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SENATE BILL NO. 542
AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
 (Proposed by the House Committee on Appropriations
 on February 27, 2026)

(Patrons Prior to Substitute—Senators Aird, Rouse [SB 671], and Lucas [SB 826])

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, 4.1-352, 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, 4.1-352, 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-Yorktown 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
 744 proposals in pending disciplinary actions or modifications to previously issued board orders as requested by
 745 either of the parties.

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838 investigations excluded from mandatory disclosure under subdivision 1 of § 2.2-3705.3.

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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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 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.

1014 27. Those portions of disciplinary proceedings by any regulatory board within the Department of
 1015 Professional and Occupational Regulation, Department of Health Professions, or the Board of Accountancy
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 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 **§ 4.1-352. Certificate of forensic scientist as evidence; requiring forensic scientist to appear.**

1381 The certificate of any forensic scientist employed by the Commonwealth on behalf of the Board or the
 1382 Department of Forensic Science, when signed by him, shall be *admissible as evidence in all prosecutions for*
 1383 *violations of this subtitle and all controversies in any judicial proceedings touching the mixture analyzed by*
 1384 *him of the facts therein stated and of the results of such analysis (i) in any criminal proceeding, provided the*
 1385 *requirements of subsection A of § 19.2-187.1 have been satisfied and the accused has not objected to the*
 1386 *admission of the certificate pursuant to subsection B of § 19.2-187.1 or (ii) in any civil proceeding. On*
 1387 *motion of the accused or any party in interest, the court may require the forensic scientist making the analysis*
 1388 *to appear as a witness and be subject to cross-examination, provided such motion is made within a reasonable*
 1389 *time prior to the day on which the case is set for trial.*

1390 **§ 4.1-600. Definitions.**

1391 As used in this subtitle, unless the context requires a different meaning:

1392 "Advertisement" or "advertising" means any written or verbal statement, illustration, or depiction that is
 1393 calculated to induce sales of ~~retail~~ marijuana, ~~retail~~ marijuana products, marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds,
 1394 including any written, printed, graphic, digital, electronic, or other material, billboard, sign, or other outdoor
 1395 display, publication, or radio or television broadcast.

1396 "Authority" means the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority created pursuant to this subtitle.

1397 "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority.

1398 "Cannabis Control Act" means Subtitle II (§ 4.1-600 et seq.).

1399 "*Canopy*" means the space used by a licensee to produce flowering marijuana plants, including areas
 1400 between plants, pathways, walkways, and empty space between rows that allow for airflow, light, growth,
 1401 access for watering, trimming, and other activities associated with marijuana cultivation. "*Canopy*" does not
 1402 include space used for mother plants, clones, immature or nonflowering plants, processing, drying, curing,
 1403 trimming, storage, offices, hallways, work areas, or other administrative and nonproduction uses. If
 1404 flowering marijuana plants are cultivated using a shelving or other layered system, the surface area of each
 1405 level shall be included for purposes of calculating canopy.

1406 "Child-resistant" means, with respect to packaging or a container, (i) specially designed or constructed to
 1407 be significantly difficult for a typical child ~~under~~ younger than five years of age to open and not to be
 1408 significantly difficult for a typical adult to open and reseal and (ii) for any product intended for more than a
 1409 single use or that contains multiple servings, resealable.

1410 "Cultivation" or "cultivate" means the planting, propagation, growing, harvesting, drying, curing, grading,
 1411 trimming, *packaging*, or other similar ~~processing~~ *manufacturing* of marijuana for use or sale. "Cultivation" or
 1412 "cultivate" does not include ~~manufacturing~~ *processing* or testing.

1413 "*Edible hemp product*" means the same as that term is defined in § 3.2-4112.

1414 "Edible marijuana product" means a marijuana product intended to be consumed orally, including
 1415 marijuana intended to be consumed orally or marijuana concentrate intended to be consumed orally.

1416 "*Hemp product*" means the same as that term is defined in § 3.2-4112.

1417 "*Historically economically disadvantaged community*" means either (i) a jurisdiction identified by the
 1418 Board utilizing census tract data made available by the United States Census Bureau in which offenses for
 1419 marijuana possession were committed at a rate in excess of 150 percent of the statewide average for
 1420 marijuana possession offenses during the 10-year period of 2009 to 2019 or (ii) a historically underutilized

1421 *business zone as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 657a.*

1422 "Immature plant" means a nonflowering marijuana plant that is no taller than eight inches and no wider
1423 than eight inches, is produced from a cutting, clipping, or seedling, and is growing in a container.

1424 "*Impact licensee*" means a licensee that meets the criteria set forth in subdivision B 13 of § 4.1-606.

1425 "*Industrial hemp*" means the same as that term is defined in § 3.2-4112.

1426 "*Industrial hemp extract*" means the same as that term is defined in § 3.2-5145.1.

1427 "Licensed" means the holding of a valid license granted by the Authority.

1428 "Licensee" means any person to whom a license has been granted by the Authority.

1429 "*Manufacturing*" or "*manufacture*" means the production of marijuana products or the blending, infusing,
1430 compounding, or other preparation of marijuana and marijuana products, including marijuana extraction or
1431 preparation by means of chemical synthesis. "*Manufacturing*" or "*manufacture*" does not include cultivation
1432 or testing.

1433 "Marijuana" means any part of a plant of the genus *Cannabis*, whether growing or not, its seeds or resin;
1434 and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of such plant, its seeds, its resin,
1435 or any extract containing one or more cannabinoids. "Marijuana" does not include (i) the mature stalks of
1436 such plant, fiber produced from such stalk, or oil or cake made from the seed of such plant, unless such
1437 stalks, fiber, oil, or cake is combined with other parts of plants of the genus *Cannabis*; (ii) industrial hemp, as
1438 defined in § 3.2-4112, that is possessed by a person registered pursuant to subsection A of § 3.2-4115 or his
1439 agent; (iii) industrial hemp, as defined in § 3.2-4112, that is possessed by a person who holds a hemp
1440 producer license issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture pursuant to 7 C.F.R. Part 990; (iv) a hemp
1441 product, as defined in § 3.2-4112; (v) an industrial hemp extract, as defined in § 3.2-5145.1; or (vi) any
1442 substance containing a tetrahydrocannabinol isomer, ester, ether, salt, or salts of such isomer, ester, or ether
1443 that has been placed by the Board of Pharmacy into one of the schedules set forth in the Drug Control Act
1444 (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) pursuant to § 54.1-3443.

1445 "Marijuana concentrate" means marijuana that has undergone a process to concentrate one or more active
1446 cannabinoids, thereby increasing the product's potency. Resin from granular trichomes from a marijuana plant
1447 is a concentrate for purposes of this subtitle.

1448 "Marijuana cultivation facility" means a facility licensed under this subtitle to cultivate, label, and
1449 package retail marijuana; to purchase or take possession of marijuana plants and seeds from other marijuana
1450 cultivation facilities; to transfer possession of and sell retail marijuana, immature marijuana plants, and
1451 marijuana seeds to marijuana wholesalers and retail marijuana stores; to transfer possession of and sell retail
1452 marijuana, marijuana plants, and marijuana seeds to other marijuana cultivation facilities; to transfer
1453 possession of and sell retail marijuana to marijuana manufacturing facilities; and to sell immature marijuana
1454 plants and marijuana seeds to consumers for the purpose of cultivating marijuana at home for personal use
1455 § 4.1-800.

1456 "*Marijuana delivery operator*" means an entity licensed under § 4.1-805.

1457 "Marijuana establishment" means a marijuana cultivation facility, a *marijuana microbusiness*, *marijuana*
1458 *delivery operator*, marijuana testing facility, a *marijuana manufacturing processing* facility, a *marijuana*
1459 *wholesaler transporter*, or a retail marijuana store.

1460 "Marijuana manufacturing facility" means a facility licensed under this subtitle to manufacture, label, and
1461 package retail marijuana and retail marijuana products; to purchase or take possession of retail marijuana
1462 from a marijuana cultivation facility or another marijuana manufacturing facility; and to transfer possession
1463 of and sell retail marijuana and retail marijuana products to marijuana wholesalers, retail marijuana stores, or
1464 other marijuana manufacturing facilities.

