark, imprint or device or any likeness thereof, of a drug manufacturer, processor,
 4750 packer, or distributor other than the manufacturer, processor, packer, or distributor who did in fact so
 4751 manufacture, process, pack or distribute such drug.

4752 F. E. The term "tetrahydrocannabinol" means any naturally occurring or synthetic tetrahydrocannabinol,
 4753 including its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of
 4754 isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation and any preparation, mixture, or substance
 4755 containing, or mixed or infused with, any detectable amount of tetrahydrocannabinol. For the purposes of this
 4756 definition, "isomer" means the optical, position, and geometric isomers.

4757 G. F. The term "total tetrahydrocannabinol" means the sum, after the application of any necessary
 4758 conversion factor, of the percentage by weight of tetrahydrocannabinol and the percentage by weight of
 4759 tetrahydrocannabinolic acid.

4760 H. G. The Department of Forensic Science shall determine the proper methods for detecting the
 4761 concentration of tetrahydrocannabinol in substances for the purposes of this title, Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et
 4762 seq.) of Title 4.1, and § 54.1-3401. The testing methodology shall use post-decarboxylation testing or other
 4763 equivalent method and shall consider the potential conversion of tetrahydrocannabinolic acid into
 4764 tetrahydrocannabinol.

4765 **§ 18.2-248. Manufacturing, selling, giving, distributing, or possessing with intent to manufacture,**
 4766 **sell, give, or distribute a controlled substance or an imitation controlled substance prohibited;**
 4767 **penalties.**

4768 A. Except as authorized in the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.), it ~~shall be~~ *is* unlawful for any

4769 person to manufacture, sell, give, distribute, or possess with intent to manufacture, sell, give or distribute a
4770 controlled substance or an imitation controlled substance.

4771 B. In determining whether any person intends to manufacture, sell, give or distribute an imitation
4772 controlled substance, the court may consider, in addition to all other relevant evidence, whether any
4773 distribution or attempted distribution of such pill, capsule, tablet or substance in any other form whatsoever
4774 included an exchange of or a demand for money or other property as consideration, and, if so, whether the
4775 amount of such consideration was substantially greater than the reasonable value of such pill, capsule, tablet
4776 or substance in any other form whatsoever, considering the actual chemical composition of such pill, capsule,
4777 tablet or substance in any other form whatsoever and, where applicable, the price at which over-the-counter
4778 substances of like chemical composition sell.

4779 C. Except as provided in subsection C1, any person who violates this section with respect to a controlled
4780 substance classified in Schedule I or II shall upon conviction be imprisoned for not less than five nor more
4781 than 40 years and fined not more than \$500,000. Upon a second conviction of such a violation, and it is
4782 alleged in the warrant, indictment, or information that the person has been before convicted of such an
4783 offense or of a substantially similar offense in any other jurisdiction, which offense would be a felony if
4784 committed in the Commonwealth, and such prior conviction occurred before the date of the offense alleged in
4785 the warrant, indictment, or information, any such person may, in the discretion of the court or jury imposing
4786 the sentence, be sentenced to imprisonment for life or for any period not less than five years, three years of
4787 which shall be a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment to be served consecutively with any other
4788 sentence, and he shall be fined not more than \$500,000.

4789 When a person is convicted of a third or subsequent offense under this subsection and it is alleged in the
4790 warrant, indictment or information that he has been before convicted of two or more such offenses or of
4791 substantially similar offenses in any other jurisdiction which offenses would be felonies if committed in the
4792 Commonwealth and such prior convictions occurred before the date of the offense alleged in the warrant,
4793 indictment, or information, he shall be sentenced to imprisonment for life or for a period of not less than 10
4794 years, 10 years of which shall be a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment to be served consecutively
4795 with any other sentence, and he shall be fined not more than \$500,000.

4796 Any person who manufactures, sells, gives, distributes or possesses with the intent to manufacture, sell,
4797 give, or distribute the following is guilty of a felony punishable by a fine of not more than \$1 million and
4798 imprisonment for five years to life, five years of which shall be a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment
4799 to be served consecutively with any other sentence:

4800 1. 100 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin;

4801 2. 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of:

4802 a. Coca leaves, except coca leaves and extracts of coca leaves from which cocaine, ecgonine, and
4803 derivatives of ecgonine or their salts have been removed;

4804 b. Cocaine, its salts, optical and geometric isomers, and salts of isomers;

4805 c. Cocaine base;

4806 d. Ecgonine, its derivatives, their salts, isomers, and salts of isomers; or

4807 e. Any compound, mixture, or preparation that contains any quantity of any of the substances referred to
4808 in subdivisions 2a through 2d; or

4809 3. 10 grams or more of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, or salts of its isomers or 20 grams or more of
4810 a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, or salts of its
4811 isomers.

4812 The mandatory minimum term of imprisonment to be imposed for a violation of this subsection shall not
4813 be applicable if the court finds that:

4814 a. The person does not have a prior conviction for an offense listed in subsection C of § 17.1-805;

4815 b. The person did not use violence or credible threats of violence or possess a firearm or other dangerous
4816 weapon in connection with the offense or induce another participant in the offense to do so;

4817 c. The offense did not result in death or serious bodily injury to any person;

4818 d. The person was not an organizer, leader, manager, or supervisor of others in the offense, and was not
4819 engaged in a continuing criminal enterprise as defined in subsection I; and

4820 e. Not later than the time of the sentencing hearing, the person has truthfully provided to the
4821 Commonwealth all information and evidence the person has concerning the offense or offenses that were part
4822 of the same course of conduct or of a common scheme or plan, but the fact that the person has no relevant or
4823 useful other information to provide or that the Commonwealth already is aware of the information shall not
4824 preclude a determination by the court that the defendant has complied with this requirement.

4825 C1. Any person who violates this section with respect to the manufacturing of methamphetamine, its salts,
4826 isomers, or salts of its isomers or less than 200 grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable
4827 amount of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, or salts of its isomers shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned
4828 for not less than 10 nor more than 40 years and fined not more than \$500,000. Upon a second conviction of
4829 such a violation, any such person may, in the discretion of the court or jury imposing the sentence, be

4830 sentenced to imprisonment for life or for any period not less than 10 years, and be fined not more than
 4831 \$500,000. When a person is convicted of a third or subsequent offense under this subsection and it is alleged
 4832 in the warrant, indictment, or information that he has been previously convicted of two or more such offenses
 4833 or of substantially similar offenses in any other jurisdiction, which offenses would be felonies if committed in
 4834 the Commonwealth and such prior convictions occurred before the date of the offense alleged in the warrant,
 4835 indictment, or information, he shall be sentenced to imprisonment for life or for a period not less than 10
 4836 years, three years of which shall be a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment to be served consecutively
 4837 with any other sentence and he shall be fined not more than \$500,000.

4838 Upon conviction, in addition to any other punishment, a person found guilty of this offense shall be
 4839 ordered by the court to make restitution, as the court deems appropriate, to any innocent property owner
 4840 whose property is damaged, destroyed, or otherwise rendered unusable as a result of such methamphetamine
 4841 production. This restitution shall include the person's or his estate's estimated or actual expenses associated
 4842 with cleanup, removal, or repair of the affected property. If the property that is damaged, destroyed, or
 4843 otherwise rendered unusable as a result of such methamphetamine production is property owned in whole or
 4844 in part by the person convicted, the court shall order the person to pay to the Methamphetamine Cleanup
 4845 Fund authorized in § 18.2-248.04 the reasonable estimated or actual expenses associated with cleanup,
 4846 removal, or repair of the affected property or, if actual or estimated expenses cannot be determined, the sum
 4847 of \$10,000. The convicted person shall also pay the cost of certifying that any building that is cleaned up or
 4848 repaired pursuant to this section is safe for human occupancy according to the guidelines established pursuant
 4849 to § 32.1-11.7.

4850 D. If such person proves that he gave, distributed or possessed with intent to give or distribute a controlled
 4851 substance classified in Schedule I or II only as an accommodation to another individual who is not an inmate
 4852 in a community correctional facility, local correctional facility or state correctional facility as defined in
 4853 § 53.1-1 or in the custody of an employee thereof, and not with intent to profit thereby from any
 4854 consideration received or expected nor to induce the recipient or intended recipient of the controlled
 4855 substance to use or become addicted to or dependent upon such controlled substance, he ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of a
 4856 Class 5 felony.

4857 E. If the violation of the provisions of this article consists of the filling by a pharmacist of the prescription
 4858 of a person authorized under this article to issue the same, which prescription has not been received in writing
 4859 by the pharmacist prior to the filling thereof, and such written prescription is in fact received by the
 4860 pharmacist within one week of the time of filling the same, or if such violation consists of a request by such
 4861 authorized person for the filling by a pharmacist of a prescription which has not been received in writing by
 4862 the pharmacist and such prescription is, in fact, written at the time of such request and delivered to the
 4863 pharmacist within one week thereof, either such offense shall constitute a Class 4 misdemeanor.

4864 E1. Any person who violates this section with respect to a controlled substance classified in Schedule III
 4865 except for an anabolic steroid classified in Schedule III, constituting a violation of § 18.2-248.5, ~~shall be~~ *is*
 4866 guilty of a Class 5 felony.

4867 E2. Any person who violates this section with respect to a controlled substance classified in Schedule IV
 4868 ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of a Class 6 felony.

4869 E3. Any person who proves that he gave, distributed or possessed with the intent to give or distribute a
 4870 controlled substance classified in Schedule III or IV, except for an anabolic steroid classified in Schedule III,
 4871 constituting a violation of § 18.2-248.5, only as an accommodation to another individual who is not an inmate
 4872 in a community correctional facility, local correctional facility or state correctional facility as defined in
 4873 § 53.1-1 or in the custody of an employee thereof, and not with the intent to profit thereby from any
 4874 consideration received or expected nor to induce the recipient or intended recipient of the controlled
 4875 substance to use or become addicted to or dependent upon such controlled substance, is guilty of a Class 1
 4876 misdemeanor.

4877 F. Any person who violates this section with respect to a controlled substance classified in Schedule V or
 4878 Schedule VI or an imitation controlled substance ~~which~~ *that* imitates a controlled substance classified in
 4879 Schedule V or Schedule VI, ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

4880 G. Any person who violates this section with respect to an imitation controlled substance ~~which~~ *that*
 4881 imitates a controlled substance classified in Schedule I, II, III, or IV ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of a Class 6 felony. In
 4882 any prosecution brought under this subsection, it is not a defense to a violation of this subsection that the
 4883 defendant believed the imitation controlled substance to actually be a controlled substance.

4884 H. Any person who manufactures, sells, gives, distributes or possesses with the intent to manufacture, sell,
 4885 give or distribute the following:

- 4886 1. 1.0 kilograms or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin;
- 4887 2. 5.0 kilograms or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of:
 - 4888 a. Coca leaves, except coca leaves and extracts of coca leaves from which cocaine, ecgonine, and
 4889 derivatives of ecgonine or their salts have been removed;
 - 4890 b. Cocaine, its salts, optical and geometric isomers, and salts of isomers;
 - 4891 c. Cocaine base;

4892 d. Ecgonine, its derivatives, their salts, isomers, and salts of isomers; or
 4893 e. Any compound, mixture, or preparation ~~which~~ *that* contains any quantity of any of the substances
 4894 referred to in subdivisions a through d; *or*

4895 3. ~~100 kilograms or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of marijuana; or~~

4896 4. 100 grams or more of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, or salts of its isomers or 200 grams or more
 4897 of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, or salts of
 4898 its isomers ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of a felony punishable by a fine of not more than \$1 million and imprisonment
 4899 for 20 years to life, 20 years of which shall be a mandatory minimum sentence. Such mandatory minimum
 4900 sentence shall not be applicable if the court finds that (i) the person does not have a prior conviction for an
 4901 offense listed in subsection C of § 17.1-805; (ii) the person did not use violence or credible threats of
 4902 violence or possess a firearm or other dangerous weapon in connection with the offense or induce another
 4903 participant in the offense to do so; (iii) the offense did not result in death or serious bodily injury to any
 4904 person; (iv) the person was not an organizer, leader, manager, or supervisor of others in the offense, and was
 4905 not engaged in a continuing criminal enterprise as defined in subsection I ~~of this section~~; and (v) not later
 4906 than the time of the sentencing hearing, the person has truthfully provided to the Commonwealth all
 4907 information and evidence the person has concerning the offense or offenses that were part of the same course
 4908 of conduct or of a common scheme or plan, but the fact that the person has no relevant or useful other
 4909 information to provide or that the Commonwealth already is aware of the information shall not preclude a
 4910 determination by the court that the defendant has complied with this requirement.

4911 H1. Any person who was the principal or one of several principal administrators, organizers or leaders of
 4912 a continuing criminal enterprise ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of a felony if (i) the enterprise received at least \$100,000
 4913 but less than \$250,000 in gross receipts during any 12-month period of its existence from the manufacture,
 4914 importation, or distribution of heroin or cocaine or ecgonine or methamphetamine or the derivatives, salts,
 4915 isomers, or salts of isomers thereof ~~or marijuana~~ or (ii) the person engaged in the enterprise to manufacture,
 4916 sell, give, distribute or possess with the intent to manufacture, sell, give or distribute the following during any
 4917 12-month period of its existence:

4918 1. At least 1.0 kilograms but less than 5.0 kilograms of a mixture or substance containing a detectable
 4919 amount of heroin;

4920 2. At least 5.0 kilograms but less than 10 kilograms of a mixture or substance containing a detectable
 4921 amount of:

4922 a. Coca leaves, except coca leaves and extracts of coca leaves from which cocaine, ecgonine, and
 4923 derivatives of ecgonine or their salts have been removed;

4924 b. Cocaine, its salts, optical and geometric isomers, and salts of isomers;

4925 c. Cocaine base;

4926 d. Ecgonine, its derivatives, their salts, isomers, and salts of isomers; or

4927 e. Any compound, mixture, or preparation ~~which~~ *that* contains any quantity of any of the substances
 4928 referred to in subdivisions a through d; *or*

4929 3. ~~At least 100 kilograms but less than 250 kilograms of a mixture or substance containing a detectable~~
 4930 ~~amount of marijuana; or~~

4931 4. At least 100 grams but less than 250 grams of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, or salts of its
 4932 isomers or at least 200 grams but less than 1.0 kilograms of a mixture or substance containing a detectable
 4933 amount of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, or salts of its isomers.

4934 A conviction under this section shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$1 million and
 4935 imprisonment for 20 years to life, 20 years of which shall be a mandatory minimum sentence.

4936 H2. Any person who was the principal or one of several principal administrators, organizers or leaders of
 4937 a continuing criminal enterprise if (i) the enterprise received \$250,000 or more in gross receipts during any
 4938 12-month period of its existence from the manufacture, importation, or distribution of heroin or cocaine or
 4939 ecgonine or methamphetamine or the derivatives, salts, isomers, or salts of isomers thereof ~~or marijuana~~ or
 4940 (ii) the person engaged in the enterprise to manufacture, sell, give, distribute or possess with the intent to
 4941 manufacture, sell, give or distribute the following during any 12-month period of its existence:

4942 1. At least 5.0 kilograms of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin;

4943 2. At least 10 kilograms of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of:

4944 a. Coca leaves, except coca leaves and extracts of coca leaves from which cocaine, ecgonine, and
 4945 derivatives of ecgonine or their salts have been removed;

4946 b. Cocaine, its salts, optical and geometric isomers, and salts of isomers;

4947 c. Cocaine base;

4948 d. Ecgonine, its derivatives, their salts, isomers, and salts of isomers; or

4949 e. Any compound, mixture, or preparation ~~which~~ *that* contains any quantity of any of the substances
 4950 referred to in subdivisions a through d; *or*

4951 3. ~~At least 250 kilograms of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of marijuana; or~~

4952 4. At least 250 grams of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, or salts of its isomers or at least 1.0
 4953 kilograms of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers,

4954 or salts of its isomers ~~shall be~~ is guilty of a felony punishable by a fine of not more than \$1 million and
 4955 imprisonment for life, which shall be served with no suspension in whole or in part. Such punishment shall be
 4956 made to run consecutively with any other sentence. However, the court may impose a mandatory minimum
 4957 sentence of 40 years if the court finds that the defendant substantially cooperated with law-enforcement
 4958 authorities.

4959 I. For purposes of this section, a person is engaged in a continuing criminal enterprise if (i) he violates any
 4960 provision of this section, the punishment for which is a felony and either (ii) such violation is a part of a
 4961 continuing series of violations of this section which are undertaken by such person in concert with five or
 4962 more other persons with respect to whom such person occupies a position of organizer, a supervisory
 4963 position, or any other position of management, and from which such person obtains substantial income or
 4964 resources or (iii) such violation is committed, with respect to methamphetamine or other controlled substance
 4965 classified in Schedule I or II, for the benefit of, at the direction of, or in association with any criminal street
 4966 gang as defined in § 18.2-46.1.

4967 J. Except as authorized in the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.), any person who possesses any two
 4968 or more different substances listed below with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine, methcathinone,
 4969 or amphetamine is guilty of a Class 6 felony: liquefied ammonia gas, ammonium nitrate, ether,
 4970 hypophosphorus acid solutions, hypophosphite salts, hydrochloric acid, iodine crystals or tincture of iodine,
 4971 phenylacetone, phenylacetic acid, red phosphorus, methylamine, methyl formamide, lithium, sodium metal,
 4972 sulfuric acid, sodium hydroxide, potassium dichromate, sodium dichromate, potassium permanganate,
 4973 chromium trioxide, methylbenzene, methamphetamine precursor drugs, trichloroethane, or 2-propanone.

4974 K. The term "methamphetamine precursor drug," when used in this article, means a drug or product
 4975 containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine or any of their salts, optical isomers, or salts
 4976 of optical isomers.

4977 **§ 18.2-248.01. Transporting controlled substances into the Commonwealth; penalty.**

4978 Except as authorized in the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) it is unlawful for any person to
 4979 transport into the Commonwealth by any means with intent to sell or distribute one ounce or more of cocaine,
 4980 coca leaves or any salt, compound, derivative or preparation thereof as described in Schedule II of the Drug
 4981 Control Act or one ounce or more of any other Schedule I or II controlled substance ~~or five or more pounds~~
 4982 ~~of marijuana~~. A violation of this section shall constitute a separate and distinct felony. Upon conviction, the
 4983 person shall be sentenced to not less than five years nor more than 40 years imprisonment, three years of
 4984 which shall be a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment, and a fine not to exceed ~~\$1,000,000~~ *\$1 million*.
 4985 A second or subsequent conviction hereunder shall be punishable by a mandatory minimum term of
 4986 imprisonment of 10 years, which shall be served consecutively with any other sentence.

4987 **§ 18.2-251. Persons charged with first offense may be placed on probation; conditions; substance**
 4988 **abuse screening, assessment treatment and education programs or services; drug tests; costs and fees;**
 4989 **violations; discharge.**

4990 Whenever any person who has not previously been convicted of any criminal offense under this article or
 4991 under any statute of the United States or of any state relating to narcotic drugs, ~~marijuana~~, or stimulant,
 4992 depressant, or hallucinogenic drugs, ~~with the exception of any misdemeanor conviction for possession of~~
 4993 ~~marijuana~~, or has not previously had a proceeding against him for violation of such an offense dismissed as
 4994 provided in this section, ~~except a dismissal of a misdemeanor offense for possession of marijuana~~, pleads
 4995 guilty to or enters a plea of not guilty to possession of a controlled substance under § 18.2-250, the court,
 4996 upon such plea if the facts found by the court would justify a finding of guilt, without entering a judgment of
 4997 guilt and with the consent of the accused, may defer further proceedings and place him on probation upon
 4998 terms and conditions. If the court defers further proceedings, at that time the court shall determine whether
 4999 the clerk of court has been provided with the fingerprint identification information or fingerprints of the
 5000 person, taken by a law-enforcement officer pursuant to § 19.2-390, and, if not, shall order that the fingerprints
 5001 and photograph of the person be taken by a law-enforcement officer.

5002 As a term or condition, the court shall require the accused to undergo a substance abuse assessment
 5003 pursuant to § 18.2-251.01 or 19.2-299.2, as appropriate, and enter treatment and/or education program or
 5004 services, if available, such as, in the opinion of the court, may be best suited to the needs of the accused based
 5005 upon consideration of the substance abuse assessment. The program or services may be located in the judicial
 5006 district in which the charge is brought or in any other judicial district as the court may provide. The services
 5007 shall be provided by (i) a program licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental
 5008 Services, by a similar program which is made available through the Department of Corrections, (ii) a local
 5009 community-based probation services agency established pursuant to § 9.1-174, or (iii) an ASAP program
 5010 certified by the Commission on VASAP.

5011 The court shall require the person entering such program under the provisions of this section to pay all or
 5012 part of the costs of the program, including the costs of the screening, assessment, testing, and treatment,
 5013 based upon the accused's ability to pay unless the person is determined by the court to be indigent.

5014 As a condition of probation, the court shall require the accused (a) to successfully complete treatment or
 5015 education program or services, (b) to remain drug and alcohol free during the period of probation and submit

5016 to such tests during that period as may be necessary and appropriate to determine if the accused is drug and
5017 alcohol free, (c) to make reasonable efforts to secure and maintain employment, and (d) to comply with a
5018 plan of at least 100 hours of community service for a felony and up to 24 hours of community service for a
5019 misdemeanor. Such testing shall be conducted by personnel of the supervising probation agency or personnel
5020 of any program or agency approved by the supervising probation agency.

5021 Upon violation of a term or condition, the court may enter an adjudication of guilt and proceed as
5022 otherwise provided. Upon fulfillment of the terms and conditions, and upon determining that the clerk of
5023 court has been provided with the fingerprint identification information or fingerprints of such person, the
5024 court shall discharge the person and dismiss the proceedings against him. Discharge and dismissal under this
5025 section shall be without adjudication of guilt and is a conviction only for the purposes of applying this section
5026 in subsequent proceedings.

5027 Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, whenever a court places an individual on probation
5028 upon terms and conditions pursuant to this section, such action shall be treated as a conviction for purposes of
5029 § 22.1-315. The provisions of this paragraph shall not be applicable to any offense for which a juvenile has
5030 had his license suspended or denied pursuant to § 16.1-278.9 for the same offense.

5031 **§ 18.2-251.03. Arrest and prosecution when experiencing or reporting an overdose or act of sexual**
5032 **violence.**

5033 A. For purposes of this section:

5034 "Act of sexual violence" means an alleged violation of § 18.2-361, 18.2-370, or 18.2-370.1 or the laws
5035 pertaining to criminal sexual assault pursuant to Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of Chapter 4.

5036 "Overdose" means a life-threatening condition resulting from the consumption or use of a controlled
5037 substance, alcohol, or any combination of such substances.

5038 B. No individual shall be subject to arrest or prosecution for the unlawful purchase, possession, or
5039 consumption of alcohol pursuant to § 4.1-305, unlawful purchase, possession, or consumption of marijuana
5040 pursuant to § ~~4.1-1105.1~~ 4.1-1105, involuntary manslaughter pursuant to § 18.2-36.3, possession of a
5041 controlled substance pursuant to § 18.2-250, intoxication in public pursuant to § 18.2-388, or possession of
5042 controlled paraphernalia pursuant to § 54.1-3466 if:

5043 1. Such individual (i) in good faith, seeks or obtains emergency medical attention (a) for himself, if he is
5044 experiencing an overdose, or (b) for another individual, if such other individual is experiencing an overdose;
5045 (ii) is experiencing an overdose and another individual, in good faith, seeks or obtains emergency medical
5046 attention for such individual, by contemporaneously reporting such overdose to a firefighter, as defined in
5047 § 65.2-102, emergency medical services personnel, as defined in § 32.1-111.1, a law-enforcement officer, as
5048 defined in § 9.1-101, or an emergency 911 system; or (iii) in good faith, renders emergency care or
5049 assistance, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or the administration of naloxone or other opioid
5050 antagonist for overdose reversal, to an individual experiencing an overdose while another individual seeks or
5051 obtains emergency medical attention in accordance with this subdivision;

5052 2. Such individual remains at the scene of the overdose or at any alternative location to which he or the
5053 person requiring emergency medical attention has been transported until a law-enforcement officer responds
5054 to the report of an overdose. If no law-enforcement officer is present at the scene of the overdose or at the
5055 alternative location, then such individual shall cooperate with law enforcement as otherwise set forth herein;

5056 3. Such individual identifies himself to the law-enforcement officer who responds to the report of the
5057 overdose; and

5058 4. The evidence for the prosecution of an offense enumerated in this subsection was obtained as a result of
5059 the individual seeking or obtaining emergency medical attention or rendering emergency care or assistance.

5060 C. No individual shall be subject to arrest or prosecution for the unlawful purchase, possession, or
5061 consumption of alcohol pursuant to § 4.1-305, unlawful purchase, possession, or consumption of marijuana
5062 pursuant to § ~~4.1-1105.1~~ 4.1-1105, possession of a controlled substance pursuant to § 18.2-250, intoxication
5063 in public pursuant to § 18.2-388, or possession of controlled paraphernalia pursuant to § 54.1-3466 if:

5064 1. Such individual, in good faith, seeks or obtains assistance for himself or another individual from
5065 emergency medical services personnel, as defined in § 32.1-111.1, a health care provider, as defined in
5066 § 8.01-581.1, or a law-enforcement officer, as defined in § 9.1-101, and seeks to report an act of sexual
5067 violence committed against himself or another individual;

5068 2. Such individual identifies himself to the law-enforcement officer who responds to the report of the act
5069 of sexual violence; and

5070 3. The evidence for the prosecution of an offense enumerated in this subsection was obtained as a result of
5071 the individual seeking or obtaining medical attention, rendering care or assistance, or reporting to law
5072 enforcement.

5073 This subsection shall not apply to an individual who is alleged to have committed the act of sexual
5074 violence.

5075 D. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any person who seeks or obtains emergency medical
5076 attention for himself or another individual, to a person experiencing an overdose or who has experienced an
5077 act of sexual violence when another individual seeks or obtains emergency medical attention for him, or to a

5078 person who renders emergency care or assistance to an individual experiencing an overdose or who has
 5079 experienced an act of sexual violence while another person seeks or obtains emergency medical attention
 5080 during the execution of a search warrant or during the conduct of a lawful search or a lawful arrest.

5081 E. This section does not establish protection from arrest or prosecution for any individual or offense other
 5082 than those listed in subsection B or C. However, any individual immune to arrest or prosecution under this
 5083 section shall not have his bail, probation, furlough, supervised release, suspended sentence, or parole revoked
 5084 for the behavior immune from arrest or prosecution under the provisions of this section.

5085 F. No law-enforcement officer acting in good faith shall be found liable for false arrest if it is later
 5086 determined that the person arrested was immune from prosecution under this section.

5087 **§ 18.2-251.1:1. Possession or distribution of cannabis oil; public schools.**

5088 No school nurse employed by a local school board, person employed by a local health department who is
 5089 assigned to the public school pursuant to an agreement between the local health department and the school
 5090 board, or other person employed by or contracted with a local school board to deliver health-related services
 5091 shall be prosecuted under Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 4.1 or § 18.2-248, ~~18.2-248.1~~, 18.2-250, or
 5092 18.2-255 for the possession or distribution of cannabis oil for storing, dispensing, or administering cannabis
 5093 oil, in accordance with a policy adopted by the local school board, to a student who has been issued a valid
 5094 written certification for the use of cannabis oil in accordance with § 4.1-1601.

5095 **§ 18.2-251.1:2. Possession or distribution of cannabis oil; nursing homes and certified nursing**
 5096 **facilities; hospice and hospice facilities; assisted living facilities.**

5097 No person employed by a nursing home, hospice, hospice facility, or assisted living facility and
 5098 authorized to possess, distribute, or administer medications to patients or residents shall be prosecuted under
 5099 Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 4.1 or § 18.2-248, ~~18.2-248.1~~, or 18.2-250 for the possession or
 5100 distribution of cannabis oil for the purposes of storing, dispensing, or administering cannabis oil to a patient
 5101 or resident who has been issued a valid written certification for the use of cannabis oil in accordance with
 5102 § 4.1-1601.

5103 **§ 18.2-251.1:3. Possession or distribution of cannabis oil, or industrial hemp; laboratories;**
 5104 **Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Department of Law employees.**

5105 A. No person employed by an analytical laboratory to retrieve, deliver, or possess cannabis oil or
 5106 industrial hemp samples from a permitted pharmaceutical processor, a registered industrial hemp grower, a
 5107 federally licensed hemp producer, or a registered industrial hemp processor for the purpose of performing
 5108 required testing shall be prosecuted under Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 4.1 or § 18.2-248,
 5109 ~~18.2-248.1~~, 18.2-250, or 18.2-255 for the possession or distribution of cannabis oil or industrial hemp or for
 5110 storing cannabis oil or industrial hemp for testing purposes in accordance with regulations promulgated by
 5111 the Board of Pharmacy of Directors of the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority and the Board of Agriculture
 5112 and Consumer Services.

5113 B. No employee of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services or of the Department of Law
 5114 shall be prosecuted under *Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 4.1* or § ~~18.2-247~~, 18.2-248, 18.2-248.01,
 5115 ~~18.2-248.1~~, or 18.2-250 for the possession or distribution of industrial hemp or any substance containing
 5116 tetrahydrocannabinol when possession of industrial hemp or any substance containing tetrahydrocannabinol
 5117 is necessary in the performance of his duties.

5118 **§ 18.2-252. Suspended sentence conditioned upon substance abuse screening, assessment, testing,**
 5119 **and treatment or education.**

5120 The trial judge or court trying the case of any person found guilty of a criminal violation of any law
 5121 concerning the use, in any manner, of drugs, controlled substances, narcotics, ~~marijuana~~, noxious chemical
 5122 substances and like substances shall condition any suspended sentence by first requiring such person to agree
 5123 to undergo a substance abuse screening pursuant to § 18.2-251.01 and to submit to such periodic substance
 5124 abuse testing, to include alcohol testing, as may be directed by the court. Such testing shall be conducted by
 5125 the supervising probation agency or by personnel of any program or agency approved by the supervising
 5126 probation agency. The cost of such testing ordered by the court shall be paid by the Commonwealth and taxed
 5127 as a part of the costs of such proceedings. The judge or court shall order the person, as a condition of any
 5128 suspended sentence, to undergo such treatment or education for substance abuse, if available, as the judge or
 5129 court deems appropriate based upon consideration of the substance abuse assessment. The treatment or
 5130 education shall be provided by a program or agency licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and
 5131 Developmental Services, by a similar program or services available through the Department of Corrections if
 5132 the court imposes a sentence of one year or more or, if the court imposes a sentence of 12 months or less, by a
 5133 similar program or services available through a local or regional jail, a local community-based probation
 5134 services agency established pursuant to § 9.1-174, or an ASAP program certified by the Commission on
 5135 VASAP.

5136 **§ 18.2-254. Commitment of convicted person for treatment for substance abuse.**

5137 A. Whenever any person who has not previously been convicted of any criminal offense under this article
 5138 or under any statute of the United States or of any state relating to narcotic drugs, ~~marijuana~~, or stimulant,
 5139 depressant, or hallucinogenic drugs or has not previously had a proceeding against him for violation of such

5140 an offense dismissed as provided in § 18.2-251 is found guilty of violating any law concerning the use, in any
 5141 manner, of drugs, controlled substances, narcotics, ~~marijuana~~, noxious chemical substances, and like
 5142 substances, the judge or court shall require such person to undergo a substance abuse screening pursuant to
 5143 § 18.2-251.01 and to submit to such periodic substance abuse testing, to include alcohol testing, as may be
 5144 directed by the court. The cost of such testing ordered by the court shall be paid by the Commonwealth and
 5145 taxed as a part of the costs of the criminal proceedings. The judge or court shall also order the person to
 5146 undergo such treatment or education for substance abuse, if available, as the judge or court deems appropriate
 5147 based upon consideration of the substance abuse assessment. The treatment or education shall be provided by
 5148 a program or agency licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services or by a
 5149 similar program or services available through the Department of Corrections if the court imposes a sentence
 5150 of one year or more or, if the court imposes a sentence of 12 months or less, by a similar program or services
 5151 available through a local or regional jail, a local community-based probation services agency established
 5152 pursuant to § 9.1-174, or an ASAP program certified by the Commission on VASAP.

5153 B. The court trying the case of any person alleged to have committed any criminal offense designated by
 5154 this article or by the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) or in any other criminal case in which the
 5155 commission of the offense was motivated by or closely related to the use of drugs and determined by the
 5156 court, pursuant to a substance abuse screening and assessment, to be in need of treatment for the use of drugs
 5157 may commit, based upon a consideration of the substance abuse assessment, such person, upon his
 5158 conviction, to any facility for the treatment of persons with substance abuse, licensed by the Department of
 5159 Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, if space is available in such facility, for a period of time not
 5160 in excess of the maximum term of imprisonment specified as the penalty for conviction of such offense or, if
 5161 sentence was determined by a jury, not in excess of the term of imprisonment as set by such jury.
 5162 Confinement under such commitment shall be, in all regards, treated as confinement in a penal institution and
 5163 the person so committed may be convicted of escape if he leaves the place of commitment without authority.
 5164 A charge of escape may be prosecuted in either the jurisdiction where the treatment facility is located or the
 5165 jurisdiction where the person was sentenced to commitment. The court may revoke such commitment at any
 5166 time and transfer the person to an appropriate state or local correctional facility. Upon presentation of a
 5167 certified statement from the director of the treatment facility to the effect that the confined person has
 5168 successfully responded to treatment, the court may release such confined person prior to the termination of
 5169 the period of time for which such person was confined and may suspend the remainder of the term upon such
 5170 conditions as the court may prescribe.

5171 C. The court trying a case in which commission of the criminal offense was related to the defendant's
 5172 habitual abuse of alcohol and in which the court determines, pursuant to a substance abuse screening and
 5173 assessment, that such defendant is in need of treatment, may commit, based upon a consideration of the
 5174 substance abuse assessment, such person, upon his conviction, to any facility for the treatment of persons
 5175 with substance abuse licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, if space
 5176 is available in such facility, for a period of time not in excess of the maximum term of imprisonment
 5177 specified as the penalty for conviction. Confinement under such commitment shall be, in all regards, treated
 5178 as confinement in a penal institution and the person so committed may be convicted of escape if he leaves the
 5179 place of commitment without authority. The court may revoke such commitment at any time and transfer the
 5180 person to an appropriate state or local correctional facility. Upon presentation of a certified statement from
 5181 the director of the treatment facility to the effect that the confined person has successfully responded to
 5182 treatment, the court may release such confined person prior to the termination of the period of time for which
 5183 such person was confined and may suspend the remainder of the term upon such conditions as the court may
 5184 prescribe.

5185 **§ 18.2-255. Distribution of certain drugs to persons under 18 prohibited; penalty.**

5186 A. Except as authorized in the Drug Control Act, ~~Chapter 34~~ (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) ~~of Title 54.1~~, it shall be
 5187 *is* unlawful for any person who is at least 18 years of age to knowingly or intentionally (i) distribute any drug
 5188 classified in Schedule I, II, III, or IV ~~or marijuana~~ to any person under 18 years of age who is at least three
 5189 years his junior or (ii) cause any person under 18 years of age to assist in such distribution of any drug
 5190 classified in Schedule I, II, III, or IV ~~or marijuana~~. Any person violating this provision shall upon conviction
 5191 be imprisoned in a state correctional facility for a period not less than 10 nor more than 50 years, and fined
 5192 not more than \$100,000. Five years of the sentence imposed for a conviction under this section involving a
 5193 Schedule I or II controlled substance ~~or one ounce or more of marijuana~~ shall be a mandatory minimum
 5194 sentence. ~~Two years of the sentence imposed for a conviction under this section involving less than one~~
 5195 ~~ounce of marijuana shall be a mandatory minimum sentence.~~

5196 B. It shall be *is* unlawful for any person who is at least 18 years of age to knowingly or intentionally (i)
 5197 distribute any imitation controlled substance to a person under 18 years of age who is at least three years his
 5198 junior or (ii) cause any person under 18 years of age to assist in such distribution of any imitation controlled
 5199 substance. Any person violating this provision shall be *is* guilty of a Class 6 felony.

5200 **§ 18.2-255.1. Distribution, sale or display of printed material advertising instruments for use in**
 5201 **administering controlled substances to minors; penalty.**

5202 It shall be is a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person knowingly to sell, distribute, or display for sale to a
 5203 minor any book, pamphlet, periodical, or other printed matter which that he knows advertises for sale any
 5204 instrument, device, article, or contrivance for advertised use in unlawfully ingesting, smoking, administering,
 5205 preparing, or growing marijuana or a controlled substance.

5206 **§ 18.2-255.2. Prohibiting the sale or manufacture of drugs on or near certain properties; penalty.**

5207 A. It shall be is unlawful for any person to manufacture, sell, or distribute or possess with intent to sell,
 5208 give, or distribute any controlled substance; or imitation controlled substance; or marijuana while:

5209 1. Upon the property, including buildings and grounds, of any public or private elementary or secondary
 5210 school, any institution of higher education, or any clearly marked licensed child day center as defined in
 5211 § 22.1-289.02;

5212 2. Upon public property or any property open to public use within 1,000 feet of the property described in
 5213 subdivision 1;

5214 3. On any school bus as defined in § 46.2-100;

5215 4. Upon a designated school bus stop, or upon either public property or any property open to public use
 5216 which is within 1,000 feet of such school bus stop, during the time when school children are waiting to be
 5217 picked up and transported to or are being dropped off from school or a school-sponsored activity;

5218 5. Upon the property, including buildings and grounds, of any publicly owned or publicly operated
 5219 recreation or community center facility or any public library; or

5220 6. Upon the property of any state facility as defined in § 37.2-100 or upon public property or property
 5221 open to public use within 1,000 feet of such an institution facility. It is a violation of the provisions of this
 5222 section if the person possessed the controlled substance; or imitation controlled substance; or marijuana
 5223 on the property described in subdivisions 1 through 6, regardless of where the person intended to sell, give, or
 5224 distribute the controlled substance; or imitation controlled substance; or marijuana. Nothing in this section
 5225 shall prohibit the authorized distribution of controlled substances.

5226 B. Violation of this section shall constitute a separate and distinct felony. Any person violating the
 5227 provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned for a term of not less than one year nor more
 5228 than five years and fined not more than \$100,000. A second or subsequent conviction hereunder for an
 5229 offense involving a controlled substance classified in Schedule I, II, or III of the Drug Control Act
 5230 (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) or more than one-half ounce of marijuana shall be punished by a mandatory minimum
 5231 term of imprisonment of one year to be served consecutively with any other sentence. However, if such
 5232 person proves that he sold such controlled substance or marijuana only as an accommodation to another
 5233 individual and not with intent to profit thereby from any consideration received or expected nor to induce the
 5234 recipient or intended recipient of the controlled substance or marijuana to use or become addicted to or
 5235 dependent upon such controlled substance or marijuana, he is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

5236 C. If a person commits an act violating the provisions of this section, and the same act also violates
 5237 another provision of law that provides for penalties greater than those provided for by this section, then
 5238 nothing in this section shall prohibit or bar any prosecution or proceeding under that other provision of law or
 5239 the imposition of any penalties provided for thereby.

5240 **§ 18.2-258. Certain premises deemed common nuisance; penalty.**

5241 Any office, store, shop, restaurant, dance hall, theater, poolroom, clubhouse, storehouse, warehouse,
 5242 dwelling house, apartment, building of any kind, vehicle, vessel, boat, or aircraft, which with the knowledge
 5243 of the owner, lessor, agent of any such lessor, manager, chief executive officer, operator, or tenant thereof, is
 5244 frequented by persons under the influence of illegally obtained controlled substances or marijuana, as defined
 5245 in § 54.1-3401, or for the purpose of illegally obtaining possession of, manufacturing, or distributing
 5246 controlled substances or marijuana, or is used for the illegal possession, manufacture, or distribution of
 5247 controlled substances or marijuana shall be deemed a common nuisance. Any such owner, lessor, agent of
 5248 any such lessor, manager, chief executive officer, operator, or tenant who knowingly permits, establishes,
 5249 keeps or maintains such a common nuisance is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor and; for a second or
 5250 subsequent offense, a Class 6 felony.

5251 **§ 18.2-258.02. Maintaining a fortified drug house; penalty.**

5252 Any office, store, shop, restaurant, dance hall, theater, poolroom, clubhouse, storehouse, warehouse,
 5253 dwelling house, apartment or building or structure of any kind which that is (i) substantially altered from its
 5254 original status by means of reinforcement with the intent to impede, deter or delay lawful entry by a
 5255 law-enforcement officer into such structure, (ii) being used for the purpose of manufacturing or distributing
 5256 controlled substances or marijuana, and (iii) the object of a valid search warrant, shall be considered a
 5257 fortified drug house. Any person who maintains or operates a fortified drug house is guilty of a Class 5
 5258 felony.

5259 **§ 18.2-258.1. Obtaining drugs, procuring administration of controlled substances, etc., by fraud,
 5260 deceit or forgery.**

5261 A. It shall be is unlawful for any person to obtain or attempt to obtain any drug or procure or attempt to
 5262 procure the administration of any controlled substance or marijuana: (i) by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation,
 5263 embezzlement, or subterfuge; (ii) by the forgery or alteration of a prescription or of any written order; (iii) by

5264 the concealment of a material fact; or (iv) by the use of a false name or the giving of a false address.

5265 B. It ~~shall be~~ *is* unlawful for any person to furnish false or fraudulent information in or omit any
5266 information from, or willfully make a false statement in, any prescription, order, report, record, or other
5267 document required by ~~Chapter 34 the Drug Control Act~~ (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) ~~of Title 54.1.~~

5268 C. It ~~shall be~~ *is* unlawful for any person to use in the course of the manufacture or distribution of a
5269 controlled substance ~~or marijuana~~ a license number ~~which~~ *that* is fictitious, revoked, suspended, or issued to
5270 another person.

5271 D. It ~~shall be~~ *is* unlawful for any person, for the purpose of obtaining any controlled substance ~~or~~
5272 ~~marijuana~~, to falsely assume the title of, or represent himself to be, a manufacturer, wholesaler, pharmacist,
5273 physician, dentist, veterinarian, or other authorized person.

5274 E. It ~~shall be~~ *is* unlawful for any person to make or utter any false or forged prescription or false or forged
5275 written order.

5276 F. It ~~shall be~~ *is* unlawful for any person to affix any false or forged label to a package or receptacle
5277 containing any controlled substance.

5278 G. This section shall not apply to officers and employees of the United States, of this Commonwealth or
5279 of a political subdivision of this Commonwealth acting in the course of their employment, who obtain such
5280 drugs for investigative, research or analytical purposes, or to the agents or duly authorized representatives of
5281 any pharmaceutical manufacturer who obtain such drugs for investigative, research or analytical purposes and
5282 who are acting in the course of their employment; provided that such manufacturer is licensed under the
5283 provisions of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act; and provided further, that such pharmaceutical
5284 manufacturer, its agents and duly authorized representatives file with the Board such information as the
5285 Board may deem appropriate.

5286 H. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, any person who shall violate any provision herein
5287 ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of a Class 6 felony.

5288 Whenever any person who has not previously been convicted of any offense under this article or under
5289 any statute of the United States or of any state relating to narcotic drugs; ~~marijuana~~; or stimulant, depressant,
5290 or hallucinogenic drugs, or has not previously had a proceeding against him for violation of such an offense
5291 dismissed, or reduced as provided in this section, pleads guilty to or enters a plea of not guilty to the court for
5292 violating this section, upon such plea if the facts found by the court would justify a finding of guilt, the court
5293 may place him on probation upon terms and conditions.

5294 As a term or condition, the court shall require the accused to be evaluated and enter a treatment and/or
5295 education program, if available, such as, in the opinion of the court, may be best suited to the needs of the
5296 accused. This program may be located in the judicial circuit in which the charge is brought or in any other
5297 judicial circuit as the court may provide. The services shall be provided by a program certified or licensed by
5298 the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. The court shall require the person entering
5299 such program under the provisions of this section to pay all or part of the costs of the program, including the
5300 costs of the screening, evaluation, testing and education, based upon the person's ability to pay unless the
5301 person is determined by the court to be indigent.

5302 As a condition of supervised probation, the court shall require the accused to remain drug free during the
5303 period of probation and submit to such tests during that period as may be necessary and appropriate to
5304 determine if the accused is drug free. Such testing may be conducted by the personnel of any screening,
5305 evaluation, and education program to which the person is referred or by the supervising agency.

5306 Unless the accused was fingerprinted at the time of arrest, the court shall order the accused to report to the
5307 original arresting law-enforcement agency to submit to fingerprinting.

5308 Upon violation of a term or condition, the court may enter an adjudication of guilt upon the felony and
5309 proceed as otherwise provided. Upon fulfillment of the terms and conditions of probation, the court shall find
5310 the defendant guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

5311 **§ 18.2-265.1. Definition.**

5312 As used in this article, "drug paraphernalia" means all equipment, products, and materials of any kind
5313 which are either designed for use or which are intended by the person charged with violating § 18.2-265.3 for
5314 use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting,
5315 producing, processing, preparing, strength testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing,
5316 concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing into the human body ~~marijuana~~ ~~or~~ a
5317 controlled substance. "Drug paraphernalia" includes:

5318 1. Kits intended for use or designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, or harvesting
5319 ~~marijuana~~ ~~or~~ any species of plant which is a controlled substance or from which a controlled substance can be
5320 derived;

5321 2. Kits intended for use or designed for use in manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing,
5322 processing, or preparing ~~marijuana~~ ~~or~~ controlled substances;

5323 3. Isomerization devices intended for use or designed for use in increasing the potency of ~~marijuana~~ ~~or~~
5324 any species of plant ~~which~~ *that* is a controlled substance;

5325 4. Testing equipment intended for use or designed for use in identifying or in analyzing the strength or

5326 effectiveness of ~~marijuana~~ or controlled substances, other than drug checking products used to determine the
5327 presence or concentration of a contaminant that can cause physical harm or death;

5328 5. Scales and balances intended for use or designed for use in weighing or measuring ~~marijuana~~ or
5329 controlled substances;

5330 6. Diluents and adulterants, such as quinine hydrochloride, mannitol, or mannite, intended for use or
5331 designed for use in cutting controlled substances;

5332 7. ~~Separation gins and sifters intended for use or designed for use in removing twigs and seeds from, or in~~
5333 ~~otherwise cleaning or refining, marijuana;~~

5334 8. Blenders, bowls, containers, spoons, and mixing devices intended for use or designed for use in
5335 compounding controlled substances;

5336 9. 8. Capsules, balloons, envelopes, and other containers intended for use or designed for use in packaging
5337 small quantities of ~~marijuana~~ or controlled substances;

5338 ~~10.~~ 9. Containers and other objects intended for use or designed for use in storing or concealing ~~marijuana~~
5339 ~~or~~ controlled substances;

5340 ~~11.~~ 10. Hypodermic syringes, needles, and other objects intended for use or designed for use in
5341 parenterally injecting controlled substances into the human body;

5342 ~~12.~~ 11. Objects intended for use or designed for use in ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing
5343 ~~marijuana, cocaine, hashish, or hashish oil~~ into the human body, such as:

5344 a. Metal, wooden, acrylic, glass, stone, plastic, or ceramic pipes with or without screens, permanent
5345 screens, ~~hashish heads,~~ or punctured metal bowls;

5346 b. Water pipes;

5347 c. Carburetion tubes and devices;

5348 d. Smoking and carburetion masks;

5349 e. Roach clips, meaning objects used to hold burning material, ~~such as a marijuana cigarette,~~ that has
5350 become too small or too short to be held in the hand;

5351 f. Miniature cocaine spoons, and cocaine vials;

5352 g. Chamber pipes;

5353 h. Carburetor pipes;

5354 i. Electric pipes;

5355 j. Air-driven pipes;

5356 k. Chillums;

5357 l. Bongs;

5358 m. Ice pipes or chillers.

5359 **§ 18.2-265.2. Evidence to be considered in cases under this article.**

5360 In determining whether an object is drug paraphernalia, the court may consider, in addition to all other
5361 relevant evidence, the following:

5362 1. Constitutionally admissible statements by the accused concerning the use of the object;

5363 2. The proximity of the object to ~~marijuana~~ or controlled substances, which proximity is actually known to
5364 the accused;

5365 3. Instructions, oral or written, provided with the object concerning its use;

5366 4. Descriptive materials accompanying the object ~~which~~ *that* explain or depict its use;

5367 5. National and local advertising within the actual knowledge of the accused concerning its use;

5368 6. The manner in which the object is displayed for sale;

5369 7. Whether the accused is a legitimate supplier of like or related items to the community, such as a
5370 licensed distributor or dealer of tobacco products;

5371 8. Evidence of the ratio of sales of the objects defined in § 18.2-265.1 to the total sales of the business
5372 enterprise;

5373 9. The existence and scope of legitimate uses for the object in the community;

5374 10. Expert testimony concerning its use or the purpose for which it was designed; *and*

5375 11. Relevant evidence of the intent of the accused to deliver it to persons who he knows, or should
5376 reasonably know, intend to use the object with an illegal drug. The innocence of an owner, or of anyone in
5377 control of the object, as to a direct violation of this article shall not prevent a finding that the object is
5378 intended for use or designed for use as drug paraphernalia.

5379 **§ 18.2-265.3. Penalties for sale, etc., of drug paraphernalia.**

5380 A. Any person who sells or possesses with intent to sell drug paraphernalia, knowing, or under
5381 circumstances where one reasonably should know, that it is either designed for use or intended by such
5382 person for use to illegally plant, propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, manufacture, compound, convert,
5383 produce, process, prepare, test, analyze, pack, repack, store, contain, conceal, inject, ingest, inhale, or
5384 otherwise introduce into the human body ~~marijuana~~ or a controlled substance, ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of a Class 1
5385 misdemeanor.

5386 B. Any person ~~eighteen~~ 18 years of age or older who violates subsection A ~~hereof~~ by selling drug
5387 paraphernalia to a minor who is at least three years junior to the accused in age ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of a Class 6

5388 felony.

5389 C. Any person ~~eighteen~~ 18 years of age or older who distributes drug paraphernalia to a minor ~~shall be is~~
5390 guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

5391 **§ 18.2-287.2. Wearing of body armor while committing a crime; penalty.**

5392 Any person who, while committing a crime of violence as defined in § 18.2-288 (2) or a felony violation
5393 of § 18.2-248 ~~or subdivision (a) 2 or 3 of § 18.2-248.1~~, has in his possession a firearm or knife and is wearing
5394 body armor designed to diminish the effect of the impact of a bullet or projectile ~~shall be is~~ guilty of a Class 4
5395 felony.