1465 "Marijuana paraphernalia" means all equipment, products, and materials of any kind that are either
1466 designed for use or are intended for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting,
1467 manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, strength testing, analyzing,
1468 packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, concealing, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing into the
1469 human body marijuana.

1470 "*Marijuana processing facility*" means a facility licensed under § 4.1-801.

1471 "Marijuana products" means (i) products that are composed of marijuana and other ingredients and are
1472 intended for use or consumption, ointments, and tinctures or (ii) marijuana concentrate.

1473 "Marijuana testing facility" means a facility licensed under this subtitle to develop, research, or test
1474 marijuana, marijuana products, and other substances § 4.1-806.

1475 "Marijuana wholesaler transporter" means a facility licensed under this subtitle to purchase or take
1476 possession of retail marijuana, retail marijuana products, immature marijuana plants, and marijuana seeds
1477 from a marijuana cultivation facility, a marijuana manufacturing facility, or another marijuana wholesaler and
1478 to transfer possession and sell or resell retail marijuana, retail marijuana products, immature marijuana plants,
1479 and marijuana seeds to a marijuana cultivation facility, marijuana manufacturing facility, retail marijuana
1480 store, or another marijuana wholesaler § 4.1-804.

1481 "Non-retail marijuana" means marijuana that is not cultivated, manufactured, or sold by a licensed
1482 marijuana establishment.

1483 "Non-retail marijuana products" means marijuana products that are not manufactured and sold by a
1484 licensed marijuana establishment.

1485 "Microbusiness" means a facility licensed under § 4.1-803.

1486 "Outdoor cultivation" means cultivation in an area exposed to natural sunlight and open to environmental
1487 conditions, including variable temperature, precipitation, and wind.

1488 "Place or premises" means the real estate, together with any buildings or other improvements thereon,
1489 designated in the application for a license as the place at which the cultivation, ~~manufacture~~ processing, sale,
1490 or testing of ~~retail~~ marijuana or ~~retail~~ marijuana products shall be performed; ~~except that portion of any such~~
1491 ~~building or other improvement actually and exclusively used as a private residence.~~

1492 "Principal" means any individual who solely or together with his immediate family members (i) owns or
1493 controls, directly or indirectly, five percent or more of the pecuniary interest in any entity that is a licensee or
1494 permittee (ii) has the power to vote or cause the vote of five percent or more of the voting securities or other
1495 ownership interests of such entity, and any person who manages marijuana establishment operations on
1496 behalf of a licensee or permittee.

1497 "Processing" or "process" means the production of marijuana products or the blending, infusing,
1498 compounding, or other preparation of marijuana or marijuana products, including marijuana extraction or
1499 preparation by means of chemical synthesis. "Processing" or "process" does not include cultivation or
1500 testing.

1501 "Public place" means any place, building, or conveyance to which the public has, or is permitted to have,
1502 access, including restaurants, soda fountains, hotel dining areas, lobbies and corridors of hotels, and any park,
1503 place of public resort or amusement, highway, street, lane, or sidewalk adjoining any highway, street, or lane.

1504 "Residence" means any building or part of a building or structure where a person resides, but does not
1505 include any part of a building that is not actually and exclusively used as a private residence, nor any part of a
1506 hotel or club other than a private guest room thereof.

1507 "Retail marijuana" means marijuana that is cultivated, manufactured, or sold by a licensed marijuana
1508 establishment.

1509 "Retail marijuana products" means marijuana products that are manufactured and sold by a licensed
1510 marijuana establishment.

1511 "Retail marijuana store" means a facility licensed under this subtitle to purchase or take possession of
1512 ~~retail~~ marijuana, ~~retail~~ marijuana products, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds from a marijuana
1513 cultivation facility, marijuana manufacturing facility, or marijuana wholesaler and to sell ~~retail~~ marijuana,
1514 ~~retail~~ marijuana products, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds to consumers § 4.1-802.

1515 "Security" means the same as that term is defined in § 13.1-501. If the Board finds that any obligation,
1516 stock, or other equity interest creates control of or voice in the management operations of an entity in the
1517 manner of a security, then such interest shall be considered a security.

1518 "Sale" and "sell" includes soliciting or receiving an order for; keeping, offering, or exposing for sale;
1519 peddling, exchanging, or bartering; or delivering ~~otherwise~~ other than gratuitously, by any means; ~~retail~~
1520 ~~marijuana or retail marijuana products.~~

1521 "Secure agricultural greenhouse" means an enclosed structure that has transparent walls and roofing and
1522 is used for controlled-environment agriculture.

1523 "Special agent" means an employee of the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority whom the Board has
1524 designated as a law-enforcement officer pursuant to this subtitle.

1525 "Testing" or "test" means the research and analysis of marijuana, marijuana products, or other substances
1526 for contaminants, safety, or potency. "Testing" or "test" does not include cultivation or ~~manufacturing~~
1527 processing.

1528 "Tetrahydrocannabinol" means the same as that term is defined in § 3.2-4112.

1529 "Total tetrahydrocannabinol" means the same as that term is defined in § 3.2-4112.

1530 **§ 4.1-601. Virginia Cannabis Control Authority created; statement of purpose.**

1531 A. The General Assembly has determined that there exists in the Commonwealth a need to control the
1532 possession, sale, transportation, distribution, and delivery of ~~retail~~ marijuana and ~~retail~~ marijuana products in
1533 the Commonwealth. *Further, the General Assembly finds that laws prohibiting the use and sale of marijuana*
1534 *have been ineffective and have had devastating collateral consequences for individuals and communities*
1535 *across the Commonwealth, disproportionately impacting African Americans. The purpose of this subtitle is to*
1536 *create an approach to marijuana regulation that is rooted in principles of restorative justice, economic*
1537 *equity, and public health in order to generate significant revenue dedicated to community reinvestment,*
1538 *create small and local businesses, strengthen the Commonwealth's vital agriculture sector, end the racially*
1539 *disparate impacts of prohibition, and protect the health and safety of all citizens of the Commonwealth. This*
1540 *subtitle is further intended to establish a competitive, sustainable, and decentralized market structure built*
1541 *for long-term success, prioritizing the creation of durable, independent businesses over the maximization of*
1542 *short-term tax revenue.*

1543 B. Further, the General Assembly determines that the creation of an authority for this purpose is in the
1544 public interest, serves a public purpose, and will promote the health, safety, welfare, convenience, and

1545 prosperity of the people of the Commonwealth. To achieve this objective, there is hereby created an
 1546 independent political subdivision of the Commonwealth, exclusive of the legislative, executive, or judicial
 1547 branches of state government, to be known as the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority. The Authority's
 1548 exercise of powers and duties conferred by this subtitle shall be deemed the performance of an essential
 1549 governmental function and a matter of public necessity for which public moneys may be spent.

1550 ~~B. C.~~ The Board of Directors of the Authority is vested with control of the possession, sale, transportation,
 1551 distribution, and delivery of ~~retail~~ marijuana and ~~retail~~ marijuana products in the Commonwealth, with
 1552 plenary power to prescribe and enforce regulations and conditions under which ~~retail~~ marijuana and ~~retail~~
 1553 marijuana products are possessed, sold, transported, distributed, and delivered, so as to prevent any corrupt,
 1554 incompetent, dishonest, or unprincipled practices and to promote the health, safety, welfare, convenience, and
 1555 prosperity of the people of the Commonwealth. The exercise of the powers granted by this subtitle shall be in
 1556 all respects for the benefit of the citizens of the Commonwealth and for the promotion of their safety, health,
 1557 welfare, and convenience. No part of the assets or net earnings of the Authority shall inure to the benefit of,
 1558 or be distributable to, any private individual, except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services
 1559 rendered to or for the Authority affecting one or more of its purposes, and benefits may be conferred that are
 1560 in conformity with said purposes, and no private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any
 1561 of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Authority.