5396 **§ 18.2-308.012. Prohibited conduct.**

5397 A. Any person permitted to carry a concealed handgun who is under the influence of alcohol, *marijuana*,
5398 or illegal drugs while carrying such handgun in a public place is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. Conviction
5399 of any of the following offenses shall be prima facie evidence, subject to rebuttal, that the person is "under
5400 the influence" for purposes of this section: manslaughter in violation of § 18.2-36.1, maiming in violation of
5401 § 18.2-51.4, driving while intoxicated in violation of § 18.2-266, public intoxication in violation of
5402 § 18.2-388, or driving while intoxicated in violation of § 46.2-341.24. Upon such conviction that court shall
5403 revoke the person's permit for a concealed handgun and promptly notify the issuing circuit court. A person
5404 convicted of a violation of this subsection shall be ineligible to apply for a concealed handgun permit for a
5405 period of five years.

5406 B. No person who carries a concealed handgun onto the premises of any restaurant or club as defined in
5407 § 4.1-100 for which a license to sell and serve alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption has been
5408 granted by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority under Title 4.1 may consume an alcoholic
5409 beverage while on the premises. A person who carries a concealed handgun onto the premises of such a
5410 restaurant or club and consumes alcoholic beverages is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. However, nothing in
5411 this subsection shall apply to a federal, state, or local law-enforcement officer.

5412 **§ 18.2-308.4. Possession of firearms while in possession of certain substances.**

5413 A. It ~~shall be is~~ unlawful for any person unlawfully in possession of a controlled substance classified in
5414 Schedule I or II of the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) of Title 54.1 to simultaneously with knowledge
5415 and intent possess any firearm. A violation of this subsection is a Class 6 felony and constitutes a separate
5416 and distinct felony.

5417 B. It ~~shall be is~~ unlawful for any person unlawfully in possession of a controlled substance classified in
5418 Schedule I or II of the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) to simultaneously with knowledge and intent
5419 possess any firearm on or about his person. A violation of this subsection is a Class 6 felony and constitutes
5420 a separate and distinct felony and any person convicted hereunder shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum
5421 term of imprisonment of two years. Such punishment shall be separate and apart from, and shall be made to
5422 run consecutively with, any punishment received for the commission of the primary felony.

5423 C. It ~~shall be is~~ unlawful for any person to possess, use, or attempt to use any pistol, shotgun, rifle, or
5424 other firearm or display such weapon in a threatening manner while committing or attempting to commit the
5425 illegal manufacture, sale, distribution, or the possession with the intent to manufacture, sell, or distribute a
5426 controlled substance classified in Schedule I or Schedule II of the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) ~~or~~
5427 ~~more than one pound of marijuana~~. A violation of this subsection is a Class 6 felony, and constitutes a
5428 separate and distinct felony and any person convicted hereunder shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum
5429 term of imprisonment of five years. Such punishment shall be separate and apart from, and shall be made to
5430 run consecutively with, any punishment received for the commission of the primary felony.

5431 **§ 18.2-460. Obstructing justice; resisting arrest; fleeing from a law-enforcement officer; penalties.**

5432 A. If any person without just cause knowingly obstructs a judge, magistrate, justice, juror, attorney for the
5433 Commonwealth, witness, any law-enforcement officer, or animal control officer employed pursuant to
5434 § 3.2-6555 in the performance of his duties as such or fails or refuses without just cause to cease such
5435 obstruction when requested to do so by such judge, magistrate, justice, juror, attorney for the Commonwealth,
5436 witness, law-enforcement officer, or animal control officer employed pursuant to § 3.2-6555, he is guilty of a
5437 Class 1 misdemeanor.

5438 B. Except as provided in subsection C, any person who, by threats or force, knowingly attempts to
5439 intimidate or impede a judge, magistrate, justice, juror, attorney for the Commonwealth, witness, any
5440 law-enforcement officer, or an animal control officer employed pursuant to § 3.2-6555 lawfully engaged in
5441 his duties as such, or to obstruct or impede the administration of justice in any court, is guilty of a Class 1
5442 misdemeanor.

5443 C. If any person by threats of bodily harm or force knowingly attempts to intimidate or impede a judge,
5444 magistrate, justice, juror, attorney for the Commonwealth, witness, ~~any~~ or law-enforcement officer, lawfully
5445 engaged in the discharge of his duty, or to obstruct or impede the administration of justice in any court
5446 relating to a violation of or conspiracy to violate § 18.2-248 ~~or subdivision (a)(3), (b) or (c) of § 18.2-248.1,~~
5447 ~~or~~ § 18.2-46.2, or § 18.2-46.3, or relating to the violation of or conspiracy to violate any violent felony
5448 offense listed in subsection C of § 17.1-805, he is guilty of a Class 5 felony.

5449 D. Any person who knowingly and willfully makes any materially false statement or representation to a

5450 law-enforcement officer or an animal control officer employed pursuant to § 3.2-6555 who is in the course of
5451 conducting an investigation of a crime by another is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

5452 E. Any person who intentionally prevents or attempts to prevent a law-enforcement officer from lawfully
5453 arresting him, with or without a warrant, is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. For purposes of this subsection,
5454 intentionally preventing or attempting to prevent a lawful arrest means fleeing from a law-enforcement
5455 officer when (i) the officer applies physical force to the person, or (ii) the officer communicates to the person
5456 that he is under arrest and (a) the officer has the legal authority and the immediate physical ability to place
5457 the person under arrest, and (b) a reasonable person who receives such communication knows or should know
5458 that he is not free to leave.

5459 **§ 18.2-474.1. Delivery of drugs, firearms, explosives, etc., to prisoners or committed persons.**

5460 Notwithstanding the provisions of § 18.2-474, any person who shall willfully in any manner deliver,
5461 attempt to deliver, or conspire with another to deliver to any prisoner confined under authority of the
5462 Commonwealth of Virginia, or of any political subdivision thereof, or to any person committed to the
5463 Department of Juvenile Justice in any juvenile correctional center, any drug ~~which~~ *that* is a controlled
5464 substance regulated by the Drug Control Act in Chapter 34 (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) of Title 54.1 or marijuana is
5465 guilty of a Class 5 felony. Any person who shall willfully in any manner so deliver or attempt to deliver or
5466 conspire to deliver to any such prisoner or confined or committed person, firearms, ammunitions, or
5467 explosives of any nature is guilty of a Class 3 felony.

5468 Nothing herein contained shall be construed to repeal or amend § 18.2-473.

5469 **§ 19.2-66. When Attorney General or Chief Deputy Attorney General may apply for order**
5470 **authorizing interception of communications.**

5471 A. The Attorney General or Chief Deputy Attorney General, if the Attorney General so designates in
5472 writing, in any case where the Attorney General is authorized by law to prosecute or pursuant to a request in
5473 his official capacity of an attorney for the Commonwealth in any city or county, may apply to a judge of
5474 competent jurisdiction for an order authorizing the interception of wire, electronic or oral communications by
5475 the Department of State Police, when such interception may reasonably be expected to provide evidence of
5476 the commission of a felonious offense of extortion, bribery, kidnapping, murder, any felony violation of
5477 § 18.2-248 or ~~18.2-248.1~~, any felony violation of Chapter 29 (§ 59.1-364 et seq.) of Title 59.1, any felony
5478 violation of Article 2 (§ 18.2-38 et seq.), Article 2.1 (§ 18.2-46.1 et seq.), Article 2.2 (§ 18.2-46.4 et seq.),
5479 Article 5 (§ 18.2-58 et seq.), Article 6 (§ 18.2-59 et seq.) or any felonies that are not Class 6 felonies in
5480 Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2, or any conspiracy to commit any of the foregoing
5481 offenses. The Attorney General or Chief Deputy Attorney General may apply for authorization for the
5482 observation or monitoring of the interception by a police department of a county or city, by a sheriff's office,
5483 or by law-enforcement officers of the United States. Such application shall be made, and such order may be
5484 granted, in conformity with the provisions of § 19.2-68.

5485 B. The application for an order under subsection B of § 19.2-68 shall be made as follows:

5486 1. In the case of an application for a wire or electronic interception, a judge of competent jurisdiction shall
5487 have the authority to issue an order under subsection B of § 19.2-68 if there is probable cause to believe that
5488 an offense was committed, is being committed, or will be committed or the person or persons whose
5489 communications are to be intercepted live, work, subscribe to a wire or electronic communication system,
5490 maintain an address or a post office box, or are making the communication within the territorial jurisdiction
5491 of the court.

5492 2. In the case of an application for an oral intercept, a judge of competent jurisdiction shall have the
5493 authority to issue an order under subsection B of § 19.2-68 if there is probable cause to believe that an
5494 offense was committed, is being committed, or will be committed or the physical location of the oral
5495 communication to be intercepted is within the territorial jurisdiction of the court.

5496 C. For the purposes of an order entered pursuant to subsection B of § 19.2-68 for the interception of a wire
5497 or electronic communication, such communication shall be deemed to be intercepted in the jurisdiction where
5498 the order is entered, regardless of the physical location or the method by which the communication is
5499 captured or routed to the monitoring location.

5500 **§ 19.2-81. Arrest without warrant authorized in certain cases.**

5501 A. The following officers shall have the powers of arrest as provided in this section:

- 5502 1. Members of the State Police force of the Commonwealth;
- 5503 2. Sheriffs of the various counties and cities, and their deputies;
- 5504 3. Members of any county police force or any duly constituted police force of any city or town of the
5505 Commonwealth;
- 5506 4. The Commissioner, members and employees of the Marine Resources Commission granted the power
5507 of arrest pursuant to § 28.2-900;
- 5508 5. Regular conservation police officers appointed pursuant to § 29.1-200;
- 5509 6. United States Coast Guard and United States Coast Guard Reserve commissioned, warrant, and petty
5510 officers authorized under § 29.1-205 to make arrests;
- 5511 7. Conservation officers appointed pursuant to § 10.1-115;

5512 8. Full-time sworn members of the enforcement division of the Department of Motor Vehicles appointed
 5513 pursuant to § 46.2-217;

5514 9. Special agents of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority *or the Virginia Cannabis Control*
 5515 *Authority*;

5516 10. Campus police officers appointed under Article 3 (§ 23.1-809 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 23.1; and

5517 11. Members of the Division of Capitol Police.

5518 B. Such officers may arrest without a warrant any person who commits any crime in the presence of the
 5519 officer and any person whom he has reasonable grounds or probable cause to suspect of having committed a
 5520 felony not in his presence.

5521 Such officers may arrest without a warrant any person whom the officer has probable cause to suspect of
 5522 operating any watercraft or motorboat while (i) intoxicated in violation of subsection B of § 29.1-738 or a
 5523 substantially similar ordinance of any county, city, or town in the Commonwealth or (ii) in violation of an
 5524 order issued pursuant to § 29.1-738.4 and may thereafter transfer custody of the person arrested to another
 5525 officer, who may obtain a warrant based upon statements made to him by the arresting officer.

5526 C. Any such officer may, at the scene of any accident involving a motor vehicle, watercraft as defined in
 5527 § 29.1-733.2 or motorboat, or at any hospital or medical facility to which any person involved in such
 5528 accident has been transported, or in the apprehension of any person charged with the theft of any motor
 5529 vehicle, on any of the highways or waters of the Commonwealth, upon reasonable grounds to believe, based
 5530 upon personal investigation, including information obtained from eyewitnesses, that a crime has been
 5531 committed by any person then and there present, apprehend such person without a warrant of arrest. For
 5532 purposes of this section, "the scene of any accident" shall include a reasonable location where a vehicle or
 5533 person involved in an accident has been moved at the direction of a law-enforcement officer to facilitate the
 5534 clearing of the highway or to ensure the safety of the motoring public.

5535 D. Such officers may, within three hours of the alleged offense, arrest without a warrant at any location
 5536 any person whom the officer has probable cause to suspect of driving or operating a motor vehicle, watercraft
 5537 or motorboat while intoxicated in violation of § 18.2-266, 18.2-266.1, 46.2-341.24, or subsection B of
 5538 § 29.1-738; or a substantially similar ordinance of any county, city, or town in the Commonwealth, whether
 5539 or not the offense was committed in such officer's presence. Such officers may, within three hours of the
 5540 alleged offense, arrest without a warrant at any location any person whom the officer has probable cause to
 5541 suspect of operating a watercraft or motorboat in violation of an order issued pursuant to § 29.1-738.4,
 5542 whether or not the offense was committed in such officer's presence.

5543 E. Such officers may arrest, without a warrant or a *capias*, persons duly charged with a crime in another
 5544 jurisdiction upon receipt of a photocopy of a warrant or a *capias*, telegram, computer printout, facsimile
 5545 printout, a radio, telephone or teletype message, in which photocopy of a warrant, telegram, computer
 5546 printout, facsimile printout, radio, telephone or teletype message shall be given the name or a reasonably
 5547 accurate description of such person wanted and the crime alleged.

5548 F. Such officers may arrest, without a warrant or a *capias*, for an alleged misdemeanor not committed in
 5549 his presence when the officer receives a radio message from his department or other law-enforcement agency
 5550 within the Commonwealth that a warrant or *capias* for such offense is on file.

5551 G. Such officers may also arrest without a warrant for an alleged misdemeanor not committed in their
 5552 presence involving (i) shoplifting in violation of § 18.2-96 or 18.2-103 or a similar local ordinance, (ii)
 5553 carrying a weapon on school property in violation of § 18.2-308.1, (iii) assault and battery, (iv) brandishing a
 5554 firearm in violation of § 18.2-282, or (v) destruction of property in violation of § 18.2-137, when such
 5555 property is located on premises used for business or commercial purposes, or a similar local ordinance, when
 5556 any such arrest is based on probable cause upon reasonable complaint of the person who observed the alleged
 5557 offense. The arresting officer may issue a summons to any person arrested under this section for a
 5558 misdemeanor violation involving shoplifting.

5559 **§ 19.2-81.1. Arrest without warrant by correctional officers in certain cases.**

5560 Any correctional officer, as defined in § 53.1-1, may arrest, in the same manner as provided in § 19.2-81,
 5561 persons for crimes involving:

5562 (a) 1. The escape of an inmate from a correctional institution, as defined in § 53.1-1;

5563 (b) 2. Assisting an inmate to escape from a correctional institution, as defined in § 53.1-1;

5564 (c) 3. The delivery of contraband to an inmate in violation of § 4.1-1117, 18.2-474, or § 18.2-474.1; and

5565 (d) 4. Any other criminal offense ~~which~~ *that* may contribute to the disruption of the safety, welfare, or
 5566 security of the population of a correctional institution.

5567 **§ 19.2-83.1. Report of arrest of school employees and adult students for certain offenses.**

5568 A. Every state official or agency and every sheriff, police officer, or other local law-enforcement officer
 5569 or conservator of the peace having the power to arrest for a felony, upon arresting a person who is known or
 5570 discovered by the arresting official to be a full-time, part-time, permanent, or temporary teacher or any other
 5571 employee in any local school division in the Commonwealth for a felony or a Class 1 misdemeanor or an
 5572 equivalent offense in another state, shall file a report of such arrest with the division safety official designated
 5573 pursuant to subsection F of § 22.1-279.8 in the school division in which such person is employed as soon as

5574 practicable but no later than 48 hours after such arrest. The contents of the report required pursuant to this
 5575 subsection shall be utilized by the local school division solely to implement the provisions of subsection B of
 5576 § 22.1-296.2 and § 22.1-315.

5577 B. The report required pursuant to subsection A shall be transmitted to the division safety official (i) via
 5578 certified mail, return receipt requested, to the mailing address identified by the division superintendent
 5579 pursuant to subsection F of § 22.1-279.8 or (ii) via email to the email address identified by the division
 5580 superintendent pursuant to subsection F of § 22.1-279.8. Any certified mail return receipt shall be retained in
 5581 the case file.

5582 C. (Expires July 1, 2027) In the event that the law-enforcement agency has existing access to Virginia
 5583 Employment Commission records, each arresting official shall request in writing that the Virginia
 5584 Employment Commission provide the name of the current employer of each person arrested for an offense set
 5585 forth in § 9.1-902 for purposes of determining whether a report is required pursuant to subsection A.

5586 D. Every state official or agency and every sheriff, police officer, or other local law-enforcement officer
 5587 or conservator of the peace having the power to arrest for a felony shall file a report, as soon as practicable,
 5588 with the division superintendent of the school division in which the student is enrolled upon arresting a
 5589 person who is known or discovered by the arresting official to be a student age 18 or older in any local school
 5590 division in the Commonwealth for:

5591 1. A firearm offense pursuant to Article 4 (§ 18.2-279 et seq.), 5 (§ 18.2-288 et seq.), 6 (§ 18.2-299 et
 5592 seq.), 6.1 (§ 18.2-307.1 et seq.), or 7 (§ 18.2-308.1 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2;

5593 2. Homicide, pursuant to Article 1 (§ 18.2-30 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2;

5594 3. Felonious assault and bodily wounding, pursuant to Article 4 (§ 18.2-51 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title
 5595 18.2;

5596 4. Criminal sexual assault, pursuant to Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2;

5597 5. Manufacture, sale, gift, distribution or possession of Schedule I or II controlled substances, pursuant to
 5598 Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2;

5599 6. Manufacture, sale or distribution of marijuana pursuant to ~~Article 4 Chapter 11~~ (§ ~~18.2-247 4.1-1100~~ et
 5600 seq.) of ~~Chapter 7~~ of Title ~~18.2 4.1~~;

5601 7. Arson and related crimes, pursuant to Article 1 (§ 18.2-77 et seq.) of Chapter 5 of Title 18.2;

5602 8. Burglary and related offenses, pursuant to §§ 18.2-89 through 18.2-93;

5603 9. Robbery pursuant to § 18.2-58;

5604 10. Prohibited criminal street gang activity pursuant to § 18.2-46.2;

5605 11. Recruitment of juveniles for criminal street gang pursuant to § 18.2-46.3;

5606 12. An act of violence by a mob pursuant to § 18.2-42.1; or

5607 13. Abduction of any person pursuant to § 18.2-47 or 18.2-48.

5608 **§ 19.2-188.1. Testimony regarding identification of controlled substances.**

5609 A. In any preliminary hearing on a violation of Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 4.1, Article 1
 5610 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2, or subdivision 6 of § 53.1-203, any law-enforcement officer
 5611 shall be permitted to testify as to the results of field tests that have been approved by the Department of
 5612 Forensic Science pursuant to regulations adopted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act
 5613 (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.), regarding whether or not any substance the identity of which is at issue in such hearing is
 5614 a controlled substance, or imitation controlled substance, *as defined in § 18.2-247*, or marijuana, as defined in
 5615 § ~~18.2-247 4.1-600~~.

5616 B. In any trial for a violation of § ~~4.1-1105.1 4.1-1104 or 4.1-1105~~, any law-enforcement officer shall be
 5617 permitted to testify as to the results of any marijuana field test approved as accurate and reliable by the
 5618 Department of Forensic Science pursuant to regulations adopted in accordance with the Administrative
 5619 Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.), regarding whether or not any plant material, the identity of which is at issue,
 5620 is marijuana provided the defendant has been given written notice of his right to request a full chemical
 5621 analysis. Such notice shall be on a form approved by the Supreme Court and shall be provided to the
 5622 defendant prior to trial.

5623 In any case in which the person accused of a violation of § ~~4.1-1105.1 4.1-1104 or 4.1-1105~~, or the
 5624 attorney of record for the accused, desires a full chemical analysis of the alleged plant material, he may, by
 5625 motion prior to trial before the court in which the charge is pending, request such a chemical analysis. Upon
 5626 such motion, the court shall order that the analysis be performed by the Department of Forensic Science in
 5627 accordance with the provisions of § ~~18.2-247 9.1-1101~~ and shall prescribe in its order the method of custody,
 5628 transfer, and return of evidence submitted for chemical analysis.

5629 **§ 19.2-303.01. Reduction of sentence; substantial assistance to prosecution.**

5630 Notwithstanding any other provision of law or rule of court, upon motion of the attorney for the
 5631 Commonwealth, the sentencing court may reduce the defendant's sentence if the defendant, after entry of the
 5632 final judgment order, provided substantial assistance in investigating or prosecuting another person for (i) an
 5633 act of violence as defined in § 19.2-297.1, an act of larceny of a firearm in violation of § 18.2-95, or any
 5634 violation of § 18.2-248, 18.2-248.01, 18.2-248.02, 18.2-248.03, ~~18.2-248.1~~, 18.2-248.5, 18.2-251.2,
 5635 18.2-251.3, 18.2-255, 18.2-255.2, 18.2-258, 18.2-258.02, 18.2-258.1, or 18.2-258.2, or any substantially

5636 similar offense in any other jurisdiction, which offense would be a felony if committed in the
 5637 Commonwealth; (ii) a conspiracy to commit any of the offenses listed in clause (i); or (iii) violations as a
 5638 principal in the second degree or accessory before the fact of any of the offenses listed in clause (i). In
 5639 determining whether the defendant has provided substantial assistance pursuant to the provisions of this
 5640 section, the court shall consider (a) the court's evaluation of the significance and usefulness of the defendant's
 5641 assistance, taking into consideration the Commonwealth's evaluation of the assistance rendered; (b) the
 5642 truthfulness, completeness, and reliability of any information or testimony provided by the defendant; (c) the
 5643 nature and extent of the defendant's assistance; (d) any injury suffered or any danger or risk of injury to the
 5644 defendant or his family resulting from his assistance; and (e) the timeliness of the defendant's assistance. If
 5645 the motion is made more than one year after entry of the final judgment order, the court may reduce a
 5646 sentence only if the defendant's substantial assistance involved (1) information not known to the defendant
 5647 until more than one year after entry of the final judgment order, (2) information provided by the defendant
 5648 within one year of entry of the final judgment order but that did not become useful to the Commonwealth
 5649 until more than one year after entry of the final judgment order, or (3) information the usefulness of which
 5650 could not reasonably have been anticipated by the defendant until more than one year after entry of the final
 5651 judgment order and which was promptly provided to the Commonwealth by the defendant after its usefulness
 5652 was reasonably apparent.

5653 **§ 19.2-386.22. Seizure of property used in connection with or derived from illegal drug transactions.**

5654 A. The following property shall be subject to lawful seizure by any officer charged with enforcing the
 5655 provisions of *Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 4.1* or Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of
 5656 Title 18.2: (i) all money, medical equipment, office equipment, laboratory equipment, motor vehicles, and all
 5657 other personal and real property of any kind or character, used in substantial connection with (a) the illegal
 5658 manufacture, sale or distribution of controlled substances or possession with intent to sell or distribute
 5659 controlled substances in violation of § 18.2-248, (b) the sale or distribution of marijuana or possession with
 5660 intent to distribute marijuana in violation of subdivisions (a)(2), (a)(3) and (e) of § 18.2-248.1 § 4.1-1103, or
 5661 (c) a drug-related offense in violation of § 4.1-1117 or 18.2-474.1; (ii) everything of value furnished, or
 5662 intended to be furnished, in exchange for a controlled substance in violation of § 18.2-248 or for marijuana in
 5663 violation of § 18.2-248.1 4.1-1103 or for a controlled substance or marijuana in violation of § 4.1-1117 or
 5664 18.2-474.1; and (iii) all moneys or other property, real or personal, traceable to such an exchange, together
 5665 with any interest or profits derived from the investment of such money or other property. Under the
 5666 provisions of clause (i), real property shall not be subject to lawful seizure unless the minimum prescribed
 5667 punishment for the violation is a term of not less than five years.

5668 B. All seizures and forfeitures under this section shall be governed by the procedures contained in Chapter
 5669 22.1 (§ 19.2-386.1 et seq.).

5670 **§ 19.2-386.23. Disposal of seized controlled substances, marijuana, and paraphernalia.**

5671 A. All controlled substances, imitation controlled substances, marijuana, or paraphernalia, the lawful
 5672 possession of which is not established or the title to which cannot be ascertained, which have come into the
 5673 custody of a peace officer or have been seized in connection with violations of *Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et*
 5674 *seq.) of Title 4.1* or Chapter 7 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Title 18.2, shall be forfeited and disposed of as follows:

5675 1. Upon written application by (i) the Department of Forensic Science, (ii) the Department of State Police,
 5676 or (iii) any police department or sheriff's office in a locality, the court may order the forfeiture of any such
 5677 substance or paraphernalia to the Department of Forensic Science, the Department of State Police, or to such
 5678 police department or sheriff's office for research and training purposes and for destruction pursuant to
 5679 regulations of the United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration and of the Board of
 5680 Pharmacy once these purposes have been fulfilled.

5681 2. In the event no application is made under subdivision 1, the court shall order the destruction of all such
 5682 substances or paraphernalia, which order shall state the existence and nature of the substance or
 5683 paraphernalia, the quantity thereof, the location where seized, the person or persons from whom the substance
 5684 or paraphernalia was seized, if known, and the manner whereby such item shall be destroyed. However, the
 5685 court may order that paraphernalia identified in subdivision 5 of § 18.2-265.1 not be destroyed and that it be
 5686 given to a person or entity that makes a showing to the court of sufficient need for the property and an ability
 5687 to put the property to a lawful and publicly beneficial use. A return under oath, reporting the time, place and
 5688 manner of destruction shall be made to the court by the officer to whom the order is directed. A copy of the
 5689 order and affidavit shall be made a part of the record of any criminal prosecution in which the substance or
 5690 paraphernalia was used as evidence and shall, thereafter, be prima facie evidence of its contents. In the event
 5691 a law-enforcement agency recovers, seizes, finds, is given or otherwise comes into possession of any such
 5692 substances or paraphernalia that are not evidence in a trial in the Commonwealth, the chief law-enforcement
 5693 officer of the agency or his designee may, with the written consent of the appropriate attorney for the
 5694 Commonwealth, order destruction of same; provided that a statement under oath, reporting a description of
 5695 the substances and paraphernalia destroyed and the time, place and manner of destruction, is made to the
 5696 chief law-enforcement officer by the officer to whom the order is directed.