1562 **§ 4.1-603. Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council; purpose; membership; quorum; meetings;**
 1563 **compensation and expenses; duties.**

1564 A. The Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council (the Advisory Council) is established as an advisory
 1565 council to the Board. The purpose of the Advisory Council is to assess and monitor public health issues,
 1566 trends, and impacts related to marijuana and marijuana legalization and make recommendations regarding
 1567 health warnings; ~~retail~~; marijuana and ~~retail~~ marijuana products safety and product composition; and public
 1568 health awareness, programming, and related resource needs.

1569 B. The Advisory Council shall have a total membership of 21 members that shall consist of 14
 1570 nonlegislative citizen members and seven ex officio members. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Council
 1571 shall be citizens of the Commonwealth and shall reflect the racial, ethnic, gender, and geographic diversity of
 1572 the Commonwealth. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed as follows: four to be appointed by
 1573 the Senate Committee on Rules, one of whom shall be a representative from the Virginia Foundation for
 1574 Healthy Youth, one of whom shall be a representative from the Virginia Chapter of the American Academy
 1575 of Pediatrics, one of whom shall be a representative from the Medical Society of Virginia, and one of whom
 1576 shall be a representative from the Virginia Pharmacists Association; six to be appointed by the Speaker of the
 1577 House of Delegates, one of whom shall be a representative from a community services board, one of whom
 1578 shall be a person or health care provider with expertise in substance use disorder treatment and recovery, one
 1579 of whom shall be a person or health care provider with expertise in substance use disorder prevention, one of
 1580 whom shall be a person with experience in disability rights advocacy, one of whom shall be a person with
 1581 experience in veterans health care, and one of whom shall be a person with a social or health equity
 1582 background; and four to be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, one
 1583 of whom shall be a representative of a local health district, one of whom shall be a person who is part of the
 1584 cannabis industry, one of whom shall be an academic researcher knowledgeable about cannabis, and one of
 1585 whom shall be a registered medical cannabis patient.

1586 The Secretary of Health and Human Resources, the Commissioner of Health, the Commissioner of
 1587 Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services,
 1588 the Director of the Department of Health Professions, the Director of the Department of Forensic Science,
 1589 and the Chief Executive Officer of the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority, or their designees, shall serve ex
 1590 officio with voting privileges. Ex officio members of the Advisory Council shall serve terms coincident with
 1591 their terms of office.

1592 After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four
 1593 years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms.
 1594 Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. All members may be reappointed.

1595 ~~The Advisory Council shall be chaired by the Secretary of Health and Human Resources or his designee.~~
 1596 The Advisory Council shall select a ~~vice-chairman~~ *chair and vice-chair* from among its membership. A
 1597 majority of the members shall constitute a quorum *unless the Advisory Council adopts a policy by the*
 1598 *affirmative vote of a majority of the Advisory Council members that allows for a lesser number of members to*
 1599 *constitute a quorum, which shall be no less than nine members.* The Advisory Council shall meet at least two
 1600 times each year and shall meet at the call of the ~~chairman~~ *chair*, whenever the majority of the members so
 1601 request, *or upon the Board's submission of regulations to the Advisory Council for approval.*

1602 The Advisory Council shall have the authority to create subgroups with additional stakeholders, experts,
 1603 and state agency representatives.

1604 C. Members shall receive no compensation for the performance of their duties but shall be reimbursed for
 1605 all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in §§ 2.2-2813
 1606 and 2.2-2825.

1607 D. The Advisory Council shall have the following duties, in addition to duties that may be necessary to
 1608 fulfill its purpose as described in subsection A:

1609 1. To review multi-agency efforts to support collaboration and a unified approach on public health
 1610 responses related to marijuana and marijuana legalization in the Commonwealth and to develop
 1611 recommendations as necessary.

1612 2. To monitor changes in drug use data related to marijuana and marijuana legalization in the
 1613 Commonwealth and the science and medical information relevant to the potential health risks associated with
 1614 such drug use, and make appropriate recommendations to the Department of Health and the Board.

1615 3. ~~Submit~~ *To review and approve Board regulations related to public health pursuant to subsection F of*
 1616 *§ 4.1-606. The Advisory Council shall approve or deny such regulations within 30 calendar days of the*
 1617 *Board's submission of the regulations to the Advisory Council. If the Advisory Council fails to approve or*
 1618 *deny a regulation within 30 calendar days, the Advisory Council shall request a 30-day extension to review*
 1619 *the regulations from the Board or provide a written explanation to the Board on why the Advisory Council*
 1620 *failed to approve or deny the regulation within calendar days. If the Advisory Council fails to approve or*
 1621 *deny a regulation within 30 calendar days and does not request an extension, the Board may adopt such*
 1622 *regulation without approval by the Advisory Council.*

1623 4. *To submit an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly for publication as a report*
 1624 *document as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing*
 1625 *of legislative documents and reports. The ~~chairman~~ chair shall submit to the Governor and the General*
 1626 *Assembly an annual executive summary of the interim activity and work of the Advisory Council no later*
 1627 *than the first day of each regular session of the General Assembly. The executive summary shall be submitted*
 1628 *as a report document as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the*
 1629 *processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.*

1630 **§ 4.1-604. Powers and duties of the Board.**

1631 The Board shall have the following powers and duties:

1632 1. Promulgate regulations in accordance with the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.) and
 1633 § 4.1-606;

1634 2. Control the possession, sale, transportation, and delivery of marijuana and marijuana products;

1635 3. Grant, suspend, restrict, revoke, or refuse to grant or renew any license or permit issued or authorized
 1636 pursuant to this subtitle;

1637 4. Determine the nature, form, and capacity of all containers used for holding marijuana products to be
 1638 kept or sold and prescribe the form and content of all labels and seals to be placed thereon;

1639 5. Maintain actions to enjoin common nuisances as defined in § 4.1-1113;

1640 6. Establish standards and implement an online course for employees of retail marijuana stores *and*
 1641 *microbusinesses* that trains employees on how to educate consumers on the potential risks of marijuana use;

1642 7. Establish a plan to develop and disseminate to retail marijuana store *and microbusinesses* licensees a
 1643 pamphlet or similar document regarding the potential risks of marijuana use to be prominently displayed and
 1644 made available to consumers;

1645 8. Establish a position for a Cannabis ~~Social Equity~~ *Social Equity Impact Business* Liaison who shall lead the Cannabis
 1646 *Impact Business Equity and Diversity* Support Team and liaise with the Director of Diversity, Equity, and
 1647 Inclusion on matters related to ~~diversity, equity, and inclusion standards~~ *impact licensee participation* in the
 1648 marijuana industry;

1649 9. Establish a Cannabis ~~Impact Business Equity and Diversity~~ *Impact Business Equity and Diversity* Support Team, which shall (i) develop
 1650 requirements for the creation and submission of diversity, equity, and inclusion *plans and define impact*
 1651 *licensee business accelerator plans by persons who wish to possess a license in more than one license*
 1652 *category pursuant to subsection C of § 4.1-805, which may include a requirement that the licensee participate*
 1653 *in social equity apprenticeship plan, with the ability to coordinate with public institutions of higher education*
 1654 and an approval process and requirements for implementation of such plans; (ii) be responsible for
 1655 conducting an analysis of potential barriers to entry for ~~small, women-owned, and minority-owned businesses~~
 1656 ~~and veteran-owned~~ *impact businesses* interested in participating in the marijuana industry and recommending
 1657 strategies to effectively mitigate such potential barriers; (iii) provide assistance with business planning for
 1658 potential marijuana establishment licensees; (iv) spread awareness of business opportunities related to the
 1659 marijuana marketplace in ~~areas disproportionately impacted by marijuana prohibition and enforcement~~
 1660 *historically economically disadvantaged communities*; (v) provide technical assistance in navigating the
 1661 administrative process to potential marijuana establishment licensees; and (vi) conduct other outreach
 1662 initiatives in ~~areas disproportionately impacted by marijuana prohibition and enforcement~~ *historically*
 1663 *economically disadvantaged communities* as necessary;

1664 10. Establish a position for an individual with professional experience in a health related field who shall
 1665 staff the Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council, established pursuant to § 4.1-603, liaise with the Office
 1666 of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources and relevant health and human services agencies and
 1667 organizations, and perform other duties as needed;