5697 B. No such substance or paraphernalia used or to be used in a criminal prosecution under *Chapter 11*

5698 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 4.1 or Chapter 7 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Title 18.2 shall be disposed of as
 5699 provided by this section until all rights of appeal have been exhausted, except as provided in § 19.2-386.24.

5700 C. The amount of any specific controlled substance, or imitation controlled substance, retained by any
 5701 law-enforcement agency pursuant to a court order issued under this section shall not exceed five pounds, or
 5702 25 pounds in the case of marijuana. Any written application to the court for controlled substances, imitation
 5703 controlled substances, or marijuana, shall certify that the amount requested shall not result in the requesting
 5704 agency's exceeding the limits allowed by this subsection.

5705 D. A law-enforcement agency that retains any controlled substance, imitation controlled substance, or
 5706 marijuana, pursuant to a court order issued under this section shall (i) be required to conduct an inventory of
 5707 such substance on a monthly basis, which shall include a description and weight of the substance, and (ii)
 5708 destroy such substance pursuant to subdivision A 1 when no longer needed for research and training
 5709 purposes. A written report outlining the details of the inventory shall be made to the chief law-enforcement
 5710 officer of the agency within 10 days of the completion of the inventory, and the agency shall detail the
 5711 substances that were used for research and training pursuant to a court order in the immediately preceding
 5712 fiscal year. Destruction of such substance shall be certified to the court along with a statement prepared under
 5713 oath, reporting a description of the substance destroyed, and the time, place, and manner of destruction.

5714 **§ 19.2-386.24. Destruction of seized controlled substances or marijuana prior to trial.**

5715 Where seizures of controlled substances or marijuana are made in excess of 10 pounds in connection with
 5716 any prosecution or investigation under *Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 4.1 or Chapter 7 (§ 18.2-247 et*
 5717 *seq.) of Title 18.2*, the appropriate law-enforcement agency may retain 10 pounds of the substance randomly
 5718 selected from the seized substance for representative purposes as evidence and destroy the remainder of the
 5719 seized substance.

5720 Before any destruction is carried out under this section, the law-enforcement agency shall cause the
 5721 material seized to be photographed with identification case numbers or other means of identification and shall
 5722 prepare a report identifying the seized material. It shall also notify the accused, or other interested party, if
 5723 known, or his attorney, at least five days in advance that the photography will take place and that they may be
 5724 present. Prior to any destruction under this section, the law-enforcement agency shall also notify the accused
 5725 or other interested party, if known, and his attorney at least seven days prior to the destruction of the time and
 5726 place the destruction will occur. Any notice required under the provisions of this section shall be by first-
 5727 class mail to the last known address of the person required to be notified. In addition to the substance retained
 5728 for representative purposes as evidence, all photographs and records made under this section and properly
 5729 identified shall be admissible in any court proceeding for any purposes for which the seized substance itself
 5730 would have been admissible.

5731 **§ 19.2-386.25. Judge may order law-enforcement agency to maintain custody of controlled**
 5732 **substances, etc.**

5733 Upon request of the clerk of any court, a judge of the court may order a law-enforcement agency to take
 5734 into its custody or to maintain custody of substantial quantities of any controlled substances, imitation
 5735 controlled substances, chemicals, marijuana, or paraphernalia used or to be used in a criminal prosecution
 5736 under *Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 4.1 or Chapter 7 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Title 18.2*. The court in
 5737 its order may make provision for ensuring integrity of these items until further order of the court.

5738 **§ 19.2-389. (Effective until July 1, 2026) Dissemination of criminal history record information.**

5739 A. Criminal history record information shall be disseminated, whether directly or through an intermediary,
 5740 only to:

5741 1. Authorized officers or employees of criminal justice agencies, as defined by § 9.1-101, for purposes of
 5742 the administration of criminal justice and the screening of an employment application or review of
 5743 employment by a criminal justice agency with respect to its own employees or applicants, and dissemination
 5744 to the Virginia Parole Board, pursuant to this subdivision, of such information on all state-responsible
 5745 inmates for the purpose of making parole determinations pursuant to subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 of
 5746 § 53.1-136 shall include collective dissemination by electronic means every 30 days. For purposes of this
 5747 subdivision, criminal history record information includes information sent to the Central Criminal Records
 5748 Exchange pursuant to §§ 37.2-819 and 64.2-2014 when disseminated to any full-time or part-time employee
 5749 of the State Police, a police department or sheriff's office that is a part of or administered by the
 5750 Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof, and who is responsible for the prevention and detection
 5751 of crime and the enforcement of the penal, traffic or highway laws of the Commonwealth for the purposes of
 5752 the administration of criminal justice;

5753 2. Such other individuals and agencies that require criminal history record information to implement a
 5754 state or federal statute or executive order of the President of the United States or Governor that expressly
 5755 refers to criminal conduct and contains requirements or exclusions expressly based upon such conduct, except
 5756 that information concerning the arrest of an individual may not be disseminated to a noncriminal justice
 5757 agency or individual if an interval of one year has elapsed from the date of the arrest and no disposition of the
 5758 charge has been recorded and no active prosecution of the charge is pending;

5759 3. Individuals and agencies pursuant to a specific agreement with a criminal justice agency to provide

5760 services required for the administration of criminal justice pursuant to that agreement which shall specifically
5761 authorize access to data, limit the use of data to purposes for which given, and ensure the security and
5762 confidentiality of the data;

5763 4. Individuals and agencies for the express purpose of research, evaluative, or statistical activities pursuant
5764 to an agreement with a criminal justice agency that shall specifically authorize access to data, limit the use of
5765 data to research, evaluative, or statistical purposes, and ensure the confidentiality and security of the data;

5766 5. Agencies of state or federal government that are authorized by state or federal statute or executive order
5767 of the President of the United States or Governor to conduct investigations determining employment
5768 suitability or eligibility for security clearances allowing access to classified information;

5769 6. Individuals and agencies where authorized by court order or court rule;

5770 7. Agencies of any political subdivision of the Commonwealth, public transportation companies owned,
5771 operated or controlled by any political subdivision, and any public service corporation that operates a public
5772 transit system owned by a local government for the conduct of investigations of applicants for employment,
5773 permit, or license whenever, in the interest of public welfare or safety, it is necessary to determine under a
5774 duly enacted ordinance if the past criminal conduct of a person with a conviction record would be compatible
5775 with the nature of the employment, permit, or license under consideration;

5776 7a. Commissions created pursuant to the Transportation District Act of 1964 (§ 33.2-1900 et seq.) of Title
5777 33.2 and their contractors, for the conduct of investigations of individuals who have been offered a position
5778 of employment whenever, in the interest of public welfare or safety and as authorized in the Transportation
5779 District Act of 1964, it is necessary to determine if the past criminal conduct of a person with a conviction
5780 record would be compatible with the nature of the employment under consideration;

5781 8. Public or private agencies when authorized or required by federal or state law or interstate compact to
5782 investigate (i) applicants for foster or adoptive parenthood or (ii) any individual, and the adult members of
5783 that individual's household, with whom the agency is considering placing a child or from whom the agency is
5784 considering removing a child due to abuse or neglect, on an emergency, temporary, or permanent basis
5785 pursuant to §§ 63.2-901.1 and 63.2-1505, subject to the restriction that the data shall not be further
5786 disseminated to any party other than a federal or state authority or court as may be required to comply with an
5787 express requirement of law;

5788 9. To the extent permitted by federal law or regulation, public service companies as defined in § 56-1, for
5789 the conduct of investigations of applicants for employment when such employment involves personal contact
5790 with the public or when past criminal conduct of an applicant would be incompatible with the nature of the
5791 employment under consideration;

5792 10. The appropriate authority for purposes of granting citizenship and for purposes of international travel,
5793 including, but not limited to, issuing visas and passports;

5794 11. A person requesting a copy of his own criminal history record information as defined in § 9.1-101 at
5795 his cost, except that criminal history record information shall be supplied at no charge to a person who has
5796 applied to be a volunteer with (i) a Virginia affiliate of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America; (ii) a volunteer
5797 fire company; (iii) the Volunteer Emergency Families for Children; (iv) any affiliate of Prevent Child Abuse,
5798 Virginia; (v) any Virginia affiliate of Compeer; or (vi) any board member or any individual who has been
5799 offered membership on the board of a Crime Stoppers, Crime Solvers or Crime Line program as defined in
5800 § 15.2-1713.1;

5801 12. Administrators and board presidents of and applicants for licensure or registration as a child welfare
5802 agency as defined in § 63.2-100 for dissemination to the Commissioner of Social Services' representative
5803 pursuant to § 63.2-1702 for the conduct of investigations with respect to employees of and volunteers at such
5804 facilities, caretakers, and foster and adoptive parent applicants of private child-placing agencies, pursuant to
5805 §§ 63.2-1719, 63.2-1720, and 63.2-1721, subject to the restriction that the data shall not be further
5806 disseminated by the facility or agency to any party other than the data subject, the Commissioner of Social
5807 Services' representative or a federal or state authority or court as may be required to comply with an express
5808 requirement of law for such further dissemination; however, nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to
5809 prohibit the Commissioner of Social Services' representative from issuing written certifications regarding the
5810 results of a background check that was conducted before July 1, 2021, in accordance with subsection J of
5811 § 22.1-289.035 or § 22.1-289.039;

5812 13. The Department of Social Services for the purpose of screening individuals as a condition of licensure,
5813 employment, volunteering, or providing services on a regular basis in a licensed child welfare agency
5814 pursuant to §§ 63.2-1721 and 63.2-1726 or foster or adoptive home approved by a child-placing agency
5815 pursuant to § 63.2-901.1;

5816 14. The school boards of the Commonwealth for the purpose of screening individuals who are offered or
5817 who accept public school employment and those current school board employees for whom a report of arrest
5818 has been made pursuant to § 19.2-83.1;

5819 15. The Virginia Lottery for the conduct of investigations as set forth in the Virginia Lottery Law
5820 (§ 58.1-4000 et seq.) and casino gaming as set forth in Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.) of Title 58.1, and the
5821 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the conduct of investigations as set forth in Article

5822 1.1:1 (§ 18.2-340.15 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2;

5823 16. Licensed nursing homes, hospitals and home care organizations for the conduct of investigations of

5824 applicants for compensated employment in licensed nursing homes pursuant to § 32.1-126.01, hospital

5825 pharmacies pursuant to § 32.1-126.02, and home care organizations pursuant to § 32.1-162.9:1, subject to the

5826 limitations set out in subsection E;

5827 17. Licensed assisted living facilities and licensed adult day centers for the conduct of investigations of

5828 applicants for compensated employment in licensed assisted living facilities and licensed adult day centers

5829 pursuant to § 63.2-1720, subject to the limitations set out in subsection F;

5830 18. The Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority for the conduct of investigations as set forth in

5831 § 4.1-103.1 or the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority for the conduct of investigations as set forth in

5832 § 4.1-622;

5833 19. The State Board of Elections and authorized officers and employees thereof and general registrars

5834 appointed pursuant to § 24.2-110 in the course of conducting necessary investigations with respect to voter

5835 registration, limited to any record of felony convictions;

5836 20. The Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (the Commissioner) or his

5837 designees for individuals who are committed to the custody of or being evaluated by the Commissioner

5838 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,

5839 19.2-182.8, and 19.2-182.9 where such information may be beneficial for the purpose of placement,

5840 evaluation, treatment, or discharge planning;

5841 21. Any alcohol safety action program certified by the Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action

5842 Program for (i) interventions with first offenders under § 18.2-251 or (ii) services to offenders under

5843 § 18.2-51.4, 18.2-266, or 18.2-266.1;

5844 22. Residential facilities for juveniles regulated or operated by the Department of Social Services, the

5845 Department of Education, or the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for the

5846 purpose of determining applicants' fitness for employment or for providing volunteer or contractual services;

5847 23. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and facilities operated by the

5848 Department for the purpose of determining an individual's fitness for employment pursuant to departmental

5849 instructions;

5850 24. Pursuant to § 22.1-296.3, the governing boards or administrators of private elementary or secondary

5851 schools which are accredited pursuant to § 22.1-19 or a private organization coordinating such records

5852 information on behalf of such governing boards or administrators pursuant to a written agreement with the

5853 Department of State Police;

5854 25. Public institutions of higher education and nonprofit private institutions of higher education for the

5855 purpose of screening individuals who are offered or accept employment;

5856 26. Members of a threat assessment team established by a local school board pursuant to § 22.1-79.4, by a

5857 public institution of higher education pursuant to § 23.1-805, or by a private nonprofit institution of higher

5858 education, for the purpose of assessing or intervening with an individual whose behavior may present a threat

5859 to safety; however, no member of a threat assessment team shall redisclose any criminal history record

5860 information obtained pursuant to this section or otherwise use any record of an individual beyond the purpose

5861 that such disclosure was made to the threat assessment team;

5862 27. Executive directors of community services boards or the personnel director serving the community

5863 services board for the purpose of determining an individual's fitness for employment, approval as a sponsored

5864 residential service provider, permission to enter into a shared living arrangement with a person receiving

5865 medical assistance services pursuant to a waiver, or permission for any person under contract with the

5866 community services board to serve in a direct care position on behalf of the community services board

5867 pursuant to §§ 37.2-506, 37.2-506.1, and 37.2-607;

5868 28. Executive directors of behavioral health authorities as defined in § 37.2-600 for the purpose of

5869 determining an individual's fitness for employment, approval as a sponsored residential service provider,

5870 permission to enter into a shared living arrangement with a person receiving medical assistance services

5871 pursuant to a waiver, or permission for any person under contract with the behavioral health authority to

5872 serve in a direct care position on behalf of the behavioral health authority pursuant to §§ 37.2-506,

5873 37.2-506.1, and 37.2-607;

5874 29. The Commissioner of Social Services for the purpose of locating persons who owe child support or

5875 who are alleged in a pending paternity proceeding to be a putative father, provided that only the name,

5876 address, demographics and social security number of the data subject shall be released;

5877 30. Authorized officers or directors of agencies licensed pursuant to Article 2 (§ 37.2-403 et seq.) of

5878 Chapter 4 of Title 37.2 by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for the purpose

5879 of determining if any applicant who accepts employment in any direct care position or requests approval as a

5880 sponsored residential service provider, permission to enter into a shared living arrangement with a person

5881 receiving medical assistance services pursuant to a waiver, or permission for any person under contract with

5882 the provider to serve in a direct care position has been convicted of a crime that affects his fitness to have

5883 responsibility for the safety and well-being of individuals with mental illness, intellectual disability, or

5884 substance abuse pursuant to §§ 37.2-416, 37.2-416.1, 37.2-506, 37.2-506.1, and 37.2-607;

5885 31. The Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, for the purpose of evaluating applicants for
5886 and holders of a motor carrier certificate or license subject to the provisions of Chapters 20 (§ 46.2-2000 et
5887 seq.) and 21 (§ 46.2-2100 et seq.) of Title 46.2;

5888 32. The Chairman of the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice or the Chairman of the House Committee
5889 for Courts of Justice for the purpose of determining if any person being considered for election to any
5890 judgeship has been convicted of a crime;

5891 33. Heads of state agencies in which positions have been identified as sensitive for the purpose of
5892 determining an individual's fitness for employment in positions designated as sensitive under Department of
5893 Human Resource Management policies developed pursuant to § 2.2-1201.1;

5894 34. The Office of the Attorney General, for all criminal justice activities otherwise permitted under
5895 subdivision A 1 and for purposes of performing duties required by the Civil Commitment of Sexually Violent
5896 Predators Act (§ 37.2-900 et seq.);

5897 35. Shipyards, to the extent permitted by federal law or regulation, engaged in the design, construction,
5898 overhaul, or repair of nuclear vessels for the United States Navy, including their subsidiary companies, for
5899 the conduct of investigations of applications for employment or for access to facilities, by contractors, leased
5900 laborers, and other visitors;

5901 36. Any employer of individuals whose employment requires that they enter the homes of others, for the
5902 purpose of screening individuals who apply for, are offered, or have accepted such employment;

5903 37. Public agencies when and as required by federal or state law to investigate (i) applicants as providers
5904 of adult foster care and home-based services or (ii) any individual with whom the agency is considering
5905 placing an adult on an emergency, temporary, or permanent basis pursuant to § 63.2-1601.1, subject to the
5906 restriction that the data shall not be further disseminated by the agency to any party other than a federal or
5907 state authority or court as may be required to comply with an express requirement of law for such further
5908 dissemination, subject to limitations set out in subsection G;

5909 38. The Department of Medical Assistance Services, or its designee, for the purpose of screening
5910 individuals who, through contracts, subcontracts, or direct employment, volunteer, apply for, are offered, or
5911 have accepted a position related to the provision of transportation services to enrollees in the Medicaid
5912 Program or the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) Program, or any other program
5913 administered by the Department of Medical Assistance Services;

5914 39. The State Corporation Commission for the purpose of investigating individuals who are current or
5915 proposed members, senior officers, directors, and principals of an applicant or person licensed under Chapter
5916 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.
5917 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if an application is denied based in whole or in part on
5918 information obtained from the Central Criminal Records Exchange pursuant to Chapter 16, 19, or 26 of Title
5919 6.2, the Commissioner of Financial Institutions or his designee may disclose such information to the applicant
5920 or its designee;

5921 40. The Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation for the purpose of investigating
5922 individuals for initial licensure pursuant to § 54.1-2106.1;

5923 41. The Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services and the Department for the Blind and Vision
5924 Impaired for the purpose of evaluating an individual's fitness for various types of employment and for the
5925 purpose of delivering comprehensive vocational rehabilitation services pursuant to Article 11 (§ 51.5-170 et
5926 seq.) of Chapter 14 of Title 51.5 that will assist the individual in obtaining employment;

5927 42. Bail bondsmen, in accordance with the provisions of § 19.2-120;

5928 43. The State Treasurer for the purpose of determining whether a person receiving compensation for
5929 wrongful incarceration meets the conditions for continued compensation under § 8.01-195.12;

5930 44. The Department of Education or its agents or designees for the purpose of screening individuals
5931 seeking to enter into a contract with the Department of Education or its agents or designees for the provision
5932 of child care services for which child care subsidy payments may be provided;

5933 45. The Department of Juvenile Justice to investigate any parent, guardian, or other adult members of a
5934 juvenile's household when completing a predispositional or postdispositional report required by § 16.1-273 or
5935 a Board of Juvenile Justice regulation promulgated pursuant to § 16.1-233;

5936 46. The State Corporation Commission, for the purpose of screening applicants for insurance licensure
5937 under Chapter 18 (§ 38.2-1800 et seq.) of Title 38.2;

5938 47. Administrators and board presidents of and applicants for licensure or registration as a child day
5939 program or family day system, as such terms are defined in § 22.1-289.02, for dissemination to the
5940 Superintendent of Public Instruction's representative pursuant to § 22.1-289.013 for the conduct of
5941 investigations with respect to employees of and volunteers at such facilities pursuant to §§ 22.1-289.034
5942 through 22.1-289.037, subject to the restriction that the data shall not be further disseminated by the facility
5943 or agency to any party other than the data subject, the Superintendent of Public Instruction's representative, or
5944 a federal or state authority or court as may be required to comply with an express requirement of law for such
5945 further dissemination; however, nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit the Superintendent

5946 of Public Instruction's representative from issuing written certifications regarding the results of prior
5947 background checks in accordance with subsection J of § 22.1-289.035 or § 22.1-289.039;

5948 48. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children for the purpose of screening individuals who
5949 are offered or accept employment or will be providing volunteer or contractual services with the National
5950 Center for Missing and Exploited Children;

5951 49. The Executive Director or investigators of the Board of Accountancy for the purpose of the
5952 enforcement of laws relating to the Board of Accountancy in accordance with § 54.1-4407; and

5953 50. Other entities as otherwise provided by law.

5954 Upon an ex parte motion of a defendant in a felony case and upon the showing that the records requested
5955 may be relevant to such case, the court shall enter an order requiring the Central Criminal Records Exchange
5956 to furnish the defendant, as soon as practicable, copies of any records of persons designated in the order on
5957 whom a report has been made under the provisions of this chapter.

5958 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, upon a written request sworn to
5959 before an officer authorized to take acknowledgments, the Central Criminal Records Exchange, or the
5960 criminal justice agency in cases of offenses not required to be reported to the Exchange, shall furnish a copy
5961 of conviction data covering the person named in the request to the person making the request; however, such
5962 person on whom the data is being obtained shall consent in writing, under oath, to the making of such
5963 request. A person receiving a copy of his own conviction data may utilize or further disseminate that data as
5964 he deems appropriate. In the event no conviction data is maintained on the data subject, the person making
5965 the request shall be furnished at his cost a certification to that effect.

5966 B. Use of criminal history record information disseminated to noncriminal justice agencies under this
5967 section shall be limited to the purposes for which it was given and may not be disseminated further, except as
5968 otherwise provided in subdivision A 47.

5969 C. No criminal justice agency or person shall confirm the existence or nonexistence of criminal history
5970 record information for employment or licensing inquiries except as provided by law.

5971 D. Criminal justice agencies shall establish procedures to query the Central Criminal Records Exchange
5972 prior to dissemination of any criminal history record information on offenses required to be reported to the
5973 Central Criminal Records Exchange to ensure that the most up-to-date disposition data is being used.
5974 Inquiries of the Exchange shall be made prior to any dissemination except in those cases where time is of the
5975 essence and the normal response time of the Exchange would exceed the necessary time period. A criminal
5976 justice agency to whom a request has been made for the dissemination of criminal history record information
5977 that is required to be reported to the Central Criminal Records Exchange may direct the inquirer to the
5978 Central Criminal Records Exchange for such dissemination. Dissemination of information regarding offenses
5979 not required to be reported to the Exchange shall be made by the criminal justice agency maintaining the
5980 record as required by § 15.2-1722.

5981 E. Criminal history information provided to licensed nursing homes, hospitals and to home care
5982 organizations pursuant to subdivision A 16 shall be limited to the convictions on file with the Exchange for
5983 any offense specified in §§ 32.1-126.01, 32.1-126.02, and 32.1-162.9:1.

5984 F. Criminal history information provided to licensed assisted living facilities and licensed adult day
5985 centers pursuant to subdivision A 17 shall be limited to the convictions on file with the Exchange for any
5986 offense specified in § 63.2-1720.

5987 G. Criminal history information provided to public agencies pursuant to subdivision A 37 shall be limited
5988 to the convictions on file with the Exchange for any offense set forth in clause (i) of the definition of barrier
5989 crime in § 19.2-392.02.

5990 H. Upon receipt of a written request from an employer or prospective employer, the Central Criminal
5991 Records Exchange, or the criminal justice agency in cases of offenses not required to be reported to the
5992 Exchange, shall furnish at the employer's cost a copy of conviction data covering the person named in the
5993 request to the employer or prospective employer making the request, provided that the person on whom the
5994 data is being obtained has consented in writing to the making of such request and has presented a photo-
5995 identification to the employer or prospective employer. In the event no conviction data is maintained on the
5996 person named in the request, the requesting employer or prospective employer shall be furnished at his cost a
5997 certification to that effect. The criminal history record search shall be conducted on forms provided by the
5998 Exchange.

5999 I. The attorney for the Commonwealth shall provide a physical or electronic copy of a person's criminal
6000 history record information, including criminal history record information maintained in the National Crime
6001 Information Center (NCIC) and the Interstate Identification Index System (III System) that is in his
6002 possession, pursuant to the rules of court for obtaining discovery or for review by the court. No criminal
6003 history record information provided under this subsection shall be disseminated further.