1668 11. Establish and implement a plan, in coordination with the Cannabis ~~Social Equity~~ *Social Equity Impact Business*

1669 Liaison ~~and the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion~~, to promote and encourage participation in the
1670 marijuana industry by people from *historically economically disadvantaged* communities ~~that have been~~
1671 ~~disproportionately impacted by marijuana prohibition and enforcement~~ and to positively impact those
1672 communities;

1673 12. Sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, and complain and defend in all courts;

1674 13. Adopt, use, and alter at will a common seal;

1675 14. Fix, alter, charge, and collect rates, rentals, fees, and other charges for the use of property of, the sale
1676 of products of, or services rendered by the Authority at rates to be determined by the Authority for the
1677 purpose of providing for the payment of the expenses of the Authority;

1678 15. Make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of its
1679 duties, the furtherance of its purposes, and the execution of its powers under this subtitle, including
1680 agreements with any person or federal agency;

1681 16. Employ, at its discretion, consultants, researchers, architects, engineers, accountants, financial experts,
1682 investment bankers, superintendents, managers, and such other employees and special agents as may be
1683 necessary and fix their compensation to be payable from funds made available to the Authority. ~~Legal~~ *The*
1684 *Board may employ or retain legal counsel of its choice to advise or represent the Authority in hearings,*
1685 *controversies, or other matters involving the interests of the Authority; however, upon request by the Board,*
1686 *the Attorney General shall provide legal services for the Authority* ~~shall be provided by the Attorney General~~
1687 in accordance with Chapter 5 (§ 2.2-500 et seq.) of Title 2.2;

1688 17. Receive and accept from any federal or private agency, foundation, corporation, association, or person
1689 grants or other aid to be expended in accomplishing the objectives of the Authority, and receive and accept
1690 from the Commonwealth or any state and any municipality, county, or other political subdivision thereof or
1691 from any other source aid or contributions of either money, property, or other things of value, to be held,
1692 used, and applied only for the purposes for which such grants and contributions may be made. All federal
1693 moneys accepted under this section shall be accepted and expended by the Authority upon such terms and
1694 conditions as are prescribed by the United States and as are consistent with state law, and all state moneys
1695 accepted under this section shall be expended by the Authority upon such terms and conditions as are
1696 prescribed by the Commonwealth;

1697 18. Adopt, alter, and repeal bylaws, rules, and regulations governing the manner in which its business
1698 shall be transacted and the manner in which the powers of the Authority shall be exercised and its duties
1699 performed. The Board may delegate or assign any duty or task to be performed by the Authority to any
1700 officer or employee of the Authority. The Board shall remain responsible for the performance of any such
1701 duties or tasks. Any delegation pursuant to this subdivision shall, where appropriate, be accompanied by
1702 written guidelines for the exercise of the duties or tasks delegated. Where appropriate, the guidelines shall
1703 require that the Board receive summaries of actions taken. Such delegation or assignment shall not relieve the
1704 Board of the responsibility to ensure faithful performance of the duties and tasks;

1705 19. Conduct or engage in any lawful business, activity, effort, or project consistent with the Authority's
1706 purposes or necessary or convenient to exercise its powers;

1707 20. Develop policies and procedures generally applicable to the procurement of goods, services, and
1708 construction, based upon competitive principles;

1709 21. Develop policies and procedures consistent with Article 4 (§ 2.2-4347 et seq.) of Chapter 43 of Title
1710 2.2;

1711 22. Acquire, purchase, hold, use, lease, or otherwise dispose of any property, real, personal or mixed,
1712 tangible or intangible, or any interest therein necessary or desirable for carrying out the purposes of the
1713 Authority; lease as lessee any property, real, personal or mixed, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein,
1714 at such annual rental and on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Board; lease as lessor to
1715 any person any property, real, personal or mixed, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein, at any time
1716 acquired by the Authority, whether wholly or partially completed, at such annual rental and on such terms
1717 and conditions as may be determined by the Board; sell, transfer, or convey any property, real, personal or
1718 mixed, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein, at any time acquired or held by the Authority on such
1719 terms and conditions as may be determined by the Board; and occupy and improve any land or building
1720 required for the purposes of this subtitle;

1721 23. Purchase, lease, or acquire the use of, by any manner, any plant or equipment that may be considered
1722 necessary or useful in carrying into effect the purposes of this subtitle, including rectifying, blending, and
1723 processing plants;

1724 24. Appoint every agent and employee required for its operations, require any or all of them to give bonds
1725 payable to the Commonwealth in such penalty as shall be fixed by the Board, and engage the services of
1726 experts and professionals;

1727 25. Hold and conduct hearings, issue subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses and the production
1728 of records, memoranda, papers, and other documents before the Board or any agent of the Board, and
1729 administer oaths and take testimony thereunder. The Board may authorize any Board member or agent of the
1730 Board to hold and conduct hearings, issue subpoenas, administer oaths and take testimony thereunder, and

1731 decide cases, subject to final decision by the Board, on application of any party aggrieved. The Board may
1732 enter into consent agreements and may request and accept from any applicant, licensee, or permittee a
1733 consent agreement in lieu of proceedings on (i) objections to the issuance of a license or permit or (ii)
1734 disciplinary action. Any such consent agreement (a) shall include findings of fact and provisions regarding
1735 whether the terms of the consent agreement are confidential and (b) may include an admission or a finding of
1736 a violation. A consent agreement shall not be considered a case decision of the Board and shall not be subject
1737 to judicial review under the provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.), but may be
1738 considered by the Board in future disciplinary proceedings;

1739 26. Make a reasonable charge for preparing and furnishing statistical information and compilations to
1740 persons other than (i) officials, including court and police officials, of the Commonwealth and of its
1741 subdivisions if the information requested is for official use and (ii) persons who have a personal or legal
1742 interest in obtaining the information requested if such information is not to be used for commercial or trade
1743 purposes;

1744 27. Take appropriate disciplinary action and assess and collect civil penalties and civil charges for
1745 violations of this subtitle and Board regulations;

1746 28. Review and approve any proposed legislative or regulatory changes suggested by the Chief Executive
1747 Officer as the Board deems appropriate;

1748 29. Report quarterly to the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security on the law-enforcement
1749 activities undertaken to enforce the provisions of this subtitle;

1750 30. Establish and collect fees for all permits set forth in this subtitle, including fees associated with
1751 applications for such permits;

1752 31. Develop and make available on its website guidance documents regarding compliance and safe
1753 practices for persons who cultivate marijuana at home for personal use, which shall include information
1754 regarding cultivation practices that promote personal and public safety, including child protection, and
1755 discourage practices that create a nuisance;

1756 32. Develop and make available on its website a resource that provides information regarding (i)
1757 responsible marijuana consumption; (ii) health risks and other dangers associated with marijuana
1758 consumption, including inability to operate a motor vehicle and other types of transportation and equipment;
1759 and (iii) ancillary effects of marijuana consumption, including ineligibility for certain employment
1760 opportunities. The Board shall require that the web address for such resource be included on the label of all
1761 retail marijuana and ~~retail~~ marijuana product as provided in § ~~4.1-1402~~ 4.1-1405; and

1762 33. *Access during business hours any facility governed by this subtitle and any business that offers for*
1763 *sale or sells at retail a substance intended for human consumption, orally or by inhalation, that is advertised*
1764 *or labeled as containing a cannabinoid for the purpose of conducting an inspection or securing samples to*
1765 *identify potential violations of this subtitle;*

1766 34. *Conduct training that is open to the public and provide educational resources to the public on the*
1767 *application process for licenses;*

1768 35. *Develop and provide consumer education that (i) highlights the ways purchasing marijuana and*
1769 *marijuana products from or cultivated and processed by licensees supports farmers, small business, and*
1770 *community reinvestment; (ii) educates consumers on how to recognize licensed retail marijuana stores and*
1771 *microbusinesses; and (iii) informs consumers about responsible marijuana consumption and health risks and*
1772 *other dangers associated with marijuana consumption.*

1773 36. *Issue a quarterly report that contains information regarding (i) license fees waived or reduced*
1774 *pursuant to § 4.1-606; (ii) licenses issued to or renewed for persons identified in subdivision B 13 of*
1775 *§ 4.1-606; (iii) public education initiatives, including public awareness campaigns regarding driving under*
1776 *the influence, underage consumption and youth awareness, and health risks; (iv) community engagement*
1777 *initiatives; (v) sales and tax revenue; (vi) programs funded by marijuana tax revenue; (vii) efforts made*
1778 *pursuant to subdivisions 8, 9, 11, and 32; and (viii) license denials and disciplinary actions taken;*

1779 37. *Maintain a public registry available online of ownership information for all licensees;*

1780 38. *Develop policies and procedures generally applicable to the audit of ownership and financial*
1781 *relationships across all licenses on a schedule established by the Board. The audits shall be conducted by an*
1782 *independent certified public accountant and the costs of such audits shall be borne by the licensee;*

1783 39. *Beginning on July 1, 2028, and each July 1 thereafter, issue an annual report on the performance and*
1784 *health of the marijuana retail market in the Commonwealth, including information related to: (i) sales and*
1785 *tax revenue, including information on sales and tax revenue broken down by marijuana and marijuana*
1786 *product category; (ii) the distribution of tax revenue; (iii) the total number of licenses issued and the number*
1787 *of licensees actively operating in the Commonwealth; (iv) ownership diversity; (v) the number of jobs created*
1788 *in the marijuana industry, including information on the number of people employed by specific license type;*
1789 *(vi) average wholesale and retail prices of different types of marijuana and marijuana products; (vii) licenses*
1790 *issued to or renewed for persons identified in subdivision B 13 of § 4.1-606; (viii) an anonymized summary of*
1791 *the compliance findings from any audit of ownership and financial relationships across all licenses*
1792 *conducted pursuant to the policies and procedures of subdivision 38; (ix) whether licensees with substantial*

1793 *market share of any category of licensure have an impact on the goals of (a) inclusion of microbusiness and*
 1794 *impact licensees in the market, (b) maintaining adequate supplies of marijuana, and (c) prevention of*
 1795 *dominant marketplace participation in the marijuana industry; (x) the potential expansion or contraction of*
 1796 *the marijuana market in the Commonwealth, which may include information related to any increase in retail*
 1797 *marijuana sales and activity in the illicit market; (xi) information on the viability of marijuana establishments*
 1798 *in the Commonwealth; (xii) the feasibility of requiring pharmaceutical processors and cannabis dispensing*
 1799 *facilities issued a permit by the Board pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 16 (§ 4.1-1600 et seq.) to offer*
 1800 *for sale a certain amount or percentage of marijuana and marijuana products cultivated or processed by*
 1801 *microbusinesses and impact licensees, including a proposed timeline for when such requirement may go into*
 1802 *effect; and (xiii) any recommendations, including recommendations for statutory or regulatory changes, to*
 1803 *strengthen the Commonwealth's marijuana retail market;*

1804 40. Investigate the ownership and control interests of all licensees and approve or deny ownership,
 1805 financing, management, and brand-licensing agreements or contracts and issue divestiture orders as deemed
 1806 appropriate to ensure compliance with § 4.1-807;

1807 41. Coordinate with the Department of Criminal Justice Services to ensure the exchange of any
 1808 information necessary to comply with the reporting requirements of the Community Policing Reporting
 1809 Database established pursuant to § 52-30.3; and

1810 42. Do all acts necessary or advisable to carry out the purposes of this subtitle.

1811 **§ 4.1-606. Regulations of the Board.**

1812 A. The Board may promulgate reasonable regulations, not inconsistent with this subtitle or the general
 1813 laws of the Commonwealth, that it deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this subtitle and to prevent
 1814 the illegal cultivation, ~~manufacture~~ processing, transportation, distribution, sale, and testing of marijuana and
 1815 marijuana products. The Board may amend or repeal such regulations. ~~Such~~ Except as otherwise provided by
 1816 law, such regulations shall be promulgated, amended, or repealed in accordance with the Administrative
 1817 Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.) and shall have the effect of law.

1818 B. The Board shall promulgate regulations that:

1819 1. Govern the outdoor cultivation of marijuana by a marijuana cultivation facility licensee, including
 1820 security requirements to include lighting, physical security, and alarm requirements, provided that such
 1821 requirements do not prohibit the cultivation of marijuana outdoors or in a greenhouse;

1822 2. Establish requirements for (i) securely transporting marijuana between marijuana establishments and
 1823 (ii) securely delivering marijuana or marijuana products from retail marijuana stores or microbusinesses
 1824 only in person to consumers, which shall include requirements for age verification, delivery radius, and
 1825 recordkeeping;

1826 3. Establish sanitary standards for ~~retail~~ marijuana product preparation;

1827 4. Establish a testing program for ~~retail~~ marijuana and ~~retail~~ marijuana products pursuant to Chapter 14
 1828 (§ 4.1-1400 et seq.);

1829 5. Establish an application process for licensure as a marijuana establishment pursuant to this subtitle in a
 1830 way that, when possible, prevents disparate impacts on historically *economically* disadvantaged communities;

1831 6. Establish requirements for health and safety warning labels to be placed on ~~retail~~ marijuana and ~~retail~~
 1832 marijuana products to be sold or offered for sale by a licensee to a consumer in accordance with the
 1833 provisions of this subtitle;

1834 7. Establish a maximum tetrahydrocannabinol level for ~~retail~~ marijuana products, which shall not exceed
 1835 (i) ~~five~~ 10 milligrams per serving for edible marijuana products and where practicable an equivalent amount
 1836 for other marijuana products or (ii) ~~50~~ 100 milligrams per package for edible marijuana products and where
 1837 practicable an equivalent amount for other marijuana products. Such regulations may include other product
 1838 and dispensing limitations on tetrahydrocannabinol;

1839 8. Establish requirements for the form, content, and retention of all records and accounts by all licensees;

1840 9. Provide alternative methods for licensees to maintain and store business records that are subject to
 1841 Board inspection, including methods for Board-approved electronic and offsite storage;

1842 10. Establish (i) criteria by which to evaluate new licensees based on the density of retail marijuana stores
 1843 in the community and (ii) metrics that have similarly shown an association with negative community-level
 1844 health outcomes or health disparities. In promulgating such regulations, the Board shall coordinate with the
 1845 Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council established pursuant to § 4.1-603;

1846 11. Require retail licensees to file an appeal from any hearing decision rendered by a hearing officer
 1847 within 30 days of the date the notice of the decision is sent. The notice shall be sent to the licensee at the
 1848 address on record with the Board by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by regular mail;

1849 12. Prescribe the schedule of proration for refunded license fees to licensees who qualify pursuant to
 1850 subsection C of § ~~4.1-1002~~ 4.1-1003;

1851 13. Establish ~~criteria~~ a process by which to ~~evaluate social equity~~ identify impact license applicants,
 1852 which shall be an applicant ~~who has lived or been domiciled for at least 12 months in the Commonwealth and~~
 1853 ~~is either (i) an applicant with that has at least 66~~ 51 percent ownership and direct control by a person or
 1854 persons who meet the criteria in clause (iii) and one more of the following seven criteria: (i) have been