6004 **§ 19.2-389. (Effective July 1, 2026) Dissemination of criminal history record information.**

6005 A. Criminal history record information shall be disseminated, whether directly or through an intermediary,
6006 only to:

6007 1. Authorized officers or employees of criminal justice agencies, as defined by § 9.1-101, for purposes of

6008 the administration of criminal justice and the screening of an employment application or review of
6009 employment by a criminal justice agency with respect to its own employees or applicants, and dissemination
6010 to the Virginia Parole Board, pursuant to this subdivision, of such information on all state-responsible
6011 inmates for the purpose of making parole determinations pursuant to subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 of
6012 § 53.1-136 shall include collective dissemination by electronic means every 30 days. For purposes of this
6013 subdivision, criminal history record information includes information sent to the Central Criminal Records
6014 Exchange pursuant to §§ 37.2-819 and 64.2-2014 when disseminated to any full-time or part-time employee
6015 of the State Police, a police department or sheriff's office that is a part of or administered by the
6016 Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof, and who is responsible for the prevention and detection
6017 of crime and the enforcement of the penal, traffic or highway laws of the Commonwealth for the purposes of
6018 the administration of criminal justice;

6019 2. Such other individuals and agencies that require criminal history record information to implement a
6020 state or federal statute or executive order of the President of the United States or Governor that expressly
6021 refers to criminal conduct and contains requirements or exclusions expressly based upon such conduct, except
6022 that information concerning the arrest of an individual may not be disseminated to a noncriminal justice
6023 agency or individual if an interval of one year has elapsed from the date of the arrest and no disposition of the
6024 charge has been recorded and no active prosecution of the charge is pending;

6025 3. Individuals and agencies pursuant to a specific agreement with a criminal justice agency to provide
6026 services required for the administration of criminal justice pursuant to that agreement which shall specifically
6027 authorize access to data, limit the use of data to purposes for which given, and ensure the security and
6028 confidentiality of the data;

6029 4. Individuals and agencies for the express purpose of research, evaluative, or statistical activities pursuant
6030 to an agreement with a criminal justice agency that shall specifically authorize access to data, limit the use of
6031 data to research, evaluative, or statistical purposes, and ensure the confidentiality and security of the data;

6032 5. Agencies of state or federal government that are authorized by state or federal statute or executive order
6033 of the President of the United States or Governor to conduct investigations determining employment
6034 suitability or eligibility for security clearances allowing access to classified information;

6035 6. Individuals and agencies where authorized by court order or court rule;

6036 7. Agencies of any political subdivision of the Commonwealth, public transportation companies owned,
6037 operated or controlled by any political subdivision, and any public service corporation that operates a public
6038 transit system owned by a local government for the conduct of investigations of applicants for employment,
6039 permit, or license whenever, in the interest of public welfare or safety, it is necessary to determine under a
6040 duly enacted ordinance if the past criminal conduct of a person with a conviction record would be compatible
6041 with the nature of the employment, permit, or license under consideration;

6042 7a. Commissions created pursuant to the Transportation District Act of 1964 (§ 33.2-1900 et seq.) of Title
6043 33.2 and their contractors, for the conduct of investigations of individuals who have been offered a position
6044 of employment whenever, in the interest of public welfare or safety and as authorized in the Transportation
6045 District Act of 1964, it is necessary to determine if the past criminal conduct of a person with a conviction
6046 record would be compatible with the nature of the employment under consideration;

6047 8. Public or private agencies when authorized or required by federal or state law or interstate compact to
6048 investigate (i) applicants for foster or adoptive parenthood or (ii) any individual, and the adult members of
6049 that individual's household, with whom the agency is considering placing a child or from whom the agency is
6050 considering removing a child due to abuse or neglect, on an emergency, temporary, or permanent basis
6051 pursuant to §§ 63.2-901.1 and 63.2-1505, subject to the restriction that the data shall not be further
6052 disseminated to any party other than a federal or state authority or court as may be required to comply with an
6053 express requirement of law;

6054 9. To the extent permitted by federal law or regulation, public service companies as defined in § 56-1, for
6055 the conduct of investigations of applicants for employment when such employment involves personal contact
6056 with the public or when past criminal conduct of an applicant would be incompatible with the nature of the
6057 employment under consideration;

6058 10. The appropriate authority for purposes of granting citizenship and for purposes of international travel,
6059 including, but not limited to, issuing visas and passports;

6060 11. A person requesting a copy of his own criminal history record information as defined in § 9.1-101 at
6061 his cost, except that criminal history record information shall be supplied at no charge to a person who has
6062 applied to be a volunteer with (i) a Virginia affiliate of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America; (ii) a volunteer
6063 fire company; (iii) the Volunteer Emergency Families for Children; (iv) any affiliate of Prevent Child Abuse,
6064 Virginia; (v) any Virginia affiliate of Compeer; or (vi) any board member or any individual who has been
6065 offered membership on the board of a Crime Stoppers, Crime Solvers or Crime Line program as defined in
6066 § 15.2-1713.1;

6067 12. Administrators and board presidents of and applicants for licensure or registration as a child welfare
6068 agency as defined in § 63.2-100 for dissemination to the Commissioner of Social Services' representative
6069 pursuant to § 63.2-1702 for the conduct of investigations with respect to employees of and volunteers at such

6070 facilities, caretakers, and foster and adoptive parent applicants of private child-placing agencies, pursuant to
 6071 §§ 63.2-1719, 63.2-1720, and 63.2-1721, subject to the restriction that the data shall not be further
 6072 disseminated by the facility or agency to any party other than the data subject, the Commissioner of Social
 6073 Services' representative or a federal or state authority or court as may be required to comply with an express
 6074 requirement of law for such further dissemination; however, nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to
 6075 prohibit the Commissioner of Social Services' representative from issuing written certifications regarding the
 6076 results of a background check that was conducted before July 1, 2021, in accordance with subsection J of
 6077 § 22.1-289.035 or § 22.1-289.039;

6078 13. Administrators and board presidents of and applicants for licensure as a prescribed pediatric extended
 6079 care center for dissemination to the State Health Commissioner's representative pursuant to
 6080 §§ 32.1-162.15:1.5 and 32.1-162.15:1.10 for the conduct of investigations with respect to employees of and
 6081 volunteers at such centers, pursuant to § 32.1-162.15:1.17, subject to the restriction that the data shall not be
 6082 further disseminated by the center to any party other than the data subject, the State Health Commissioner's
 6083 representative, or a federal or state authority or court as may be required to comply with an express
 6084 requirement of law;

6085 14. The Department of Social Services for the purpose of screening individuals as a condition of licensure,
 6086 employment, volunteering, or providing services on a regular basis in a licensed child welfare agency
 6087 pursuant to §§ 63.2-1721 and 63.2-1726 or foster or adoptive home approved by a child-placing agency
 6088 pursuant to § 63.2-901.1;

6089 15. The school boards of the Commonwealth for the purpose of screening individuals who are offered or
 6090 who accept public school employment and those current school board employees for whom a report of arrest
 6091 has been made pursuant to § 19.2-83.1;

6092 16. The Virginia Lottery for the conduct of investigations as set forth in the Virginia Lottery Law
 6093 (§ 58.1-4000 et seq.) and casino gaming as set forth in Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.) of Title 58.1, and the
 6094 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the conduct of investigations as set forth in Article
 6095 1.1:1 (§ 18.2-340.15 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2;

6096 17. Licensed prescribed pediatric extended care centers for the conduct of investigations of applicants for
 6097 compensated employment and volunteers in licensed prescribed pediatric extended care centers pursuant to
 6098 § 32.1-162.15:1.17;

6099 18. Licensed nursing homes, hospitals and home care organizations for the conduct of investigations of
 6100 applicants for compensated employment in licensed nursing homes pursuant to § 32.1-126.01, hospital
 6101 pharmacies pursuant to § 32.1-126.02, and home care organizations pursuant to § 32.1-162.9:1, subject to the
 6102 limitations set out in subsection E;

6103 19. Licensed assisted living facilities and licensed adult day centers for the conduct of investigations of
 6104 applicants for compensated employment in licensed assisted living facilities and licensed adult day centers
 6105 pursuant to § 63.2-1720, subject to the limitations set out in subsection F;

6106 20. The Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority for the conduct of investigations as set forth in
 6107 § 4.1-103.1 *or the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority for the conduct of investigations as set forth in*
 6108 *§ 4.1-622;*

6109 21. The State Board of Elections and authorized officers and employees thereof and general registrars
 6110 appointed pursuant to § 24.2-110 in the course of conducting necessary investigations with respect to voter
 6111 registration, limited to any record of felony convictions;

6112 22. The Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (the Commissioner) or his
 6113 designees for individuals who are committed to the custody of or being evaluated by the Commissioner
 6114 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,
 6115 19.2-182.8, and 19.2-182.9 where such information may be beneficial for the purpose of placement,
 6116 evaluation, treatment, or discharge planning;

6117 23. Any alcohol safety action program certified by the Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action
 6118 Program for (i) interventions with first offenders under § 18.2-251 or (ii) services to offenders under
 6119 § 18.2-51.4, 18.2-266, or 18.2-266.1;

6120 24. Residential facilities for juveniles regulated or operated by the Department of Social Services, the
 6121 Department of Education, or the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for the
 6122 purpose of determining applicants' fitness for employment or for providing volunteer or contractual services;

6123 25. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and facilities operated by the
 6124 Department for the purpose of determining an individual's fitness for employment pursuant to departmental
 6125 instructions;

6126 26. Pursuant to § 22.1-296.3, the governing boards or administrators of private elementary or secondary
 6127 schools which are accredited pursuant to § 22.1-19 or a private organization coordinating such records
 6128 information on behalf of such governing boards or administrators pursuant to a written agreement with the
 6129 Department of State Police;

6130 27. Public institutions of higher education and nonprofit private institutions of higher education for the
 6131 purpose of screening individuals who are offered or accept employment;

6132 28. Members of a threat assessment team established by a local school board pursuant to § 22.1-79.4, by a
6133 public institution of higher education pursuant to § 23.1-805, or by a private nonprofit institution of higher
6134 education, for the purpose of assessing or intervening with an individual whose behavior may present a threat
6135 to safety; however, no member of a threat assessment team shall redisclose any criminal history record
6136 information obtained pursuant to this section or otherwise use any record of an individual beyond the purpose
6137 that such disclosure was made to the threat assessment team;

6138 29. Executive directors of community services boards or the personnel director serving the community
6139 services board for the purpose of determining an individual's fitness for employment, approval as a sponsored
6140 residential service provider, permission to enter into a shared living arrangement with a person receiving
6141 medical assistance services pursuant to a waiver, or permission for any person under contract with the
6142 community services board to serve in a direct care position on behalf of the community services board
6143 pursuant to §§ 37.2-506, 37.2-506.1, and 37.2-607;

6144 30. Executive directors of behavioral health authorities as defined in § 37.2-600 for the purpose of
6145 determining an individual's fitness for employment, approval as a sponsored residential service provider,
6146 permission to enter into a shared living arrangement with a person receiving medical assistance services
6147 pursuant to a waiver, or permission for any person under contract with the behavioral health authority to
6148 serve in a direct care position on behalf of the behavioral health authority pursuant to §§ 37.2-506,
6149 37.2-506.1, and 37.2-607;

6150 31. The Commissioner of Social Services for the purpose of locating persons who owe child support or
6151 who are alleged in a pending paternity proceeding to be a putative father, provided that only the name,
6152 address, demographics and social security number of the data subject shall be released;

6153 32. Authorized officers or directors of agencies licensed pursuant to Article 2 (§ 37.2-403 et seq.) of
6154 Chapter 4 of Title 37.2 by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for the purpose
6155 of determining if any applicant who accepts employment in any direct care position or requests approval as a
6156 sponsored residential service provider, permission to enter into a shared living arrangement with a person
6157 receiving medical assistance services pursuant to a waiver, or permission for any person under contract with
6158 the provider to serve in a direct care position has been convicted of a crime that affects his fitness to have
6159 responsibility for the safety and well-being of individuals with mental illness, intellectual disability, or
6160 substance abuse pursuant to §§ 37.2-416, 37.2-416.1, 37.2-506, 37.2-506.1, and 37.2-607;

6161 33. The Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, for the purpose of evaluating applicants for
6162 and holders of a motor carrier certificate or license subject to the provisions of Chapters 20 (§ 46.2-2000 et
6163 seq.) and 21 (§ 46.2-2100 et seq.) of Title 46.2;

6164 34. The Chairman of the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice or the Chairman of the House Committee
6165 for Courts of Justice for the purpose of determining if any person being considered for election to any
6166 judgeship has been convicted of a crime;

6167 35. Heads of state agencies in which positions have been identified as sensitive for the purpose of
6168 determining an individual's fitness for employment in positions designated as sensitive under Department of
6169 Human Resource Management policies developed pursuant to § 2.2-1201.1;

6170 36. The Office of the Attorney General, for all criminal justice activities otherwise permitted under
6171 subdivision A 1 and for purposes of performing duties required by the Civil Commitment of Sexually Violent
6172 Predators Act (§ 37.2-900 et seq.);

6173 37. Shipyards, to the extent permitted by federal law or regulation, engaged in the design, construction,
6174 overhaul, or repair of nuclear vessels for the United States Navy, including their subsidiary companies, for
6175 the conduct of investigations of applications for employment or for access to facilities, by contractors, leased
6176 laborers, and other visitors;

6177 38. Any employer of individuals whose employment requires that they enter the homes of others, for the
6178 purpose of screening individuals who apply for, are offered, or have accepted such employment;

6179 39. Public agencies when and as required by federal or state law to investigate (i) applicants as providers
6180 of adult foster care and home-based services or (ii) any individual with whom the agency is considering
6181 placing an adult on an emergency, temporary, or permanent basis pursuant to § 63.2-1601.1, subject to the
6182 restriction that the data shall not be further disseminated by the agency to any party other than a federal or
6183 state authority or court as may be required to comply with an express requirement of law for such further
6184 dissemination, subject to limitations set out in subsection G;

6185 40. The Department of Medical Assistance Services, or its designee, for the purpose of screening
6186 individuals who, through contracts, subcontracts, or direct employment, volunteer, apply for, are offered, or
6187 have accepted a position related to the provision of transportation services to enrollees in the Medicaid
6188 Program or the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) Program, or any other program
6189 administered by the Department of Medical Assistance Services;

6190 41. The State Corporation Commission for the purpose of investigating individuals who are current or
6191 proposed members, senior officers, directors, and principals of an applicant or person licensed under Chapter
6192 16 (§ 6.2-1600 et seq.), Chapter 19.1 (§ 6.2-1922 et seq.), or Chapter 26 (§ 6.2-2600 et seq.) of Title 6.2.
6193 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if an application is denied based in whole or in part on

6194 information obtained from the Central Criminal Records Exchange pursuant to Chapter 16, 19, or 26 of Title
 6195 6.2, the Commissioner of Financial Institutions or his designee may disclose such information to the applicant
 6196 or its designee;

6197 42. The Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation for the purpose of investigating
 6198 individuals for initial licensure pursuant to § 54.1-2106.1;

6199 43. The Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services and the Department for the Blind and Vision
 6200 Impaired for the purpose of evaluating an individual's fitness for various types of employment and for the
 6201 purpose of delivering comprehensive vocational rehabilitation services pursuant to Article 11 (§ 51.5-170 et
 6202 seq.) of Chapter 14 of Title 51.5 that will assist the individual in obtaining employment;

6203 44. Bail bondsmen, in accordance with the provisions of § 19.2-120;

6204 45. The State Treasurer for the purpose of determining whether a person receiving compensation for
 6205 wrongful incarceration meets the conditions for continued compensation under § 8.01-195.12;

6206 46. The Department of Education or its agents or designees for the purpose of screening individuals
 6207 seeking to enter into a contract with the Department of Education or its agents or designees for the provision
 6208 of child care services for which child care subsidy payments may be provided;

6209 47. The Department of Juvenile Justice to investigate any parent, guardian, or other adult members of a
 6210 juvenile's household when completing a predispositional or postdispositional report required by § 16.1-273 or
 6211 a Board of Juvenile Justice regulation promulgated pursuant to § 16.1-233;

6212 48. The State Corporation Commission, for the purpose of screening applicants for insurance licensure
 6213 under Chapter 18 (§ 38.2-1800 et seq.) of Title 38.2;

6214 49. Administrators and board presidents of and applicants for licensure or registration as a child day
 6215 program or family day system, as such terms are defined in § 22.1-289.02, for dissemination to the
 6216 Superintendent of Public Instruction's representative pursuant to § 22.1-289.013 for the conduct of
 6217 investigations with respect to employees of and volunteers at such facilities pursuant to §§ 22.1-289.034
 6218 through 22.1-289.037, subject to the restriction that the data shall not be further disseminated by the facility
 6219 or agency to any party other than the data subject, the Superintendent of Public Instruction's representative, or
 6220 a federal or state authority or court as may be required to comply with an express requirement of law for such
 6221 further dissemination; however, nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit the Superintendent
 6222 of Public Instruction's representative from issuing written certifications regarding the results of prior
 6223 background checks in accordance with subsection J of § 22.1-289.035 or § 22.1-289.039;

6224 50. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children for the purpose of screening individuals who
 6225 are offered or accept employment or will be providing volunteer or contractual services with the National
 6226 Center for Missing and Exploited Children;

6227 51. The Executive Director or investigators of the Board of Accountancy for the purpose of the
 6228 enforcement of laws relating to the Board of Accountancy in accordance with § 54.1-4407; and

6229 52. Other entities as otherwise provided by law.

6230 Upon an ex parte motion of a defendant in a felony case and upon the showing that the records requested
 6231 may be relevant to such case, the court shall enter an order requiring the Central Criminal Records Exchange
 6232 to furnish the defendant, as soon as practicable, copies of any records of persons designated in the order on
 6233 whom a report has been made under the provisions of this chapter.

6234 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, upon a written request sworn to
 6235 before an officer authorized to take acknowledgments, the Central Criminal Records Exchange, or the
 6236 criminal justice agency in cases of offenses not required to be reported to the Exchange, shall furnish a copy
 6237 of conviction data covering the person named in the request to the person making the request; however, such
 6238 person on whom the data is being obtained shall consent in writing, under oath, to the making of such
 6239 request. A person receiving a copy of his own conviction data may utilize or further disseminate that data as
 6240 he deems appropriate. In the event no conviction data is maintained on the data subject, the person making
 6241 the request shall be furnished at his cost a certification to that effect.

6242 B. Use of criminal history record information disseminated to noncriminal justice agencies under this
 6243 section shall be limited to the purposes for which it was given and may not be disseminated further, except as
 6244 otherwise provided in subdivision A 49.

6245 C. No criminal justice agency or person shall confirm the existence or nonexistence of criminal history
 6246 record information for employment or licensing inquiries except as provided by law.

6247 D. Criminal justice agencies shall establish procedures to query the Central Criminal Records Exchange
 6248 prior to dissemination of any criminal history record information on offenses required to be reported to the
 6249 Central Criminal Records Exchange to ensure that the most up-to-date disposition data is being used.
 6250 Inquiries of the Exchange shall be made prior to any dissemination except in those cases where time is of the
 6251 essence and the normal response time of the Exchange would exceed the necessary time period. A criminal
 6252 justice agency to whom a request has been made for the dissemination of criminal history record information
 6253 that is required to be reported to the Central Criminal Records Exchange may direct the inquirer to the
 6254 Central Criminal Records Exchange for such dissemination. Dissemination of information regarding offenses
 6255 not required to be reported to the Exchange shall be made by the criminal justice agency maintaining the

6256 record as required by § 15.2-1722.

6257 E. Criminal history information provided to licensed nursing homes, hospitals and to home care
6258 organizations pursuant to subdivision A 18 shall be limited to the convictions on file with the Exchange for
6259 any offense specified in §§ 32.1-126.01, 32.1-126.02, and 32.1-162.9:1.

6260 F. Criminal history information provided to licensed assisted living facilities and licensed adult day
6261 centers pursuant to subdivision A 19 shall be limited to the convictions on file with the Exchange for any
6262 offense specified in § 63.2-1720.

6263 G. Criminal history information provided to public agencies pursuant to subdivision A 39 shall be limited
6264 to the convictions on file with the Exchange for any offense set forth in clause (i) of the definition of barrier
6265 crime in § 19.2-392.02.

6266 H. Upon receipt of a written request from an employer or prospective employer, the Central Criminal
6267 Records Exchange, or the criminal justice agency in cases of offenses not required to be reported to the
6268 Exchange, shall furnish at the employer's cost a copy of conviction data covering the person named in the
6269 request to the employer or prospective employer making the request, provided that the person on whom the
6270 data is being obtained has consented in writing to the making of such request and has presented a photo-
6271 identification to the employer or prospective employer. In the event no conviction data is maintained on the
6272 person named in the request, the requesting employer or prospective employer shall be furnished at his cost a
6273 certification to that effect. The criminal history record search shall be conducted on forms provided by the
6274 Exchange.

6275 I. The attorney for the Commonwealth shall provide a physical or electronic copy of a person's criminal
6276 history record information, including criminal history record information maintained in the National Crime
6277 Information Center (NCIC) and the Interstate Identification Index System (III System) that is in his
6278 possession, pursuant to the rules of court for obtaining discovery or for review by the court. No criminal
6279 history record information provided under this subsection shall be disseminated further.

6280 **§ 19.2-389.3. (Repealed effective July 1, 2026) Marijuana possession; limits on dissemination of**
6281 **criminal history record information; prohibited practices by employers, educational institutions, and**
6282 **state and local governments; penalty.**

6283 A. Records relating to the arrest, criminal charge, or conviction of a person for a misdemeanor violation of
6284 *former* § 18.2-248.1 or a violation of *former* § 18.2-250.1, including any violation charged under §§ *former* §
6285 18.2-248.1 or *former* § 18.2-250.1 that was deferred and dismissed pursuant to § 18.2-251, maintained in the
6286 Central Criminal Records Exchange shall not be open for public inspection or otherwise disclosed, provided
6287 that such records may be disseminated (i) to make the determination as provided in § 18.2-308.2:2 of
6288 eligibility to possess or purchase a firearm; (ii) to aid in the preparation of a pretrial investigation report
6289 prepared by a local pretrial services agency established pursuant to Article 5 (§ 19.2-152.2 et seq.) of Chapter
6290 9, a pre-sentence or post-sentence investigation report pursuant to § 19.2-299 or in the preparation of the
6291 discretionary sentencing guidelines worksheets pursuant to subsection C of § 19.2-298.01; (iii) to aid local
6292 community-based probation services agencies established pursuant to the Comprehensive Community
6293 Corrections Act for Local-Responsible Offenders (§ 9.1-173 et seq.) with investigating or serving adult
6294 local-responsible offenders and all court service units serving juvenile delinquent offenders; (iv) for
6295 fingerprint comparison utilizing the fingerprints maintained in the Automated Fingerprint Information System
6296 computer; (v) to attorneys for the Commonwealth to secure information incidental to sentencing and to
6297 attorneys for the Commonwealth and probation officers to prepare the discretionary sentencing guidelines
6298 worksheets pursuant to subsection C of § 19.2-298.01; (vi) to any full-time or part-time employee of the State
6299 Police, a police department, or sheriff's office that is a part of or administered by the Commonwealth or any
6300 political subdivision thereof, and who is responsible for the prevention and detection of crime and the
6301 enforcement of the penal, traffic, or highway laws of the Commonwealth, for purposes of the administration
6302 of criminal justice as defined in § 9.1-101; (vii) to the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission for research
6303 purposes; (viii) to any full-time or part-time employee of the State Police or a police department or sheriff's
6304 office that is a part of or administered by the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof for the
6305 purpose of screening any person for full-time or part-time employment with the State Police or a police
6306 department or sheriff's office that is a part of or administered by the Commonwealth or any political
6307 subdivision thereof; (ix) to the State Health Commissioner or his designee for the purpose of screening any
6308 person who applies to be a volunteer with or an employee of an emergency medical services agency as
6309 provided in § 32.1-111.5; (x) to any full-time or part-time employee of the Department of Forensic Science
6310 for the purpose of screening any person for full-time or part-time employment with the Department of
6311 Forensic Science; (xi) to the chief law-enforcement officer of a locality, or his designee who shall be an
6312 individual employed as a public safety official of the locality, that has adopted an ordinance in accordance
6313 with §§ 15.2-1503.1 and 19.2-389 for the purpose of screening any person who applies to be a volunteer with
6314 or an employee of an emergency medical services agency as provided in § 32.1-111.5; and (xii) to any
6315 full-time or part-time employee of the Department of Motor Vehicles, any employer as defined in
6316 § 46.2-341.4, or any medical examiner as defined in 49 C.F.R. § 390.5 for the purpose of complying with the
6317 regulations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

6318 B. An employer or educational institution shall not, in any application, interview, or otherwise, require an
 6319 applicant for employment or admission to disclose information concerning any arrest, criminal charge, or
 6320 conviction against him when the record relating to such arrest, criminal charge, or conviction is not open for
 6321 public inspection pursuant to subsection A. An applicant need not, in answer to any question concerning any
 6322 arrest, criminal charge, or conviction, include a reference to or information concerning any arrest, criminal
 6323 charge, or conviction when the record relating to such arrest, criminal charge, or conviction is not open for
 6324 public inspection pursuant to subsection A.

6325 C. Agencies, officials, and employees of the state and local governments shall not, in any application,
 6326 interview, or otherwise, require an applicant for a license, permit, registration, or governmental service to
 6327 disclose information concerning any arrest, criminal charge, or conviction against him when the record
 6328 relating to such arrest, criminal charge, or conviction is not open for public inspection pursuant to subsection

6329 A. An applicant need not, in answer to any question concerning any arrest, criminal charge, or conviction,
 6330 include a reference to or information concerning any arrest, criminal charge, or conviction when the record
 6331 relating to such arrest, criminal charge, or conviction is not open for public inspection pursuant to subsection

6332 A. Such an application may not be denied solely because of the applicant's refusal to disclose information
 6333 concerning any such arrest, criminal charge, or conviction.

6334 D. A person who willfully violates subsection B or C is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor for each
 6335 violation.