1855 convicted of or adjudicated delinquent for any misdemeanor *or felony* violation of § 18.2-248.1, former
 1856 § 18.2-250.1, or subsection A of § 18.2-265.3 as it relates to marijuana *or any substantially similar offense*
 1857 *under the laws of another jurisdiction*; (ii) ~~an applicant with at least 66 percent ownership by a person or~~
 1858 ~~persons who is are~~ the parent, child, sibling, or spouse of a person who has been convicted of or adjudicated
 1859 delinquent for any misdemeanor *or felony* violation of § 18.2-248.1, former § 18.2-250.1, or subsection A of
 1860 § 18.2-265.3 as it relates to marijuana *or any substantially similar offense under the laws of another*
 1861 *jurisdiction*; (iii) ~~an applicant with at least 66 percent ownership by a person or persons who~~ have resided for
 1862 at least three of the past five years (a) *between the years 1999 and 2025* in a jurisdiction that is ~~determined by~~
 1863 ~~the Board~~, after utilizing census tract data made available by the United States Census Bureau, *is determined*
 1864 to have been disproportionately policed for marijuana crimes *or (b) for at least three of the past five years in*
 1865 *a historically economically disadvantaged community*; (iv) ~~an applicant with at least 66 percent ownership by~~
 1866 ~~a person or persons who have resided for at least three of the last five years in a jurisdiction determined by~~
 1867 ~~the Board after utilizing census tract data made available by the United States Census Bureau to be~~
 1868 economically distressed; or (v) ~~an applicant with at least 66 percent ownership by a person or persons who~~
 1869 ~~graduated from a historically black have attended for at least five years a public elementary or secondary~~
 1870 *school located in a historically economically disadvantaged community*; (v) *have received a Federal Pell*
 1871 *Grant or attended for at least two years a college or university located in the Commonwealth at which at*
 1872 *least 30 percent of the students, on average, are eligible for a Federal Pell Grant*; (vi) *are veterans of the*
 1873 *Armed Forces of the United States*; or (vii) *have qualified for financial assistance or relief from the U.S.*
 1874 *Department of Agriculture as a distressed farmer in the last five years*;

1875 14. For the purposes of establishing criteria by which to evaluate social equity license applicants, establish
 1876 standards by which to determine (i) which jurisdictions have been disproportionately policed for marijuana
 1877 crimes and (ii) which jurisdictions are economically distressed;

1878 ~~15. Establish~~ For impact license applicants, establish standards and requirements for (i) ~~any~~ a preference
 1879 in the licensing process for qualified social equity applicants; (ii) what percentage of application or license
 1880 fees are waived for a qualified social equity applicant, and to promote participation by impact licensees with
 1881 an inability to pay standard application and license fees; (iii) a low-interest business loan program for
 1882 qualified social equity applicants; (iv) a waiver of any requirements to show proof of funds or current
 1883 possession and control of the proposed licensed premises at the time of application; and (v) to the extent
 1884 practicable, the proportional distribution of licenses among the applicants set forth in clauses (i) through
 1885 (vii) of subdivision 13. If at any time the Board determines that an impact license was obtained on the basis
 1886 of a fraudulent financial transaction or predatory operating agreement or if a prohibited assignment, sale, or
 1887 transfer of an impact license occurs in violation of subsection C of § 4.1-702, the Board shall immediately
 1888 begin revocation proceedings pursuant to § 4.1-903 and require the original impact licensee and any other
 1889 true parties of interest to repay to the Commonwealth the full value of any and all application or licensing
 1890 fees that were waived;

1891 ~~16.~~ 15. Establish guidelines, in addition to requirements set forth in this subtitle, for the personal
 1892 cultivation of marijuana that promote personal and public safety, including child protection, and discourage
 1893 personal cultivation practices that create a nuisance, including a nuisance caused by odor;

1894 ~~17.~~ 16. Establish reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions on outdoor advertising of ~~retail~~ marijuana
 1895 or ~~retail~~ marijuana products, not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, so that such advertising
 1896 displaces the illicit market and notifies the public of the location of marijuana establishments. Such
 1897 regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with § ~~4.1-1404~~ 4.1-1402;

1898 ~~18.~~ 17. Establish restrictions on the number of licenses that a person may be granted to operate a
 1899 marijuana establishment in single locality or region; and

1900 ~~19. Establish restrictions on pharmaceutical processors and industrial hemp processors that have been~~
 1901 ~~granted a license in more than one license category pursuant to subsection C of § 4.1-805 that ensure all~~
 1902 ~~licensees have an equal and meaningful opportunity to participate in the market. Such regulations may limit~~
 1903 ~~the amount of products cultivated or manufactured by the pharmaceutical processor or industrial hemp~~
 1904 ~~processor that such processor may offer for sale in its retail marijuana stores~~

1905 18. Allow impact licensees and microbusinesses to (i) enter into cooperative agreements; (ii) lease space
 1906 and equipment and cultivate, process, and sell marijuana and marijuana products on the premises of another
 1907 licensee; and (iii) process marijuana or marijuana products out of a shared processing space;

1908 19. Establish an approval process for the Board to approve or deny ownership, financing, management,
 1909 and brand-licensing agreements to ensure compliance with § 4.1-807 and establish objective criteria for
 1910 determining whether a financial arrangement between a licensee and another party constitutes undue
 1911 influence, including the consideration of factors such as price-setting authority, shelf-space control,
 1912 financing dependency, or shared personnel; and

1913 20. Establish procedures governing ownership disclosure, prior written approval of the Board for the
 1914 assignment, sale, or transfer of any license or any change in ownership or control and background
 1915 investigations of transferees. Such regulations shall (i) require that ownership interests be traced through all
 1916 intermediary entities to the ultimate beneficial owners and (ii) include provisions specifying that a change of

1917 *control occurs upon the (a) acquisition of 25 percent or more of equity or voting power, (b) execution of any*
 1918 *instrument conferring appointment or removal rights over managers, or (c) cumulative transfers totaling 25*
 1919 *percent or more within any 24-month period.*

1920 C. The Board may promulgate regulations that:

1921 1. ~~Limit~~ *Set* the number of licenses issued by type or class to operate a marijuana establishment *in order to*
 1922 *ensure that there is a sufficient supply of marijuana to meet demand, provide market stability, avoid market*
 1923 *dominance, ensure a competitive market that considers small business opportunities and concerns, and limit*
 1924 *the sale of unregulated marijuana; however, the number of licenses issued before January 1, 2028, shall not*
 1925 *exceed the following limits:*

1926 a. ~~Retail marijuana stores, 400~~ *350; and*

1927 b. ~~Marijuana wholesalers, 25;~~

1928 c. ~~Marijuana manufacturing facilities, 60; and~~

1929 d. ~~Marijuana cultivation facilities, 450~~ *Tier V marijuana cultivation facilities, 5.*

1930 ~~In determining the number of licenses issued pursuant to this subdivision, the Board shall not consider any~~
 1931 ~~license granted pursuant to subsection C of § 4.1-805 to (i) a pharmaceutical processor that has been issued a~~
 1932 ~~permit by the Board of Pharmacy pursuant to Article 4-2 (§ 54.1-3442.5 et seq.) of the Drug Control Act or~~
 1933 ~~(ii) an industrial hemp processor registered with the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services~~
 1934 ~~pursuant to Chapter 41.1 (§ 3.2-4112 et seq.) of Title 3-2.~~

1935 *Beginning January 1, 2028, the Board shall determine the number of retail marijuana store and tier V*
 1936 *marijuana cultivation facility licenses that the Authority will issue consistent with the goals identified in this*
 1937 *subsection. If the Board makes an additional number of those licenses available, the number of licenses*
 1938 *available to impact licensee applicants shall be equal to or greater than the number of licenses available to*
 1939 *all other applicants.*

1940 *The Board may issue as many licenses as it deems necessary for any other license type not specified in*
 1941 *this subdivision. If the Board does limit the number of licenses available for any other license type not*
 1942 *specified in this subdivision, the number of licenses available to impact licensee applicants shall be equal to*
 1943 *or greater than the number of licenses available to all other applicants.*

1944 2. Prescribe any requirements deemed appropriate for the administration of taxes under §§ ~~4.1-1003 and §~~
 1945 ~~4.1-1004~~, including method of filing a return, information required on a return, and form of payment.

1946 3. Limit the allowable square footage of a retail marijuana store, which shall not exceed ~~4,500~~ *2,500*
 1947 *square feet of retail floor space.*

1948 4. ~~Allow certain persons to be granted or have interest in a license in more than one of the following~~
 1949 ~~license categories: marijuana cultivation facility license, marijuana manufacturing facility license, marijuana~~
 1950 ~~wholesaler license, or retail marijuana store license. Such regulations shall be drawn narrowly to limit vertical~~
 1951 ~~integration to small businesses and ensure that all licensees have an equal and meaningful opportunity to~~
 1952 ~~participate in the market. Ensure that marijuana establishment licenses are, as possible and practicable,~~
 1953 ~~issued evenly among all areas of the Commonwealth; and~~

1954 5. *Establish additional market-concentration thresholds, including regional or statewide market-share*
 1955 *and Herfindahl-Hirschman Index (HHI) benchmarks and policies and procedures for denying or*
 1956 *conditioning the issuance of licenses or approval of transfers of licenses that would create undue market*
 1957 *concentration.*

1958 D. Board regulations shall be uniform in their application, except those relating to hours of sale for
 1959 licensees.

1960 E. Courts shall take judicial notice of Board regulations.

1961 F. The Board shall consult with the Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council in promulgating any
 1962 regulations relating to public health, including regulations promulgated pursuant to subdivision B 3, 4, 6, 7,
 1963 10, or ~~16~~ *15*, and, *except as otherwise provided in § 4.1-603*, shall not promulgate any such regulation that
 1964 has not been approved by a majority of the members of the Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council.

1965 G. ~~With regard to regulations governing licensees that have been issued a permit by the Board of~~
 1966 ~~Pharmacy to operate as a pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility pursuant to Article 4-2~~
 1967 ~~(§ 54.1-3442.5 et seq.) of the Drug Control Act, the Board shall make reasonable efforts (i) to align such~~
 1968 ~~regulations with any applicable regulations promulgated by the Board of Pharmacy that establish health,~~
 1969 ~~safety, and security requirements for pharmaceutical processors and cannabis dispensing facilities and (ii) to~~
 1970 ~~deem in compliance with applicable regulations promulgated pursuant to this subtitle such pharmaceutical~~
 1971 ~~processors and cannabis dispensing facilities that have been found to be in compliance with regulations~~
 1972 ~~promulgated by the Board of Pharmacy that mirror or are more extensive in scope than similar regulations~~
 1973 ~~promulgated pursuant to this subtitle.~~

1974 H. The Board's power to regulate shall be broadly construed.

1975 **§ 4.1-607. Board membership; terms; compensation.**

1976 A. The Authority shall be governed by a Board of Directors, which shall consist of ~~five~~ *seven* citizens at
 1977 *large as follows: four members* appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the affirmative vote of a
 1978 majority of those voting in each house of the General Assembly, *two members appointed by the Speaker of*

1979 *the House of Delegates, and one member appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules.* Each appointee shall
 1980 (i) have been a resident of the Commonwealth for a period of at least three years next preceding his
 1981 appointment, and his continued residency shall be a condition of his tenure in office; (ii) hold, at a minimum,
 1982 a baccalaureate degree in business or a related field of study; and (iii) possess a minimum of seven years of
 1983 demonstrated experience or expertise in the direct management, supervision, or control of a business or legal
 1984 affairs. *Members shall be appointed in a manner that ensures expertise among the Board members in health,*
 1985 *law, agriculture, finance, and law enforcement.* Appointees shall reflect the racial, ethnic, gender, and
 1986 geographic diversity of the Commonwealth. Appointees shall be subject to a background check in accordance
 1987 with § 4.1-609.

1988 B. After the initial staggering of terms, members shall be appointed for a term of five years. All members
 1989 shall serve until their successors are appointed. Any appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired
 1990 term. No member appointed by the Governor shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms;
 1991 however, a member appointed to fill a vacancy may serve two additional consecutive terms. Members of the
 1992 Board may be removed from office by the Governor appointing authority for cause, including the improper
 1993 use of its police powers, malfeasance, misfeasance, incompetence, misconduct, neglect of duty, absenteeism,
 1994 conflict of interests, failure to carry out the policies of the Commonwealth as established in the Constitution
 1995 or by the General Assembly, or refusal to carry out a lawful directive of the Governor.

1996 C. The Governor shall appoint the ~~chairman~~ *chair* and ~~vice-chairman~~ *vice-chair* of the Board from among
 1997 the membership of the Board. The Board may elect other subordinate officers, who need not be members of
 1998 the Board. The Board may also form committees and advisory councils, which may include representatives
 1999 who are not members of the Board, to undertake more extensive study and discussion of the issues before the
 2000 Board. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the Authority's business, and
 2001 no vacancy in the membership shall impair the right of a quorum to exercise the rights and perform all duties
 2002 of the Authority.

2003 D. The Board shall meet at least every 60 days for the transaction of its business. Special meetings may be
 2004 held at any time upon the call of the chairman of the Board or the Chief Executive Officer or upon the written
 2005 request of a majority of the Board members.

2006 E. Members of the Board shall receive annually such salary, compensation, and reimbursement of
 2007 expenses for the performance of their official duties as set forth in the general appropriation act for members
 2008 of the House of Delegates when the General Assembly is not in session, except that the ~~chairman~~ *chair* of the
 2009 Board shall receive annually such salary, compensation, and reimbursement of expenses for the performance
 2010 of his official duties as set forth in the general appropriation act for a member of the Senate of Virginia when
 2011 the General Assembly is not in session.

2012 F. The provisions of the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act (§ 2.2-3100 et seq.) shall
 2013 apply to the members of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority, and the employees of the
 2014 Authority.

2015 **§ 4.1-611. Seed-to-sale tracking system.**

2016 To ensure that no ~~retail~~ marijuana or ~~retail~~ marijuana products grown or processed by a marijuana
 2017 establishment are sold or otherwise transferred except as authorized by law, the Board shall develop and
 2018 maintain a seed-to-sale tracking system that tracks ~~retail~~ marijuana from either the seed or immature plant
 2019 stage until the ~~retail~~ marijuana or ~~retail~~ marijuana product is sold to a customer at a retail marijuana store *or*
 2020 *microbusiness.*

2021 **§ 4.1-614. Disposition of moneys collected by the Board.**

2022 A. All moneys collected by the Board shall be paid directly and promptly into the state treasury, or shall
 2023 be deposited to the credit of the State Treasurer in a state depository, without any deductions on account of
 2024 salaries, fees, costs, charges, expenses, refunds, or claims of any description whatever, as required by
 2025 § 2.2-1802.

2026 All moneys so paid into the state treasury, less the net profits determined pursuant to subsection C, shall
 2027 be set aside as and constitute an Enterprise Fund, subject to appropriation, for the payment of (i) the salaries
 2028 and remuneration of the members, agents, and employees of the Board and (ii) all costs and expenses
 2029 incurred in the administration of this subtitle.

2030 B. The net profits derived under the provisions of this subtitle shall be transferred by the Comptroller to
 2031 the general fund of the state treasury quarterly, within 50 days after the close of each quarter or as otherwise
 2032 provided in the appropriation act. As allowed by the Governor, the Board may deduct from the net profits
 2033 quarterly a sum for the creation of a reserve fund not exceeding the sum of \$2.5 million in connection with
 2034 the administration of this subtitle and to provide for the depreciation on the buildings, plants, and equipment
 2035 owned, held, or operated by the Board. After accounting for the Authority's expenses as provided in
 2036 subsection A, net profits shall be appropriated in the general appropriation act as follows:

- 2037 1. ~~Forty~~ *Ten* percent to pre-kindergarten programs for at-risk three-year-olds and four-year-olds;
- 2038 2. ~~Thirty~~ *Sixty* percent to the Cannabis Equity Reinvestment Fund established pursuant to § 2.2-2499.8;
- 2039 3. Twenty-five percent to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, which shall
 2040 distribute such appropriated funds to community services boards for the purpose of administering substance

2041 use disorder prevention and treatment programs; and

2042 4. Five percent to public health programs, including public awareness campaigns that are designed to
 2043 prevent drugged driving, discourage consumption by persons younger than 21 years of age, and inform the
 2044 public of other potential risks.

2045 C. As used in this section, "net profits" means the total of all moneys collected by the Board, less local
 2046 marijuana tax revenues collected under *subsection B of § 4.1-1004* and distributed pursuant to *§ 4.1-614*
 2047 *4.1-1004* and all costs, expenses, and charges authorized by this section.