6336 **§ 19.2-392.02. National criminal background checks by businesses and organizations regarding**
 6337 **employees or volunteers providing care to children or the elderly or disabled.**

6338 A. For purposes of this section:

6339 "Barrier crime" means (i) a felony violation of § 16.1-253.2; any violation of § 18.2-31, 18.2-32,
 6340 18.2-32.1, 18.2-32.2, 18.2-33, 18.2-35, 18.2-36, 18.2-36.1, 18.2-36.2, 18.2-41, or 18.2-42; any felony
 6341 violation of § 18.2-46.2, 18.2-46.3, 18.2-46.3:1, or 18.2-46.3:3; any violation of § 18.2-46.5, 18.2-46.6, or
 6342 18.2-46.7; any violation of subsection A or B of § 18.2-47; any violation of § 18.2-48, 18.2-49, or 18.2-50.3;
 6343 any violation of § 18.2-51, 18.2-51.1, 18.2-51.2, 18.2-51.3, 18.2-51.4, 18.2-51.5, 18.2-51.6, 18.2-52,
 6344 18.2-52.1, 18.2-53, 18.2-53.1, 18.2-54.1, 18.2-54.2, 18.2-55, 18.2-55.1, 18.2-56, 18.2-56.1, 18.2-56.2,
 6345 18.2-57, 18.2-57.01, 18.2-57.02, 18.2-57.2, 18.2-58, 18.2-58.1, 18.2-59, 18.2-60, or 18.2-60.1; any felony
 6346 violation of § 18.2-60.3 or 18.2-60.4; any violation of § 18.2-61, 18.2-63, 18.2-64.1, 18.2-64.2, 18.2-67.1,
 6347 18.2-67.2, 18.2-67.3, 18.2-67.4, 18.2-67.4:1, 18.2-67.4:2, 18.2-67.5, 18.2-67.5:1, 18.2-67.5:2, 18.2-67.5:3,
 6348 18.2-77, 18.2-79, 18.2-80, 18.2-81, 18.2-82, 18.2-83, 18.2-84, 18.2-85, 18.2-86, 18.2-87, 18.2-87.1, or
 6349 18.2-88; any felony violation of § 18.2-279, 18.2-280, 18.2-281, 18.2-282, 18.2-282.1, 18.2-286.1, or
 6350 18.2-287.2; any violation of § 18.2-289, 18.2-290, 18.2-300, 18.2-308.4, or 18.2-314; any felony violation of
 6351 § 18.2-346.01, 18.2-348, or 18.2-349; any violation of § 18.2-355, 18.2-356, 18.2-357, or 18.2-357.1; any
 6352 violation of subsection B of § 18.2-361; any violation of § 18.2-366, 18.2-369, 18.2-370, 18.2-370.1,
 6353 18.2-370.2, 18.2-370.3, 18.2-370.4, 18.2-370.5, 18.2-370.6, 18.2-371.1, 18.2-374.1, 18.2-374.1:1, 18.2-374.3,
 6354 18.2-374.4, 18.2-379, 18.2-386.1, or 18.2-386.2; any felony violation of § 18.2-405 or 18.2-406; any
 6355 violation of § 18.2-408, 18.2-413, 18.2-414, 18.2-423, 18.2-423.01, 18.2-423.1, 18.2-423.2, 18.2-433.2,
 6356 18.2-472.1, 18.2-474.1, 18.2-477, 18.2-477.1, 18.2-477.2, 18.2-478, 18.2-479, 18.2-480, 18.2-481, 18.2-484,
 6357 18.2-485, 37.2-917, or 53.1-203; or any substantially similar offense under the laws of another jurisdiction;
 6358 (ii) any violation of § 18.2-89, 18.2-90, 18.2-91, 18.2-92, 18.2-93, or 18.2-94 or any substantially similar
 6359 offense under the laws of another jurisdiction; (iii) any felony violation of § 4.1-1101, 4.1-1114, 18.2-248,
 6360 18.2-248.01, 18.2-248.02, 18.2-248.03, ~~18.2-248.1~~, 18.2-248.5, 18.2-251.2, 18.2-251.3, 18.2-255, 18.2-255.2,
 6361 18.2-258, 18.2-258.02, 18.2-258.1, or 18.2-258.2 or any substantially similar offense under the laws of
 6362 another jurisdiction; (iv) any felony violation of § 18.2-250 or any substantially similar offense under the
 6363 laws of another jurisdiction; (v) any offense set forth in § 9.1-902 that results in the person's requirement to
 6364 register with the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry pursuant to § 9.1-901, including any
 6365 finding that a person is not guilty by reason of insanity in accordance with Chapter 11.1 (§ 19.2-182.2 et seq.)
 6366 of Title 19.2 of an offense set forth in § 9.1-902 that results in the person's requirement to register with the
 6367 Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry pursuant to § 9.1-901; any substantially similar offense
 6368 under the laws of another jurisdiction; or any offense for which registration in a sex offender and crimes
 6369 against minors registry is required under the laws of the jurisdiction where the offender was convicted; or (vi)
 6370 any other felony not included in clause (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), or (v) unless five years have elapsed from the date
 6371 of the conviction.

6372 "Barrier crime information" means the following facts concerning a person who has been arrested for, or
 6373 has been convicted of, a barrier crime, regardless of whether the person was a juvenile or adult at the time of
 6374 the arrest or conviction: full name, race, sex, date of birth, height, weight, fingerprints, a brief description of
 6375 the barrier crime or offenses for which the person has been arrested or has been convicted, the disposition of
 6376 the charge, and any other information that may be useful in identifying persons arrested for or convicted of a
 6377 barrier crime.

6378 "Care" means the provision of care, treatment, education, training, instruction, supervision, or recreation
 6379 to children or the elderly or disabled.

6380 "Department" means the Department of State Police.

6381 "Employed by" means any person who is employed by, volunteers for, seeks to be employed by, or seeks
6382 to volunteer for a qualified entity.

6383 "Identification document" means a document made or issued by or under the authority of the United
6384 States government, a state, a political subdivision of a state, a foreign government, political subdivision of a
6385 foreign government, an international governmental or an international quasi-governmental organization that,
6386 when completed with information concerning a particular individual, is of a type intended or commonly
6387 accepted for the purpose of identification of individuals.

6388 "Provider" means a person who (i) is employed by a qualified entity and has, seeks to have, or may have
6389 unsupervised access to a child or to an elderly or disabled person to whom the qualified entity provides care;
6390 (ii) is a volunteer of a qualified entity and has, seeks to have, or may have unsupervised access to a child to
6391 whom the qualified entity provides care; or (iii) owns, operates, or seeks to own or operate a qualified entity.

6392 "Qualified entity" means a business or organization that provides care to children or the elderly or
6393 disabled, whether governmental, private, for profit, nonprofit, or voluntary, except organizations exempt
6394 pursuant to subdivision A 7 of § 22.1-289.030.

6395 B. A qualified entity may request the Department of State Police to conduct a national criminal
6396 background check on any provider who is employed by such entity. No qualified entity may request a
6397 national criminal background check on a provider until such provider has:

6398 1. Been fingerprinted; and

6399 2. Completed and signed a statement, furnished by the entity, that includes (i) his name, address, and date
6400 of birth as it appears on a valid identification document; (ii) a disclosure of whether or not the provider has
6401 ever been convicted of or is the subject of pending charges for a criminal offense within or outside the
6402 Commonwealth, and if the provider has been convicted of a crime, a description of the crime and the
6403 particulars of the conviction; (iii) a notice to the provider that the entity may request a background check; (iv)
6404 a notice to the provider that he is entitled to obtain a copy of any background check report, to challenge the
6405 accuracy and completeness of any information contained in any such report, and to obtain a prompt
6406 determination as to the validity of such challenge before a final determination is made by the Department;
6407 and (v) a notice to the provider that prior to the completion of the background check the qualified entity may
6408 choose to deny the provider unsupervised access to children or the elderly or disabled for whom the qualified
6409 entity provides care.

6410 C. Upon receipt of (i) a qualified entity's written request to conduct a background check on a provider, (ii)
6411 the provider's fingerprints, and (iii) a completed, signed statement as described in subsection B, the
6412 Department shall make a determination whether the provider has been convicted of or is the subject of
6413 charges of a barrier crime. To conduct its determination regarding the provider's barrier crime information,
6414 the Department shall access the national criminal history background check system, which is maintained by
6415 the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is based on fingerprints and other methods of identification, and shall
6416 access the Central Criminal Records Exchange maintained by the Department. If the Department receives a
6417 background report lacking disposition data, the Department shall conduct research in whatever state and local
6418 recordkeeping systems are available in order to obtain complete data. The Department shall make reasonable
6419 efforts to respond to a qualified entity's inquiry within 15 business days.

6420 D. Any background check conducted pursuant to this section for a provider employed by a private entity
6421 shall be screened by the Department of State Police. If the provider has been convicted of or is under
6422 indictment for a barrier crime, the qualified entity shall be notified that the provider is not qualified to work
6423 or volunteer in a position that involves unsupervised access to children or the elderly or disabled.

6424 E. Any background check conducted pursuant to this section for a provider employed by a governmental
6425 entity shall be provided to that entity.

6426 F. In the case of a provider who desires to volunteer at a qualified entity and who is subject to a national
6427 criminal background check, the Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation may each charge the
6428 provider the lesser of \$18 or the actual cost to the entity of the background check conducted with the
6429 fingerprints.

6430 G. The failure to request a criminal background check pursuant to subsection B shall not be considered
6431 negligence per se in any civil action.

6432 **§ 19.2-392.6. (Effective July 1, 2026) Automatic sealing of offenses resulting in conviction.**

6433 A. If a person was convicted of a violation of any of the following sections with an offense date on or
6434 after January 1, 1986, such conviction, including any records relating to such conviction, shall be ordered to
6435 be automatically sealed in the manner set forth in § 19.2-392.7, subject to the provisions of subsections B and
6436 C: a misdemeanor violation of § 18.2-96 or 18.2-103; § 18.2-119, 18.2-120, or 18.2-134; a misdemeanor
6437 violation of *former* § 18.2-248.1; or § 18.2-415.

6438 B. Subject to the provisions of subsection C, any conviction listed under subsection A shall be ordered to
6439 be automatically sealed if seven years have passed since the date of the conviction and the person convicted
6440 of such offense has not been convicted of violating any law of the Commonwealth that requires a report to the
6441 Central Criminal Records Exchange under subsection A of § 19.2-390 or any other state, the District of

6442 Columbia, or the United States or any territory thereof, excluding traffic infractions under Title 46.2, during
6443 that time period.

6444 C. No conviction listed under subsection A shall be automatically sealed if, on the date of the conviction,
6445 the person was convicted of another offense that is not eligible for automatic sealing under subsection A.

6446 This section shall not be construed as prohibiting a person from seeking sealing in the circuit court
6447 pursuant to the provisions of § 19.2-392.12 or 19.2-392.12:1.

6448 **§ 19.2-392.12:1. (Effective July 1, 2026) Sealing of charges and convictions related to automatic**
6449 **sealing; petition.**

6450 A. A person who has been convicted of or had a charge deferred and dismissed for a violation of
6451 § 4.1-305; a misdemeanor violation of § 18.2-96 or 18.2-103; a violation of § 18.2-119, 18.2-120, or
6452 18.2-134; a misdemeanor violation of *former* § 18.2-248.1; a violation of subsection A of § 18.2-265.3; or a
6453 violation of § 18.2-415, where the offense date for any such offense was on or after January 1, 1986, may file
6454 a petition setting forth the relevant facts and requesting the sealing of the criminal history record information
6455 and court records relating to the charge or conviction. In addition to requesting the sealing of a charge or
6456 conviction, such petition may also request the sealing of any specifically identified ancillary matter related to
6457 such charge or conviction.

6458 B. A person who had a conviction or offense automatically sealed pursuant to § 19.2-392.7 or 19.2-392.11
6459 where the offense date for such conviction or offense was on or after January 1, 1986, or who had an offense
6460 sealed pursuant to § 19.2-392.6:1 regardless of the date of the offense, may file a petition setting forth the
6461 relevant facts and requesting sealing of the criminal history record information and court records of any
6462 specifically identified ancillary matter related to that charge or conviction.

6463 C. A person shall not be required to pay any court fees or costs for filing a petition pursuant to this
6464 section.

6465 D. The petition under subsection A or B, with a copy of the warrant, summons, or indictment, if
6466 reasonably available, shall be filed in the circuit court of the county or city in which the case was disposed of
6467 and shall contain, except when not reasonably available, (i) the date of arrest; (ii) the name of the arresting
6468 agency; (iii) the date of conviction, deferred dismissal, or final disposition of any ancillary matter; and (iv)
6469 the case number associated with each court record that is the subject of the petition. When this information is
6470 not reasonably available, the petition shall state the reason for such unavailability. The petition shall further
6471 state (a) the charge, conviction, or ancillary matter to be sealed; (b) the date of final disposition of the charge,
6472 conviction, or ancillary matter as set forth in the petition; (c) the petitioner's date of birth, sex, race, and social
6473 security number, if available; and (d) the full name used by the petitioner at the time of arrest or summons. A
6474 petition may request the sealing of the criminal history record information and court records for multiple
6475 charges, convictions, or ancillary matters as set forth in subsections A and B, provided that all such charges,
6476 convictions, and ancillary matters are eligible for sealing under this section. A petition may not request the
6477 sealing of the criminal history record information and court records where the charge, conviction, or ancillary
6478 matter was finalized on the same date as a conviction or deferred dismissal that is not eligible for sealing
6479 under this section.

6480 E. A petitioner is not limited in the number of petitions that may be granted pursuant to this section within
6481 his lifetime. Any petition granted pursuant to this section shall not be counted toward the lifetime maximum
6482 of two petitions set forth in § 19.2-392.12.

6483 F. The Commonwealth shall be made party to the proceeding. The petitioner shall provide a copy of the
6484 petition under subsection A or B by delivery or by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the attorney for the
6485 Commonwealth of the county or city in which the petition is filed. The attorney for the Commonwealth may
6486 file an objection or answer to the petition or may give written notice to the court that he does not object to the
6487 petition within 30 days after it is delivered to him or received in the mail.

6488 G. In addition to the filing of the petition under subsection D, the petitioner shall request that the Central
6489 Criminal Records Exchange (CCRE) electronically forward a copy of the petitioner's Virginia and national
6490 criminal history record to the circuit court in which the petition was filed. Upon receiving such request, the
6491 CCRE shall electronically forward such record to the circuit court; however, if the circuit court is unable to
6492 receive an electronic transmission, the CCRE shall forward a copy of such record to the circuit court which
6493 shall be maintained under seal by the clerk unless otherwise ordered by the court. Upon completion of the
6494 hearing, the court shall cause the criminal history record to be destroyed unless, within 30 days of the date of
6495 the entry of the final order in the matter, the petitioner or the attorney for the Commonwealth notes an appeal
6496 as provided by law in civil cases.

6497 H. After receiving the criminal history record of the petitioner, the court may conduct a hearing on the
6498 petition.

6499 I. For a petition filed pursuant to subsection A, the court shall enter an order requiring the sealing of the
6500 records related to the charge, conviction, or ancillary matter if the court finds that seven years have passed
6501 since the date of conviction or of dismissal of the deferred charge listed in subsection A and the petitioner has
6502 not been convicted of violating any law of the Commonwealth that requires a report to the Central Criminal
6503 Records Exchange under subsection A of § 19.2-390 or any other state, the District of Columbia, or the

6504 United States or any territory thereof, excluding traffic infractions under Title 46.2, during that time period.

6505 J. For a petition filed pursuant to subsection B, the court shall enter an order to seal the ancillary matter if
 6506 the charge or conviction identified in the petition has been sealed pursuant to § 19.2-392.6:1, 19.2-392.7, or
 6507 19.2-392.11.

6508 K. If the attorney for the Commonwealth of the county or city in which the petition is filed (i) gives
 6509 written notice to the court pursuant to subsection F that he does not object to the petition and (ii) stipulates in
 6510 such written notice that the petitioner is eligible to have such charge, conviction, or ancillary matter sealed,
 6511 the court may enter an order of sealing without conducting a hearing.

6512 L. Any party aggrieved by the decision of the court may appeal, as provided by law in civil cases.

6513 M. Upon the entry of an order of sealing, the clerk of the court shall maintain a copy of such order under
 6514 seal and shall cause an electronic notification of such order to be forwarded to the Department of State Police.
 6515 Such electronic notification shall contain (i) the petitioner's full name, date of birth, sex, race, and social
 6516 security number, if available; (ii) the full name used by the petitioner at the time of arrest or summons; (iii)
 6517 the petitioner's state identification number from the criminal history record; (iv) the court case number of the
 6518 charge, conviction, or ancillary matter to be sealed, if available; and (v) the document control number, if
 6519 available. The Department of State Police shall validate the accuracy of any criminal history record ordered
 6520 to be sealed pursuant to this section but shall not validate whether such record is eligible for sealing. Upon
 6521 receipt of such electronic notification, the Department of State Police shall seal such records in accordance
 6522 with § 19.2-392.13. The Department of State Police shall also electronically notify the Office of the
 6523 Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court and any other agencies and individuals known to maintain or to
 6524 have obtained such a record that such record has been ordered to be sealed and may only be disseminated in
 6525 accordance with § 19.2-392.13.

6526 N. Any order entered where (i) the court or parties failed to strictly comply with the procedures set forth
 6527 in this section or (ii) the court entered an order for the sealing of records contrary to law shall be voidable
 6528 upon motion and notice made within two years of the entry of such order.

6529 O. A petition filed under this section and any responsive pleadings filed by the attorney for the
 6530 Commonwealth shall be maintained under seal by the clerk unless otherwise ordered by the court. Any order
 6531 to seal issued pursuant to this section shall be sealed and may only be disseminated for the purposes set forth
 6532 in § 19.2-392.13.

6533 P. Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit the circuit court from entering an order to seal a charge,
 6534 conviction, or ancillary matter under this section when such charge, conviction, or ancillary matter is eligible
 6535 for sealing under some other section of this chapter.

6536 **§ 22.1-206. Instruction concerning drugs, alcohol, substance abuse, retail tobacco products, hemp**
 6537 **products intended for smoking, and gambling.**

6538 A. Instruction concerning drugs and drug abuse shall be provided by the public schools as prescribed by
 6539 the Board of Education.

6540 B. Instruction concerning the public safety hazards and dangers of alcohol abuse, underage drinking,
 6541 *underage marijuana use*, and drunk driving shall be provided in the public schools. The Virginia Alcoholic
 6542 Beverage Control Authority *and the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority* shall provide educational materials
 6543 to the Department of Education. The Department of Education shall review and shall distribute such materials
 6544 as are approved to the public schools.

6545 The Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth shall develop and the Department of Education shall
 6546 distribute to each local school division educational materials concerning the health and safety risks of using
 6547 retail tobacco products and hemp products intended for smoking, as such terms are defined in § 18.2-371.2.
 6548 Instruction concerning the health and safety risks of using *retail* tobacco products and hemp products
 6549 intended for smoking, as such terms are defined in § 18.2-371.2, shall be provided in each public elementary
 6550 and secondary school in the Commonwealth, consistent with such educational materials.

6551 C. Instruction concerning gambling and the addictive potential thereof shall be provided by the public
 6552 schools as prescribed by the Board.

6553 **§ 22.1-277.08. Expulsion of students for certain drug offenses.**

6554 A. School boards shall expel from school attendance any student whom such school board has
 6555 determined, in accordance with the procedures set forth in this article, to have brought a controlled substance;
 6556 *or imitation controlled substance, or marijuana as those terms are defined in § 18.2-247* onto school property
 6557 or to a school-sponsored activity. A school administrator, pursuant to school board policy, or a school board
 6558 may, however, determine, based on the facts of a particular situation, that special circumstances exist and no
 6559 disciplinary action or another disciplinary action or another term of expulsion is appropriate. A school board
 6560 may, by regulation, authorize the division superintendent or his designee to conduct a preliminary review of
 6561 such cases to determine whether a disciplinary action other than expulsion is appropriate. Such regulations
 6562 shall ensure that, if a determination is made that another disciplinary action is appropriate, any such
 6563 subsequent disciplinary action is to be taken in accordance with the procedures set forth in this article.
 6564 Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a student's expulsion regardless of the facts of the
 6565 particular situation.

6566 B. Each school board shall revise its standards of student conduct to incorporate the requirements of this
6567 section no later than three months after the date on which this act becomes effective.

6568 **§ 23.1-1301. Governing boards; powers.**

6569 A. The board of visitors of each baccalaureate public institution of higher education or its designee may:

- 6570 1. Make regulations and policies concerning the institution;
- 6571 2. Manage the funds of the institution and approve an annual budget;
- 6572 3. Appoint the chief executive officer of the institution;
- 6573 4. Appoint professors and fix their salaries; and
- 6574 5. Fix the rates charged to students for tuition, mandatory fees, and other necessary charges.

6575 B. The governing board of each public institution of higher education or its designee may:

6576 1. In addition to the powers set forth in Restructured Higher Education Financial and Administrative
6577 Operations Act (§ 23.1-1000 et seq.), lease or sell and convey its interest in any real property that it has
6578 acquired by purchase, will, or deed of gift, subject to the prior approval of the Governor and any terms and
6579 conditions of the will or deed of gift, if applicable. The proceeds shall be held, used, and administered in the
6580 same manner as all other gifts and bequests;

6581 2. Grant easements for roads, streets, sewers, waterlines, electric and other utility lines, or other purposes
6582 on any property owned by the institution;

6583 3. Adopt regulations or institution policies for parking and traffic on property owned, leased, maintained,
6584 or controlled by the institution;

6585 4. Adopt regulations or institution policies for the employment and dismissal of professors, teachers,
6586 instructors, and other employees;

6587 5. Adopt regulations or institution policies for the acceptance and assistance of students in addition to the
6588 regulations or institution policies required pursuant to § 23.1-1303;

6589 6. Adopt regulations or institution policies for the conduct of students in attendance and for the rescission
6590 or restriction of financial aid, suspension, and dismissal of students who fail or refuse to abide by such
6591 regulations or policies;

6592 7. Establish programs, in cooperation with the Council and the Office of the Attorney General, to promote
6593 (i) student compliance with state laws on the use of alcoholic beverages *and marijuana* and (ii) the awareness
6594 and prevention of sexual crimes committed upon students;

6595 8. Establish guidelines for the initiation or induction of students into any social fraternity or sorority in
6596 accordance with the prohibition against hazing as defined in § 18.2-56;

6597 9. Assign any interest it possesses in intellectual property or in materials in which the institution claims an
6598 interest, provided such assignment is in accordance with the terms of the institution's intellectual property
6599 policies adopted pursuant to § 23.1-1303. The Governor's prior written approval is required for transfers of
6600 such property (i) developed wholly or predominantly through the use of state general funds, exclusive of
6601 capital assets and (ii)(a) developed by an employee of the institution acting within the scope of his assigned
6602 duties or (b) for which such transfer is made to an entity other than (1) the Innovation and Entrepreneurship
6603 Investment Authority, (2) an entity whose purpose is to manage intellectual properties on behalf of nonprofit
6604 organizations, colleges, and universities, or (3) an entity whose purpose is to benefit the respective
6605 institutions. The Governor may attach conditions to these transfers as he deems necessary. In the event the
6606 Governor does not approve such transfer, the materials shall remain the property of the respective institutions
6607 and may be used and developed in any manner permitted by law;

6608 10. Conduct closed meetings pursuant to §§ 2.2-3711 and 2.2-3712 and conduct business through
6609 electronic communication means pursuant to § 2.2-3708.3; and

6610 11. Adopt a resolution to require the governing body of a locality that is contiguous to the institution to
6611 enforce state statutes and local ordinances with respect to offenses occurring on the property of the
6612 institution. Upon receipt of such resolution, the governing body of such locality shall enforce statutes and
6613 local ordinances with respect to offenses occurring on the property of the institution.

6614 **§ 46.2-105.2. Obtaining documents from the Department when not entitled thereto; penalty.**

6615 A. It shall be unlawful for any person to obtain a Virginia driver's license, special identification card,
6616 vehicle registration, certificate of title, or other document issued by the Department if such person has not
6617 satisfied all legal and procedural requirements for the issuance thereof, or is otherwise not legally entitled
6618 thereto, including obtaining any document issued by the Department through the use of counterfeit, forged, or
6619 altered documents.

6620 B. It shall be unlawful to aid any person to obtain any driver's license, special identification card, vehicle
6621 registration, certificate of title, or other document in violation of the provisions of subsection A.

6622 C. It shall be unlawful to knowingly possess or use for any purpose any driver's license, special
6623 identification card, vehicle registration, certificate of title, or other document obtained in violation of the
6624 provisions of subsection A.

6625 D. A violation of any provision of this section shall constitute a Class 2 misdemeanor if a person is
6626 charged and convicted of a violation of this section that involved the unlawful obtaining or possession of any
6627 document issued by the Department for the purpose of engaging in any age-limited activity, including but not

6628 limited to obtaining, possessing, or consuming alcoholic beverages *or marijuana*. However, if a person is
 6629 charged and convicted of any other violation of this section, such offense shall constitute a Class 6 felony.

6630 E. Whenever it appears to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that any driver's license, special
 6631 identification card, vehicle registration, certificate of title, or other document issued by the Department has
 6632 been obtained in violation of this section, it may be cancelled by the Commissioner, who shall mail notice of
 6633 the cancellation to the address of record maintained by the Department.

6634 F. A violation of this section may be prosecuted in the jurisdiction (i) from which any person obtained any
 6635 document issued by the Department, (ii) where any person received or created any counterfeit, forged, or
 6636 altered document used to obtain any document issued by the Department, or (iii) where any counterfeit,
 6637 forged, or altered document has been filed with the Department.

6638 **§ 46.2-347. Fraudulent use of driver's license or Department of Motor Vehicles identification card**
 6639 **to obtain alcoholic beverages or marijuana; penalties.**

6640 Any underage person as specified in § 4.1-304 who knowingly uses or attempts to use a forged, deceptive
 6641 or otherwise nongenuine driver's license issued by any state, territory or possession of the United States, the
 6642 District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or any foreign country or government; United States
 6643 Armed Forces identification card; United States passport or foreign government visa; Virginia Department of
 6644 Motor Vehicles special identification card; official identification issued by any other federal, state or foreign
 6645 government agency; or official student identification card of an institution of higher education to obtain
 6646 alcoholic beverages ~~shall be~~ *or marijuana* is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor, and upon conviction of a
 6647 violation of this section, the court shall revoke such convicted person's driver's license or privilege to drive a
 6648 motor vehicle for a period of not less than 30 days nor more than one year.

6649 **§ 48-17.1. Temporary injunctions against alcoholic beverage sales or marijuana sales.**

6650 A. Any locality by or through its mayor, chief executive, or attorney may petition a circuit court to
 6651 temporarily enjoin the sale of alcohol *or marijuana* at any establishment licensed by the Virginia Alcoholic
 6652 Beverage Control Authority *or the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority*. The basis for such petition shall be
 6653 the operator of the establishment has allowed it to become a meeting place for persons committing serious
 6654 criminal violations of the law on or immediately adjacent to the premises so frequent and serious as to be
 6655 deemed a continuing threat to public safety, as represented in an affidavit by the chief law-enforcement
 6656 officer of the locality, supported by records of such criminal acts. The court shall, upon the presentation of
 6657 evidence at a hearing on the matter, grant a temporary injunction, without bond, enjoining the sale of alcohol
 6658 *or marijuana* at the establishment, if it appears to the satisfaction of the court that the threat to public safety
 6659 complained of exists and is likely to continue if such injunction is not granted. The court hearing on the
 6660 petition shall be held within 10 days of service upon the respondent. The respondent shall be served with
 6661 notice of the time and place of the hearing and copies of all documentary evidence to be relied upon by the
 6662 complainant at such hearing. Any injunction issued by the court shall be dissolved in the event the court later
 6663 finds that the threat to public safety that is the basis of the injunction has been abated by reason of a change
 6664 of ownership, management, or business operations at the establishment, or other change in circumstance.

6665 B. The Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority *or the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority* shall
 6666 be given notice of any hearing under this section. In the event an injunction is granted, the Virginia Alcoholic
 6667 Beverage Control Authority *or the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority* shall initiate an investigation into the
 6668 activities at the establishment complained of and conduct an administrative hearing. After the Virginia
 6669 Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority *or the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority* hearing and when a final
 6670 determination has been issued by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority *or the Virginia*
 6671 *Cannabis Control Authority*, regardless of disposition, any injunction issued hereunder shall be null, without
 6672 further action by the complainant, respondent, or the court.

6673 **§ 53.1-231.2. Restoration of the civil right to be eligible to register to vote to certain persons.**

6674 This section shall apply to any person who is not a qualified voter because of a felony conviction, who
 6675 seeks to have his right to register to vote restored and become eligible to register to vote, and who meets the
 6676 conditions and requirements set out in this section.

6677 Any person, other than a person (i) convicted of a violent felony as defined in § 19.2-297.1 or in
 6678 subsection C of § 17.1-805 and any crime ancillary thereto; (ii) convicted of a felony pursuant to § 4.1-1101,
 6679 *4.1-1114*, 18.2-248, 18.2-248.01, ~~18.2-248.1~~, 18.2-255, 18.2-255.2, or 18.2-258.02; or (iii) convicted of a
 6680 felony pursuant to § 24.2-1016, may petition the circuit court of the county or city in which he was convicted
 6681 of a felony, or the circuit court of the county or city in which he presently resides, for restoration of his civil
 6682 right to be eligible to register to vote through the process set out in this section. On such petition, the court
 6683 may approve the petition for restoration to the person of his right if the court is satisfied from the evidence
 6684 presented that the petitioner has completed, five or more years previously, service of any sentence and any
 6685 modification of sentence including probation, parole, and suspension of sentence; that the petitioner has
 6686 demonstrated civic responsibility through community or comparable service; and that the petitioner has been
 6687 free from criminal convictions, excluding traffic infractions, for the same period.

6688 If the court approves the petition, it shall so state in an order, provide a copy of the order to the petitioner,
 6689 and transmit its order to the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The order shall state that the petitioner's right to

6690 be eligible to register to vote may be restored by the date that is 90 days after the date of the order, subject to
 6691 the approval or denial of restoration of that right by the Governor. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall
 6692 transmit the order to the Governor who may grant or deny the petition for restoration of the right to be
 6693 eligible to register to vote approved by the court order. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall send,
 6694 within 90 days of the date of the order, to the petitioner at the address stated on the court's order, a certificate
 6695 of restoration of that right or notice that the Governor has denied the restoration of that right. The Governor's
 6696 denial of a petition for the restoration of voting rights shall be a final decision and the petitioner shall have no
 6697 right of appeal. The Secretary shall notify the court and the State Board of Elections in each case of the
 6698 restoration of the right or denial of restoration by the Governor.

6699 On receipt of the certificate of restoration of the right to register to vote from the Secretary of the
 6700 Commonwealth, the petitioner, who is otherwise a qualified voter, shall become eligible to register to vote.

6701 **§ 54.1-2903. What constitutes practice; advertising in connection with medical practice.**

6702 A. Any person shall be regarded as practicing the healing arts who actually engages in such practice as
 6703 defined in this chapter, or who opens an office for such purpose, or who advertises or announces to the public
 6704 in any manner a readiness to practice or who uses in connection with his name the words or letters "Doctor,"
 6705 "Dr.," "M.D.," "D.O.," "D.P.M.," "D.C.," "Healer," "N.P.," or any other title, word, letter or designation
 6706 intending to designate or imply that he is a practitioner of the healing arts or that he is able to heal, cure or
 6707 relieve those suffering from any injury, deformity or disease.

6708 Signing a birth or death certificate, or signing any statement certifying that the person so signing has
 6709 rendered professional service to the sick or injured, or signing or issuing a prescription for drugs or other
 6710 remedial agents, shall be prima facie evidence that the person signing or issuing such writing is practicing the
 6711 healing arts within the meaning of this chapter except where persons other than physicians are required to
 6712 sign birth certificates.

6713 B. No person regulated under this chapter shall use the title "Doctor" or the abbreviation "Dr." in writing
 6714 or in advertising in connection with his practice unless he simultaneously uses words, initials, an abbreviation
 6715 or designation, or other language that identifies the type of practice for which he is licensed. No person
 6716 regulated under this chapter shall include in any advertisement a reference to marijuana, as defined in §
 6717 ~~48.2-247~~ 54.1-3401, unless such advertisement is for the treatment of addiction or substance abuse. However,
 6718 nothing in this subsection shall prevent a person from including in any advertisement that such person is
 6719 registered with the Board of Directors of the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority to issue written
 6720 certifications for the use of cannabis products, as defined in § 4.1-1600.

6721 **§ 54.1-3443. Board to administer article.**

6722 A. The Board shall administer this article and may add substances to or deschedule or reschedule all
 6723 substances enumerated in the schedules in this article pursuant to the procedures of the Administrative
 6724 Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.). In making a determination regarding a substance, the Board shall consider
 6725 the following:

- 6726 1. The actual or relative potential for abuse;
- 6727 2. The scientific evidence of its pharmacological effect, if known;
- 6728 3. The state of current scientific knowledge regarding the substance;
- 6729 4. The history and current pattern of abuse;
- 6730 5. The scope, duration, and significance of abuse;
- 6731 6. The risk to the public health;
- 6732 7. The potential of the substance to produce psychic or physical dependence; and
- 6733 8. Whether the substance is an immediate precursor of a substance already controlled under this article.

6734 B. After considering the factors enumerated in subsection A, the Board shall make findings and issue a
 6735 regulation controlling the substance if it finds the substance has a potential for abuse.

6736 C. If the Board designates a substance as an immediate precursor, substances which are precursors of the
 6737 controlled precursor shall not be subject to control solely because they are precursors of the controlled
 6738 precursor.

6739 D. If the Board, in consultation with the Department of Forensic Science, determines the substance shall
 6740 be placed into Schedule I or II pursuant to § 54.1-3445 or 54.1-3447, the Board may amend its regulations
 6741 pursuant to Article 2 (§ 2.2-4006 et seq.) of the Administrative Process Act. Prior to making such
 6742 amendments, the Board shall conduct a public hearing. At least 30 days prior to conducting such hearing, it
 6743 shall post notice of the hearing on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall and shall send notice of the hearing to
 6744 any persons requesting to be notified of a regulatory action. In the notice, the Board shall include a list of all
 6745 substances it intends to schedule by regulation. The Board shall notify the House and Senate Committees for
 6746 Courts of Justice of any new substance added to Schedule I or II pursuant to this subsection. Any substance
 6747 added to Schedule I or II pursuant to this subsection shall remain on Schedule I or II for a period of 18
 6748 months. Upon expiration of such 18-month period, such substance shall be descheduled unless a general law
 6749 is enacted adding such substance to Schedule I or II. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude the Board from
 6750 adding substances to or descheduling or rescheduling all substances enumerated in the schedules pursuant to
 6751 the provisions of subsections A, B, and E.

6752 E. If any substance is designated, rescheduled, or descheduled as a controlled substance under federal law
6753 and notice of such action is given to the Board, the Board may similarly control the substance under this
6754 chapter after the expiration of 30 days from publication in the Federal Register of a final or interim final order
6755 or rule designating a substance as a controlled substance or rescheduling or descheduling a substance by
6756 amending its regulations in accordance with the requirements of Article 2 (§ 2.2-4006 et seq.) of the
6757 Administrative Process Act. Prior to making such amendments, the Board shall post notice of the hearing on
6758 the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall and shall send notice of the hearing to any persons requesting to be
6759 notified of a regulatory action. The Board shall include a list of all substances it intends to schedule by
6760 regulation in such notice.

6761 F. Authority to control under this section does not extend to distilled spirits, wine, malt beverages, or
6762 tobacco as those terms are defined or used in Title 4.1.

6763 G. The Board shall exempt any nonnarcotic substance from a schedule if such substance may, under the
6764 provisions of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. § 301 et seq.) or state law, be lawfully
6765 sold over the counter without a prescription.

6766 H. Any tetrahydrocannabinol isomer, ester, ether, salt, or salts of such isomer, ester, or ether scheduled
6767 pursuant to this section shall not be included in the definition of marijuana set forth in § 4.1-600; ~~48.2-247~~; or
6768 54.1-3401.

6769 **§ 54.1-4426. Accounting services for licensed marijuana establishments.**

6770 A. As used in this section, "licensed" and "marijuana establishment" have the same meanings as provided
6771 in § 4.1-600.

6772 B. A CPA, CPA firm, or officer, director, or employee of a CPA or CPA firm that provides accounting
6773 services to a licensed marijuana establishment shall not be held liable pursuant to any state law or regulation
6774 solely for providing such accounting services.

6775 C. Nothing in this section shall require a CPA or CPA firm to provide accounting services to a licensed
6776 marijuana establishment.

6777 **§ 58.1-301. Conformity to Internal Revenue Code.**

6778 A. Any term used in this chapter shall have the same meaning as when used in a comparable context in
6779 the laws of the United States relating to federal income taxes, unless a different meaning is clearly required.

6780 B. Any reference in this chapter to the laws of the United States relating to federal income taxes shall
6781 mean the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and amendments thereto, and other provisions of
6782 the laws of the United States relating to federal income taxes, except for:

6783 1. The special depreciation allowance for certain property provided for under §§ 168(k), 168(l), 168(m),
6784 1400L, and 1400N of the Internal Revenue Code;

6785 2. The carry-back of certain net operating losses for five years under § 172(b)(1)(H) of the Internal
6786 Revenue Code;

6787 3. The original issue discount on applicable high yield discount obligations under § 163(e)(5)(F) of the
6788 Internal Revenue Code;

6789 4. The deferral of certain income under § 108(i) of the Internal Revenue Code. For Virginia income tax
6790 purposes, income from the discharge of indebtedness in connection with the reacquisition of an "applicable
6791 debt instrument" (as defined under § 108(i) of the Internal Revenue Code) reacquired in the taxable year shall
6792 be fully included in the taxpayer's Virginia taxable income for the taxable year, unless the taxpayer elects to
6793 include such income in the taxpayer's Virginia taxable income ratably over a three-taxable-year period
6794 beginning with taxable year 2009 for transactions completed in taxable year 2009, or over a three-taxable-
6795 year period beginning with taxable year 2010 for transactions completed in taxable year 2010 on or before
6796 April 21, 2010. For purposes of such election, all other provisions of § 108(i) of the Internal Revenue Code
6797 shall apply mutatis mutandis. No other deferral shall be allowed for income from the discharge of
6798 indebtedness in connection with the reacquisition of an "applicable debt instrument";

6799 5. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2019, the suspension of the overall limitation on
6800 itemized deductions under § 68(f) of the Internal Revenue Code;

6801 6. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2017, but before January 1, 2018, and for taxable
6802 years beginning on and after January 1, 2019, the 7.5 percent of federal adjusted gross income threshold set
6803 forth in § 213(a) of the Internal Revenue Code that is used for purposes of computing the deduction allowed
6804 for expenses for medical care pursuant to § 213 of the Internal Revenue Code. For such taxable years, the
6805 threshold utilized for Virginia income tax purposes to compute the deduction allowed for expenses for
6806 medical care pursuant to § 213 of the Internal Revenue Code shall be 10 percent of federal adjusted gross
6807 income;

6808 7. The provisions of §§ 2303(a) and 2303(b) of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic
6809 Security Act, P.L. 116-136 (2020), related to the net operating loss limitation and carryback;

6810 8. The provisions of § 2304(a) of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, P.L.
6811 116-136 (2020), related to a loss limitation applicable to taxpayers other than corporations;

6812 9. The provisions of § 2306 of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, P.L.
6813 116-136 (2020), related to the limitation on business interest;

6814 10. For taxable years beginning before January 1, 2021, the provisions of §§ 276(a), 276(b)(2), 276(b)(3),
 6815 278(a)(2), 278(a)(3), 278(b)(2), 278(b)(3), 278(c)(2), 278(c)(3), 278(d)(2), and 278(d)(3) of the federal
 6816 Consolidated Appropriations Act, P.L. 116-260 (2020), and §§ 9672(2), 9672(3), 9673(2), and 9673(3) of the
 6817 federal American Rescue Plan Act, P.L. 117-2 (2021) related to deductions, tax attributes, and basis increases
 6818 for certain loan forgiveness and other business financial assistance; ~~and~~

6819 11. a. (1) Any amendment enacted on or after January 1, 2023, with a projected impact that would
 6820 increase or decrease general fund revenues by greater than \$15 million in the fiscal year in which the
 6821 amendment was enacted or any of the succeeding four fiscal years. The provisions of this subdivision shall
 6822 not apply to any amendment to federal income tax law that is either subsequently adopted by the General
 6823 Assembly or a federal tax extender as defined in subdivision b.

6824 (2) All amendments enacted on or after January 1, 2023, and occurring between adjournment sine die of
 6825 the previous regular session of the General Assembly and the first day of the subsequent regular session of
 6826 the General Assembly if the cumulative projected impact of such amendments would increase or decrease
 6827 general fund revenues by greater than \$75 million in the fiscal year in which the amendments were enacted or
 6828 any of the succeeding four fiscal years. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to any amendment
 6829 to federal income tax law that is (i) subsequently adopted by the General Assembly, (ii) a federal tax extender
 6830 as defined in subdivision b, or (iii) enacted before the date on which the cumulative projected impact is met.
 6831 However, any amendment conformed to pursuant to clause (iii) shall be included in the calculation of the \$75
 6832 million threshold for purposes of determining whether such threshold has been met.

6833 (3) Beginning January 1, 2024, the threshold provided by subdivision (1) shall be adjusted annually based
 6834 on the preceding change in the Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U), as
 6835 published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the U.S. Department of Labor or any successor index for the
 6836 previous year.

6837 b. For purposes of this subdivision 11, "amendment" means a single amendment to federal income tax law
 6838 or a group of such amendments enacted in the same act of Congress that collectively surpass the threshold
 6839 impact, and "federal tax extender" means an amendment to federal tax law that extends the expiration date of
 6840 a federal tax provision to which Virginia conforms or has previously conformed.

6841 c. The Secretary of Finance, in consultation with the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Finance and
 6842 Appropriations and the House Committees on Appropriations and Finance, shall be responsible for
 6843 determining whether the criteria of subdivision a are met.

6844 d. The Secretary of Finance shall annually provide a report on or before November 15 of each year on the
 6845 fiscal impact of amendments to federal income tax law occurring since the adjournment sine die of the
 6846 preceding regular session of the General Assembly to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Finance and
 6847 Appropriations and the House Committees on Appropriations and Finance. The Secretary of Finance shall
 6848 also provide updates to the same Chairmen on any further amendments to federal income tax law occurring
 6849 between submission of the required report and the first day of the subsequent regular session of the General
 6850 Assembly; *and*

6851 12. *For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2026, the prohibition on utilizing tax deductions*
 6852 *for ordinary and necessary expenditures made in connection with carrying on a trade or business licensed in*
 6853 *Virginia pursuant to the Cannabis Control Act (§ 4.1-600 et seq.) under § 280E of the Internal Revenue*
 6854 *Code.*

6855 C. The Department of Taxation is hereby authorized to develop procedures or guidelines for
 6856 implementation of the provisions of this section, which procedures or guidelines shall be exempt from the
 6857 provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.).

6858 **§ 59.1-200. Prohibited practices.**

6859 A. The following fraudulent acts or practices committed by a supplier in connection with a consumer
 6860 transaction are hereby declared unlawful:

- 6861 1. Misrepresenting goods or services as those of another;
- 6862 2. Misrepresenting the source, sponsorship, approval, or certification of goods or services;
- 6863 3. Misrepresenting the affiliation, connection, or association of the supplier, or of the goods or services,
 6864 with another;
- 6865 4. Misrepresenting geographic origin in connection with goods or services;
- 6866 5. Misrepresenting that goods or services have certain quantities, characteristics, ingredients, uses, or
 6867 benefits;
- 6868 6. Misrepresenting that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, grade, style, or model;
- 6869 7. Advertising or offering for sale goods that are used, secondhand, repossessed, defective, blemished,
 6870 deteriorated, or reconditioned, or that are "seconds," irregulars, imperfects, or "not first class," without clearly
 6871 and unequivocally indicating in the advertisement or offer for sale that the goods are used, secondhand,
 6872 repossessed, defective, blemished, deteriorated, reconditioned, or are "seconds," irregulars, imperfects, or
 6873 "not first class";
- 6874 8. Advertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised, or with intent not to sell at the
 6875 price or upon the terms advertised.

6876 In any action brought under this subdivision, the refusal by any person, or any employee, agent, or servant
6877 thereof, to sell any goods or services advertised or offered for sale at the price or upon the terms advertised or
6878 offered, shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this subdivision. This paragraph shall not apply when
6879 it is clearly and conspicuously stated in the advertisement or offer by which such goods or services are
6880 advertised or offered for sale, that the supplier or offeror has a limited quantity or amount of such goods or
6881 services for sale, and the supplier or offeror at the time of such advertisement or offer did in fact have or
6882 reasonably expected to have at least such quantity or amount for sale;

6883 9. Making false or misleading statements of fact concerning the reasons for, existence of, or amounts of
6884 price reductions;

6885 10. Misrepresenting that repairs, alterations, modifications, or services have been performed or parts
6886 installed;

6887 11. Misrepresenting by the use of any written or documentary material that appears to be an invoice or bill
6888 for merchandise or services previously ordered;

6889 12. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, using in any manner the words "wholesale,"
6890 "wholesaler," "factory," or "manufacturer" in the supplier's name, or to describe the nature of the supplier's
6891 business, unless the supplier is actually engaged primarily in selling at wholesale or in manufacturing the
6892 goods or services advertised or offered for sale;

6893 13. Using in any contract or lease any liquidated damage clause, penalty clause, or waiver of defense, or
6894 attempting to collect any liquidated damages or penalties under any clause, waiver, damages, or penalties that
6895 are void or unenforceable under any otherwise applicable laws of the Commonwealth, or under federal
6896 statutes or regulations;

6897 13a. Failing to provide to a consumer, or failing to use or include in any written document or material
6898 provided to or executed by a consumer, in connection with a consumer transaction any statement, disclosure,
6899 notice, or other information however characterized when the supplier is required by 16 C.F.R. Part 433 to so
6900 provide, use, or include the statement, disclosure, notice, or other information in connection with the
6901 consumer transaction;

6902 14. Using any other deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise, or misrepresentation in connection
6903 with a consumer transaction;

6904 15. Violating any provision of § 3.2-6509, 3.2-6512, 3.2-6513, 3.2-6513.1, 3.2-6514, 3.2-6515, 3.2-6516,
6905 or 3.2-6519 is a violation of this chapter;

6906 16. Failing to disclose all conditions, charges, or fees relating to:

6907 a. The return of goods for refund, exchange, or credit. Such disclosure shall be by means of a sign
6908 attached to the goods, or placed in a conspicuous public area of the premises of the supplier, so as to be
6909 readily noticeable and readable by the person obtaining the goods from the supplier. If the supplier does not
6910 permit a refund, exchange, or credit for return, he shall so state on a similar sign. The provisions of this
6911 subdivision shall not apply to any retail merchant who has a policy of providing, for a period of not less than
6912 20 days after date of purchase, a cash refund or credit to the purchaser's credit card account for the return of
6913 defective, unused, or undamaged merchandise upon presentation of proof of purchase. In the case of
6914 merchandise paid for by check, the purchase shall be treated as a cash purchase and any refund may be
6915 delayed for a period of 10 banking days to allow for the check to clear. This subdivision does not apply to
6916 sale merchandise that is obviously distressed, out of date, post season, or otherwise reduced for clearance; nor
6917 does this subdivision apply to special order purchases where the purchaser has requested the supplier to order
6918 merchandise of a specific or unusual size, color, or brand not ordinarily carried in the store or the store's
6919 catalog; nor shall this subdivision apply in connection with a transaction for the sale or lease of motor
6920 vehicles, farm tractors, or motorcycles as defined in § 46.2-100;

6921 b. A layaway agreement. Such disclosure shall be furnished to the consumer (i) in writing at the time of
6922 the layaway agreement, or (ii) by means of a sign placed in a conspicuous public area of the premises of the
6923 supplier, so as to be readily noticeable and readable by the consumer, or (iii) on the bill of sale. Disclosure
6924 shall include the conditions, charges, or fees in the event that a consumer breaches the agreement;

6925 16a. Failing to provide written notice to a consumer of an existing open-end credit balance in excess of \$5
6926 (i) on an account maintained by the supplier and (ii) resulting from such consumer's overpayment on such
6927 account. Suppliers shall give consumers written notice of such credit balances within 60 days of receiving
6928 overpayments. If the credit balance information is incorporated into statements of account furnished
6929 consumers by suppliers within such 60-day period, no separate or additional notice is required;

6930 17. If a supplier enters into a written agreement with a consumer to resolve a dispute that arises in
6931 connection with a consumer transaction, failing to adhere to the terms and conditions of such an agreement;

6932 18. Violating any provision of the Virginia Health Club Act, Chapter 24 (§ 59.1-294 et seq.);

6933 19. Violating any provision of the Virginia Home Solicitation Sales Act, Chapter 2.1 (§ 59.1-21.1 et seq.);

6934 20. Violating any provision of the Automobile Repair Facilities Act, Chapter 17.1 (§ 59.1-207.1 et seq.);

6935 21. Violating any provision of the Virginia Lease-Purchase Agreement Act, Chapter 17.4 (§ 59.1-207.17
6936 et seq.);

6937 22. Violating any provision of the Prizes and Gifts Act, Chapter 31 (§ 59.1-415 et seq.);

- 6938 23. Violating any provision of the Virginia Public Telephone Information Act, Chapter 32 (§ 59.1-424 et
6939 seq.);
- 6940 24. Violating any provision of § 54.1-1505;
- 6941 25. Violating any provision of the Motor Vehicle Manufacturers' Warranty Adjustment Act, Chapter 17.6
6942 (§ 59.1-207.34 et seq.);
- 6943 26. Violating any provision of § 3.2-5627, relating to the pricing of merchandise;
- 6944 27. Violating any provision of the Pay-Per-Call Services Act, Chapter 33 (§ 59.1-429 et seq.);
- 6945 28. Violating any provision of the Extended Service Contract Act, Chapter 34 (§ 59.1-435 et seq.);
- 6946 29. Violating any provision of the Virginia Membership Camping Act, Chapter 25 (§ 59.1-311 et seq.);
- 6947 30. Violating any provision of the Comparison Price Advertising Act, Chapter 17.7 (§ 59.1-207.40 et
6948 seq.);
- 6949 31. Violating any provision of the Virginia Travel Club Act, Chapter 36 (§ 59.1-445 et seq.);
- 6950 32. Violating any provision of §§ 46.2-1231 and 46.2-1233.1;
- 6951 33. Violating any provision of Chapter 40 (§ 54.1-4000 et seq.) of Title 54.1;
- 6952 34. Violating any provision of Chapter 10.1 (§ 58.1-1031 et seq.) of Title 58.1;
- 6953 35. Using the consumer's social security number as the consumer's account number with the supplier, if
6954 the consumer has requested in writing that the supplier use an alternate number not associated with the
6955 consumer's social security number;
- 6956 36. Violating any provision of Chapter 18 (§ 6.2-1800 et seq.) of Title 6.2;
- 6957 37. Violating any provision of § 8.01-40.2;
- 6958 38. Violating any provision of Article 7 (§ 32.1-212 et seq.) of Chapter 6 of Title 32.1;
- 6959 39. Violating any provision of Chapter 34.1 (§ 59.1-441.1 et seq.);
- 6960 40. Violating any provision of Chapter 20 (§ 6.2-2000 et seq.) of Title 6.2;
- 6961 41. Violating any provision of the Virginia Post-Disaster Anti-Price Gouging Act, Chapter 46 (§ 59.1-525
6962 et seq.). For the purposes of this subdivision, "consumer transaction" has the same meaning as provided in
6963 § 59.1-526;
- 6964 42. Violating any provision of Chapter 47 (§ 59.1-530 et seq.);
- 6965 43. Violating any provision of § 59.1-443.2;
- 6966 44. Violating any provision of Chapter 48 (§ 59.1-533 et seq.);
- 6967 45. Violating any provision of Chapter 25 (§ 6.2-2500 et seq.) of Title 6.2;
- 6968 46. Violating the provisions of clause (i) of subsection B of § 54.1-1115;
- 6969 47. Violating any provision of § 18.2-239;
- 6970 48. Violating any provision of Chapter 26 (§ 59.1-336 et seq.);
- 6971 49. Selling, offering for sale, or manufacturing for sale a children's product the supplier knows or has
6972 reason to know was recalled by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. There is a rebuttable
6973 presumption that a supplier has reason to know a children's product was recalled if notice of the recall has
6974 been posted continuously at least 30 days before the sale, offer for sale, or manufacturing for sale on the
6975 website of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. This prohibition does not apply to children's
6976 products that are used, secondhand or "seconds";
- 6977 50. Violating any provision of Chapter 44.1 (§ 59.1-518.1 et seq.);
- 6978 51. Violating any provision of Chapter 22 (§ 6.2-2200 et seq.) of Title 6.2;
- 6979 52. Violating any provision of § 8.2-317.1;
- 6980 53. Violating subsection A of § 9.1-149.1;
- 6981 54. Selling, offering for sale, or using in the construction, remodeling, or repair of any residential dwelling
6982 in the Commonwealth, any drywall that the supplier knows or has reason to know is defective drywall. This
6983 subdivision shall not apply to the sale or offering for sale of any building or structure in which defective
6984 drywall has been permanently installed or affixed;
- 6985 55. Engaging in fraudulent or improper or dishonest conduct as defined in § 54.1-1118 while engaged in a
6986 transaction that was initiated (i) during a declared state of emergency as defined in § 44-146.16 or (ii) to
6987 repair damage resulting from the event that prompted the declaration of a state of emergency, regardless of
6988 whether the supplier is licensed as a contractor in the Commonwealth pursuant to Chapter 11 (§ 54.1-1100 et
6989 seq.) of Title 54.1;
- 6990 56. Violating any provision of Chapter 33.1 (§ 59.1-434.1 et seq.);
- 6991 57. Violating any provision of § 18.2-178, 18.2-178.1, or 18.2-200.1;
- 6992 58. Violating any provision of Chapter 17.8 (§ 59.1-207.45 et seq.). For the purposes of this subdivision,
6993 "consumer transaction" also includes transactions involving an automatic renewal or continuous service offer
6994 by a supplier to a small business, as those terms are defined in § 59.1-207.45;
- 6995 59. Violating any provision of subsection E of § 32.1-126;
- 6996 60. Violating any provision of § 54.1-111 relating to the unlicensed practice of a profession licensed under
6997 Chapter 11 (§ 54.1-1100 et seq.) or Chapter 21 (§ 54.1-2100 et seq.) of Title 54.1;
- 6998 61. Violating any provision of § 2.2-2001.5;
- 6999 62. Violating any provision of Chapter 5.2 (§ 54.1-526 et seq.) of Title 54.1;

- 7000 63. Violating any provision of § 6.2-312;
- 7001 64. Violating any provision of Chapter 20.1 (§ 6.2-2026 et seq.) of Title 6.2;
- 7002 65. Violating any provision of Chapter 26 (§ 6.2-2600 et seq.) of Title 6.2;
- 7003 66. Violating any provision of Chapter 54 (§ 59.1-586 et seq.);
- 7004 67. Knowingly violating any provision of § 8.01-27.5;
- 7005 68. Failing to, in accordance with § 59.1-207.46, (i) make available a conspicuous online option to cancel
- 7006 a recurring purchase of a good or service or (ii) with respect to a free trial lasting more than 30 days, notify a
- 7007 consumer of his option to cancel such free trial within 30 days of the end of the trial period to avoid an
- 7008 obligation to pay for the goods or services;
- 7009 69. Selling or offering for sale any substance intended for human consumption, orally or by inhalation,
- 7010 that contains a synthetic derivative of tetrahydrocannabinol. As used in this subdivision, "synthetic
- 7011 derivative" means a chemical compound produced by man through a chemical transformation to turn a
- 7012 compound into a different compound by adding or subtracting molecules to or from the original compound.
- 7013 This subdivision shall not (i) apply to products that are approved for marketing by the U.S. Food and Drug
- 7014 Administration and scheduled in the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) or (ii) be construed to prohibit
- 7015 any conduct permitted under ~~Chapter 16 (§ 4.1-1600 et seq.) of Title 4.1~~ *the Cannabis Control Act (§ 4.1-600*
- 7016 *et seq.)*;
- 7017 70. Selling or offering for sale to a person younger than 21 years of age any substance intended for human
- 7018 consumption, orally or by inhalation, that contains tetrahydrocannabinol. This subdivision shall not (i) apply
- 7019 to products that are approved for marketing by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and scheduled in the
- 7020 Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) or (ii) be construed to prohibit any conduct permitted under ~~Chapter~~
- 7021 ~~16 (§ 4.1-1600 et seq.) of Title 4.1~~ *the Cannabis Control Act (§ 4.1-600 et seq.)*;
- 7022 71. Selling or offering for sale any substance intended for human consumption, orally or by inhalation,
- 7023 that contains tetrahydrocannabinol, unless such substance is (i) contained in child-resistant packaging, as
- 7024 defined in § 4.1-600; (ii) equipped with a label that states, in English and in a font no less than 1/16 of an
- 7025 inch, (a) that the substance contains tetrahydrocannabinol and may not be sold to persons younger than 21
- 7026 years of age, (b) all ingredients contained in the substance, (c) the amount of such substance that constitutes a
- 7027 single serving, and (d) the total percentage and milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol included in the substance
- 7028 and the number of milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol that are contained in each serving; and (iii)
- 7029 accompanied by a certificate of analysis, produced by ~~an independent laboratory that is accredited pursuant to~~
- 7030 ~~standard ISO/IEC 17025 of the International Organization of Standardization by a third-party accrediting~~
- 7031 ~~body a licensed marijuana testing facility~~, that states the tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of the substance
- 7032 or the tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of the batch from which the substance originates. This subdivision
- 7033 shall not (i) apply to products that are approved for marketing by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and
- 7034 scheduled in the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) or (ii) be construed to prohibit any conduct permitted
- 7035 under ~~Chapter 16 (§ 4.1-1600 et seq.) of Title 4.1~~ *the Cannabis Control Act (§ 4.1-600 et seq.)*;
- 7036 72. Manufacturing, offering for sale at retail, or selling at retail an industrial hemp extract, as defined in
- 7037 § 3.2-5145.1, a food containing an industrial hemp extract, or a substance containing tetrahydrocannabinol
- 7038 that depicts or is in the shape of a human, animal, vehicle, or fruit;
- 7039 73. Selling or offering for sale any substance intended for human consumption, orally or by inhalation,
- 7040 that contains tetrahydrocannabinol and, without authorization, bears, is packaged in a container or wrapper
- 7041 that bears, or is otherwise labeled to bear the trademark, trade name, famous mark as defined in 15 U.S.C. §
- 7042 1125, or other identifying mark, imprint, or device, or any likeness thereof, of a manufacturer, processor,
- 7043 packer, or distributor of a product intended for human consumption other than the manufacturer, processor,
- 7044 packer, or distributor that did in fact so manufacture, process, pack, or distribute such substance;
- 7045 74. Selling or offering for sale a topical hemp product, as defined in § 3.2-4112, that does not include a
- 7046 label stating that the product is not intended for human consumption. This subdivision shall not (i) apply to
- 7047 products that are approved for marketing by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and scheduled in the
- 7048 Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.), (ii) be construed to prohibit any conduct permitted under Chapter 16
- 7049 (§ 4.1-1600 et seq.) of Title 4.1, or (iii) apply to topical hemp products that were manufactured prior to July
- 7050 1, 2023, provided that the person provides documentation of the date of manufacture if requested;
- 7051 75. Violating any provision of § 59.1-466.8;
- 7052 76. Violating subsection F of § 36-96.3:1;
- 7053 77. Selling or offering for sale (i) any kratom product to a person younger than 21 years of age or (ii) any
- 7054 kratom product that does not include a label listing all ingredients and with the following guidance: "This
- 7055 product may be harmful to your health, has not been evaluated by the FDA, and is not intended to diagnose,
- 7056 treat, cure, or prevent any disease." As used in this subdivision, "kratom" means any part of the leaf of the
- 7057 plant *Mitragyna speciosa* or any extract thereof;
- 7058 78. Advertising of any ignition interlock system in Virginia by an ignition interlock vendor not approved
- 7059 by the Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program to operate in Virginia; targeted
- 7060 advertising of any ignition interlock system to a person before determination of guilt; and any advertising,
- 7061 whether before or after determination of guilt, without a conspicuous statement that such advertisement is not

7062 affiliated with any government agency. For purposes of this subdivision, "ignition interlock system" has the
 7063 same meaning as ascribed to that term in § 18.2-270.1 and "targeted advertising" has the same meaning
 7064 ascribed to that term in § 59.1-575 and includes direct mailings to an individual. This provision shall not
 7065 apply to ignition interlock service vendor ads, pamphlets, or kiosk advertisements approved by the
 7066 Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program and provided at a Commission-approved
 7067 location;

7068 79. Failing to disclose the total cost of a good or continuous service, as defined in § 59.1-207.45, to a
 7069 consumer, including any mandatory fees or charges, prior to entering into an agreement for the sale of any
 7070 such good or provision of any such continuous service;

7071 80. Violating any provision of the Unfair Real Estate Service Agreement Act (§ 55.1-3200 et seq.);

7072 81. Selling or offering for sale services as a professional mold remediator to be performed upon any
 7073 residential dwelling without holding a mold remediation certification from a nationally or internationally
 7074 recognized certifying body for mold remediation, and failing to comply with (i) the U.S. Environmental
 7075 Protection Agency's publication on Mold Remediation in Schools and Commercial Buildings, as revised; (ii)
 7076 the ANSI/IICRC S520 Standard for Professional Mold Remediation, as revised; or (iii) any other equivalent
 7077 ANSI-accredited mold remediation standard, when conducting or offering to conduct mold remediation in the
 7078 Commonwealth;

7079 82. Willfully violating any provision of § 59.1-444.4;

7080 83. Violating any provision of Chapter 23.2 (§ 59.1-293.10 et seq.);

7081 84. Selling any food that is required by the FDA to have a nutrition label that does not meet the
 7082 requirements of 21 C.F.R. Part 101;

7083 85. Obtaining, disclosing, selling, or disseminating any personally identifiable reproductive or sexual
 7084 health information without the consent of the consumer;

7085 86. Violating any provision of Chapter 58 (§ 59.1-607 et seq.); and

7086 87. (Effective July 1, 2026) Violating any provision of the Medical Debt Protection Act (§ 59.1-611 et
 7087 seq.).

7088 B. Nothing in this section shall be construed to invalidate or make unenforceable any contract or lease
 7089 solely by reason of the failure of such contract or lease to comply with any other law of the Commonwealth
 7090 or any federal statute or regulation, to the extent such other law, statute, or regulation provides that a violation
 7091 of such law, statute, or regulation shall not invalidate or make unenforceable such contract or lease.

7092 **2. That §§ 4.1-1101.1, 4.1-1105.1, 18.2-248.1, and 18.2-251.1 of the Code of Virginia are repealed.**

7093 **3. That the following provisions shall become effective on January 1, 2027: (i) §§ 2.2-2499.8, 3.2-4113,**
 7094 **4.1-1121, 4.1-1601, 4.1-1604, 16.1-260, 16.1-273, 16.1-278.9, 18.2-46.1, 18.2-247, 18.2-248, 18.2-248.01,**
 7095 **18.2-251, 18.2-251.03, 18.2-251.1:1, 18.2-251.1:2, 18.2-251.1:3, 18.2-252, 18.2-254, 18.2-255, 18.2-255.1,**
 7096 **18.2-255.2, 18.2-258, 18.2-258.02, 18.2-258.1, 18.2-265.1, 18.2-265.2, 18.2-265.3, 18.2-287.2, 18.2-308.4,**
 7097 **18.2-460, 18.2-474.1, 19.2-66, 19.2-81.1, 19.2-83.1, 19.2-188.1, 19.2-303.01, 19.2-386.22, 19.2-389.3,**
 7098 **19.2-392.02, 19.2-392.6, 19.2-392.12:1, 22.1-277.08, 46.2-105.2, 46.2-347, 53.1-231.2, 54.1-2903,**
 7099 **54.1-3443, and 59.1-200 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by this act; (ii) §§ 4.1-1102 through**
 7100 **4.1-1105, 4.1-1106, 4.1-1113, 4.1-1114, 4.1-1115, 4.1-1117, 4.1-1118, 4.1-1119, 4.1-1300, 4.1-1301, and**
 7101 **4.1-1303 through 4.1-1309 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act; and (iii) §§ 4.1-1101.1,**
 7102 **4.1-1105.1, 18.2-248.1, and 18.2-251.1 of the Code of Virginia, as repealed by this act.**

7103 **4. That by November 1, 2026, the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority (the Authority) shall issue up to**
 7104 **100 microbusiness licenses pursuant to § 4.1-803 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act, to**
 7105 **applicants that (i) (a) are industrial hemp processors or growers that (1) are registered with the**
 7106 **Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services pursuant to Chapter 41.1 (§ 3.2-4112 et seq.) of**
 7107 **Title 3.2 of the Code of Virginia, completed such registration prior to January 1, 2021, and are in good**
 7108 **standing as of July 1, 2026 or (2) were previously registered with the Commissioner of Agriculture and**
 7109 **Consumer Services pursuant to Chapter 41.1 (§ 3.2-4112 et seq.) of Title 3.2 of the Code of Virginia,**
 7110 **completed such registration prior to January 1, 2021, were in good standing prior to forfeiting such**
 7111 **registration or allowing such registration to expire, and have established the reason for the previous**
 7112 **forfeiture or lapse of such registration and disclosed any violations, enforcement actions, or compliance**
 7113 **issues related to the previous registration; (b) qualify as an impact license applicant pursuant to**
 7114 **subdivision B 13 of § 4.1-606 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by this act; or (c) qualify as a farmer**
 7115 **under the U.S. Department of Agriculture qualifications and (ii) meet any applicable licensing**
 7116 **requirements and financial, security, and operational readiness criteria as established by the**
 7117 **Authority. The Authority shall begin accepting applications for such microbusiness licenses no later**
 7118 **than July 1, 2026.**

7119 **5. That a pharmaceutical processor issued a permit by the Board of Directors (the Board) of the**
 7120 **Virginia Cannabis Control Authority (the Authority) pursuant to Chapter 16 (§ 4.1-1600 et seq.) of the**
 7121 **Code of Virginia shall apply to the Board for dual-use privileges pursuant to § 4.1-1602.1 of the Code**
 7122 **of Virginia, as created by this act, in a manner prescribed by the Board between July 1, 2026, and**
 7123 **December 1, 2026. No later than July 1, 2026, the Authority shall create a streamlined application**

7124 process for pharmaceutical processors to apply for such dual-use privileges which shall include a
7125 requirement that a pharmaceutical processor submit to and obtain approval from the Authority for a
7126 detailed medical cannabis program preservation plan describing how such processor will prioritize
7127 sales and access to medical cannabis products for qualifying patients, including a plan for managing
7128 customer traffic flow, preventing supply shortages, and ensuring appropriate staffing. Provided the
7129 applicable licensing requirements are met and (i) upon the payment of a one-time \$15 million fee to the
7130 Authority by the pharmaceutical processor by December 1, 2026 or (ii) the pharmaceutical processor's
7131 entry, by December 1, 2026, into an installment payment plan approved by the Board for payment of
7132 such fee, the Board shall verify that such pharmaceutical processor and its cannabis dispensing
7133 facilities may exercise dual-use privileges. The Board shall allow a pharmaceutical processor to pay
7134 such fee in installments over a period not to exceed three years pursuant to terms and conditions
7135 established by the Board. On and after December 1, 2026, a pharmaceutical processor issued a permit
7136 pursuant to Chapter 16 (§ 4.1-1600 et seq.) of the Code of Virginia who has not applied for verification
7137 to exercise dual-use privileges and paid the conversion fee in full or entered into an approved
7138 installment payment plan shall not exercise such dual-use privileges or renew its permit.

7139 6. That by December 1, 2026, the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority (the Authority) shall issue up to
7140 20 licenses, consisting of no more than 10 marijuana cultivation facility licenses and no more than 10
7141 marijuana processing facility licenses, to applicants that are industrial hemp processors or growers
7142 that (i)(a) are registered with the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services pursuant to
7143 Chapter 41.1 (§ 3.2-4112 et seq.) of Title 3.2 of the Code of Virginia and completed such registration
7144 prior to January 1, 2021, or (b) (1) were previously registered with the Commissioner of Agriculture
7145 and Consumer Services pursuant to Chapter 41.1 (§ 3.2-4112 et seq.) of Title 3.2 of the Code of
7146 Virginia; (2) completed such registration prior to January 1, 2021; (3) were in good standing prior to
7147 forfeiting such registration or allowing such registration to expire; and (4) have established the reason
7148 for the previous forfeiture or lapse of such registration and disclosed any violations, enforcement
7149 actions, or compliance issues related to the previous registration; (ii) meet any applicable licensing
7150 requirements; and (iii) pay a one-time \$500,000 fee to the Authority. The Board shall allow such
7151 applicants to pay such \$500,000 fee in installments over a period not to exceed three years pursuant to
7152 terms and conditions established by the Board. No later than July 1, 2026, the Authority shall create a
7153 streamlined application process for such industrial hemp processors or growers to apply for such
7154 licenses.

7155 7. That the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority (the Authority) may, on and after, July 1, 2026, begin
7156 accepting license applications from all applicants and issuing licenses pursuant to the provisions of
7157 § 4.1-1000 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act.

7158 8. That in addition to the 100 microbusiness licenses required to be issued by November 1, 2026,
7159 pursuant to the fourth enactment of this act, by December 1, 2026, the Virginia Cannabis Control
7160 Authority (the Authority) shall have (i) verified the pharmaceutical processors' dual-use privileges as
7161 required by the fifth enactment of this act; (ii) issued no more than 10 marijuana cultivation facility
7162 licenses and no more than 10 marijuana processing facility licenses to industrial hemp growers or
7163 processors as required by the sixth enactment of this act; and (iii) issued at least 55 additional licenses
7164 in total distributed among impact licensees, tier I marijuana cultivation facilities, and tier II marijuana
7165 cultivation facilities.

7166 9. Notwithstanding the third enactment of this act, any applicant issued a license by the Authority or
7167 pharmaceutical processor who the Board has verified may exercise dual-use privileges may operate in
7168 accordance with the provisions of this act prior to January 1, 2027; however, prior to January 1, 2027,
7169 no licensee may engage in the retail sale of marijuana, marijuana products, immature marijuana
7170 plants, or marijuana seeds, unless such licensee is a pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing
7171 facility and is acting in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 16 (§ 4.1-1600 et seq.) of the Code of
7172 Virginia. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or after July 1, 2026, and prior to January 1,
7173 2027, no marijuana cultivation facility licensee, marijuana processing facility licensee, marijuana
7174 transporter licensee, marijuana delivery operator, retail marijuana store licensee, microbusiness
7175 licensee, marijuana testing facility licensee, or agent or employee thereof shall be subject to arrest or
7176 prosecution for a violation of Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 4.1 of the Code of Virginia or
7177 § 18.2-248, 18.2-248.01, 18.2-255, 18.2-255.1, 18.2-255.2, 18.2-258, 18.2-258.02, 18.2-265.3, or 18.2-308.4
7178 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by this act, or § 18.2-248.1 of the Code of Virginia, as repealed by
7179 this act, involving marijuana if such violation is related to acts committed within the scope of the
7180 permit, licensure, or employment and in accordance with the provisions of the Cannabis Control Act
7181 (§ 4.1-600 et seq. of the Code of Virginia) and this enactment. By no later than January 1, 2027, the
7182 Board shall have promulgated regulations governing outdoor growth pursuant to § 4.1-606 of the Code
7183 of Virginia, as amended by this act.

7184 10. That the Board of Directors of the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority shall establish a seed-to-
7185 sale tracking system pursuant to § 4.1-611 of the Code of Virginia by September 1, 2026.

7186 11. That the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority (the Authority) shall (i) analyze whether any limits
7187 should be placed on the number of licenses issued to operate a marijuana establishment, (ii) analyze
7188 and identify any necessary adjustments regarding canopy limits for marijuana cultivation facility
7189 licensees, and (iii) report its finding to the General Assembly by November 1, 2026. The Authority shall
7190 continue such analysis and submit updated findings to the General Assembly for two years after such
7191 initial report and shall submit such updated findings by November 1 during the two subsequent years.

7192 12. That the Board of Directors (the Board) of the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority shall
7193 promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this act by September 1, 2026. With the
7194 exception of § 2.2-4031 of the Code of Virginia, neither the provisions of the Administrative Process
7195 Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq. of the Code of Virginia) nor public participation guidelines adopted pursuant
7196 thereto shall apply to the Board's initial adoption of such regulations.

7197 13. That, from July 1, 2026, to July 1, 2027, the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority (the Authority)
7198 shall deposit 75 percent of all funds collected through marijuana establishment annual license fees into
7199 the Cannabis Equity Business Loan Fund established pursuant to § 4.1-1501 of the Code of Virginia, as
7200 amended by this act. Such deposits shall occur within 60 days of the Authority's receipt of such license
7201 fees.

7202 14. That the Joint Commission to Oversee the Transition of the Commonwealth into a Cannabis Retail
7203 Market (the Joint Commission) shall consider and make recommendations on (i) the establishment and
7204 implementation of (a) on-site consumption licenses allowing adults to use cannabis on the premises of a
7205 licensed marijuana establishment and (b) microbusiness cannabis event permits allowing
7206 microbusiness licensees to hold temporary age-restricted sales events at approved venues such as
7207 farmers markets or pop-up locations where such licensees may sell marijuana or marijuana products
7208 directly to consumers outside of their licensed premises and (ii) the benefits, limitations, and feasibility
7209 of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority's involvement in the enforcement of laws and
7210 regulations related to the cannabis retail market in the Commonwealth. The Joint Commission shall
7211 report its findings and recommendations to the Chairs of the House Committee on General Laws and
7212 the Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services by November 1, 2026.

7213 15. That no later than January 1, 2028, the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority shall become a
7214 division of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority to form the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage
7215 Cannabis Control Authority (ABCCA). It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Virginia
7216 Cannabis Control Authority Board of Directors maintain its role as a policy board, as defined in
7217 § 2.2-2100, within the ABCCA in order to: (i) help ensure that retail cannabis policy and
7218 administration maintains equal focus as alcoholic beverage policy and administration within the
7219 ABCCA; and (ii) maintain the expertise of the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority Board of
7220 Directors. No later than November 15, 2026, the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority and
7221 the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority shall submit a joint implementation plan to combine the two
7222 authorities to the Joint Commission to Oversee the Transition of the Commonwealth into a Cannabis
7223 Retail Market and the Chairs of the House Committee on Appropriations and Senate Committee on
7224 Finance and Appropriations, with their proposed timeline, costs, operational actions, organizational
7225 structure, and a delineation of roles between the two Boards. In developing the implementation plan,
7226 the authorities shall consult with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in
7227 order to recommend an integrated framework for the regulation of products containing cannabinoids
7228 in the Commonwealth. Prior to the transition to the ABCCA, the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority
7229 shall administer the licensing and regulation of the retail cannabis market and the Virginia Alcoholic
7230 Beverage Control Authority shall be the primary authority responsible for enforcing laws related to
7231 the illegal sale and distribution of marijuana and marijuana products. The goal of such enforcement
7232 shall not be to harm legitimate businesses, but instead to remove dangerous, illicit marijuana products
7233 from the Commonwealth and encourage participation in the retail cannabis market. The Virginia
7234 Cannabis Control Authority shall coordinate with the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority
7235 on any enforcement actions taken pursuant to the Cannabis Control Act (§ 4.1-600 et seq.) of the Code
7236 of Virginia.

7237 16. That the Virginia Department of Education (the Department), with assistance from the Virginia
7238 Cannabis Control Authority (the Authority) and other appropriate agencies, local school divisions, and
7239 appropriate experts, shall implement a plan to ensure that teachers have access to sufficient
7240 information, resources, and lesson ideas to assist them in teaching about the harms of marijuana use
7241 among the youth and about substance abuse, as provided in the 2025 Health Standards of Learning.
7242 The Department shall (i) review resources currently provided to teachers to determine if additional or
7243 updated material or lesson ideas are needed and (ii) provide or develop any additional materials and
7244 resources deemed necessary and make the same available to teachers by January 1, 2027.

7245 17. That the Secretary of Education, in conjunction with the Virginia Department of Education, shall
7246 develop a plan for introducing teachers, particularly those teaching health, to the information and
7247 resources available to them to assist them in teaching the 2025 Health Standards of Learning as it

7248 relates to marijuana use. Such plan shall include providing professional development webinars as soon
7249 as practicable, as well as ongoing periodic professional development relating to marijuana, as well as
7250 alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs as appropriate. The plan shall include the estimated cost of
7251 implementation and any potential source of funds to cover such cost and shall be submitted to the
7252 Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2026.

7253 18. That the Secretary of Education, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, the Virginia
7254 Higher Education Substance Use Advisory Committee, and the Department of Behavioral Health and
7255 Developmental Services shall work with existing collegiate recovery programs to determine what, if
7256 any, additional evidence-based efforts should be undertaken for college-age individuals to promote
7257 education and prevention strategies relating to marijuana. The plan shall include the estimated cost of
7258 implementation and any potential source of funds to cover such cost and shall be submitted to the
7259 Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2026.

7260 19. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment or
7261 commitment. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, the estimated amount of the necessary
7262 appropriation cannot be determined for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities;
7263 therefore, Chapter 725 of the Acts of Assembly of 2025 requires the Virginia Criminal Sentencing
7264 Commission to assign a minimum fiscal impact of \$50,000. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4 of the Code of
7265 Virginia, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation cannot be determined for periods of
7266 commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.