2048 D. All local tax revenues collected under *subsection B of § 4.1-1004* *4.1-1004* shall be paid into the state
 2049 treasury as provided in subsection A and credited to a special fund, which is hereby created on the
 2050 Comptroller's books under the name "Collections of Local Marijuana Taxes." The revenues shall be credited
 2051 to the account of the locality in which they were collected. If revenues were collected from a marijuana
 2052 establishment located in more than one locality by reason of the boundary line or lines passing through the
 2053 marijuana establishment, tax revenues shall be distributed pro rata among the localities. The Authority shall
 2054 provide to the Comptroller any records and assistance necessary for the Comptroller to determine the locality
 2055 to which tax revenues are attributable.

2056 On a quarterly basis, the Comptroller shall draw his warrant on the Treasurer of Virginia in the proper
 2057 amount in favor of each locality entitled to the return of its tax revenues, and such payments shall be charged
 2058 to the account of each such locality under the special fund created by this section. If errors are made in any
 2059 such payment, or adjustments are otherwise necessary, whether attributable to refunds to taxpayers, or to
 2060 some other fact, the errors shall be corrected and adjustments made in the payments for the next quarter.

2061 **§ 4.1-621. Certain information not to be made public.**

2062 Neither the Board nor its employees shall divulge any information regarding (i) financial reports or
 2063 records required pursuant to this subtitle; (ii) the purchase orders and invoices for ~~retail~~ marijuana or ~~retail~~
 2064 marijuana products filed with the Board by marijuana ~~wholesaler~~ licensees; (iii) taxes collected from,
 2065 refunded to, or adjusted for any person; or (iv) information contained in the seed-to-sale tracking system
 2066 maintained by the Board pursuant to § 4.1-611. The provisions of § 58.1-3 shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to
 2067 taxes collected pursuant to this subtitle and to purchase orders and invoices for ~~retail~~ marijuana or ~~retail~~
 2068 marijuana products filed with the Board by marijuana ~~wholesaler~~ licensees.

2069 Nothing contained in this section shall prohibit the use or release of such information or documents by the
 2070 Board to any governmental or law-enforcement agency, or when considering the granting, denial, revocation,
 2071 or suspension of a license or permit, or the assessment of any penalty against a licensee or permittee, nor shall
 2072 this section prohibit the Board or its employees from compiling and disseminating to any member of the
 2073 public aggregate statistical information pertaining to (a) tax collection, as long as such information does not
 2074 reveal or disclose tax collection from any identified licensee; (b) the total amount of ~~retail~~ marijuana or ~~retail~~
 2075 marijuana products sales in the Commonwealth by marijuana ~~wholesaler~~ licensees collectively; or (c) the
 2076 total amount of purchases or sales submitted by licensees, provided that such information does not identify
 2077 the licensee.

2078 **§ 4.1-629. Local ordinances or resolutions regulating marijuana or marijuana products.**

2079 A. *No county, city, or town shall, except as provided in § 4.1-630, adopt any ordinance or resolution that*
 2080 *regulates or prohibits the cultivation, processing, possession, sale, distribution, handling, transportation,*
 2081 *consumption, use, advertising, or dispensing of marijuana or marijuana products in the Commonwealth.*

2082 B. *However, the governing body of any county, city, or town may adopt an ordinance that prohibits in its*
 2083 *local public parks, playgrounds, public streets, or any sidewalk adjoining any public street the acts described*
 2084 *in § 4.1-1108 or the acts described in § 4.1-1109 and may provide a penalty for violation thereof.*

2085 C. *The governing body of any county, city, or town may adopt an ordinance that decreases the minimum*
 2086 *distance requirements specified in § 4.1-810 (i) between retail marijuana stores and microbusinesses or (ii)*
 2087 *between a retail marijuana store or microbusiness and any place of religious worship; hospital; public,*
 2088 *private, or parochial school or institution of higher education; public or private playground or other similar*
 2089 *recreational facility; child day program; substance use disorder treatment facility; or federal, state, or local*
 2090 *government-operated facility.*

2091 D. *Except as provided in this section, nothing in this subtitle shall be construed to supersede or limit the*
 2092 *authority of a locality to adopt and enforce local ordinances to regulate businesses licensed pursuant to this*
 2093 *subtitle, including local zoning and land use requirements and business license requirements.*

2094 E. *Except as provided in this section, all local acts, including charter provisions and ordinances of*
 2095 *counties, cities, and towns, inconsistent with any of the provisions of this subtitle, are repealed to the extent*
 2096 *of such inconsistency.*

2097 **§ 4.1-630. Local ordinances regulating time of sale of marijuana and marijuana products.**

2098 *The governing body of each county may adopt ordinances effective in that portion of such county not*
 2099 *embraced within the corporate limits of any incorporated town, and the governing body of each city and town*
 2100 *may adopt ordinances effective in such city or town, fixing hours during which marijuana and marijuana*
 2101 *products may be sold. Such governing bodies shall provide for fines and other penalties for violations of any*
 2102 *such ordinances, which shall be enforced as if the violations were Class 1 misdemeanors with a right of*

2103 appeal pursuant to § 16.1-106.

2104 A copy of any ordinance adopted pursuant to this section shall be certified by the clerk of the governing
2105 body adopting it and transmitted to the Board.

2106 On and after the effective date of any ordinance adopted pursuant to this section, no marijuana store shall
2107 sell marijuana or marijuana products during the hours limited by the ordinance.

2108

CHAPTER 7.

2109

ADMINISTRATION OF LICENSES; GENERAL PROVISIONS.

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§ 4.1-700. Exemptions from licensure.

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2112 The licensure requirements of this subtitle shall not apply to (i) a handler, grower, or processor of
2113 industrial hemp that is registered with the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services pursuant to
2114 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)
2115 a person that has been issued a regulated hemp product retail facility registration and is acting in
2116 accordance with the provisions of Title 3.2; (iii) a manufacturer of an edible hemp product operating in
2117 accordance with Article 5 (§ 3.2-5145.1 et seq.) of Chapter 51 of Title 3.2; or (iv) a person who cultivates
2118 marijuana at home for personal use pursuant to § 4.1-1101. Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed to (a)
2119 prevent any person described in clauses (i) through (iii) from obtaining a license pursuant to this subtitle,
2120 provided such person satisfies applicable licensing requirements; (b) prevent a licensee from acquiring hemp
2121 products from an industrial hemp processor in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41.1 (§ 3.2-4112 et
2122 seq.) of Title 3.2; or (c) prevent a cultivation, processing, transporter, microbusiness, or retail licensee from
2123 operating on the licensed premises of an industrial hemp processing facility in accordance with Chapter 41.1
(§ 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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2126 The privilege of any licensee to cultivate, process, transport, deliver, sell, or test marijuana or marijuana
2127 products shall extend to such licensee and to all agents or employees of such licensee for the purpose of
2128 operating under such license. The licensee may be held liable for any violation of this subtitle or any Board
2129 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 of license; mandatory holding period for impact licenses; posting; expiration; civil penalties.

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2131 A. Each license granted by the Board shall designate the place where the business of the licensee will be
2132 carried on. A separate license shall be required for each separate place of business.

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2134 B. No license shall be transferable from one location to another unless such transfer is conducted in
2135 accordance with Board regulations. No license shall be assigned, sold, or transferred, nor shall ownership or
2136 control of a license be changed, unless the licensee has received prior written approval by the Board and
2137 such assignment, sale, transfer, or change is conducted in accordance with Board regulations. Any such
2138 change made without approval of the Board is void and shall constitute grounds for immediate suspension or
2139 revocation of all affected licenses.

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2140 C. No impact licensee, nor any person holding a direct or indirect beneficial interest therein, shall sell,
2141 assign, or transfer a controlling interest of more than 49 percent of the license to any person or entity for a
2142 period of five years from the date the license is issued. The Board may, by regulation, provide for an
2143 exception to this mandatory holding period for transfers made as part of an estate plan to a family member or
2144 into a trust for the benefit of the licensee's immediate family.

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2145 D. The Board may permit a licensee to amend the classification of an existing license without complying
2146 with the posting and publishing procedures required by § 4.1-1000 if the effect of the amendment is to reduce
2147 materially the privileges of an existing license.

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2148 E. Each license shall be posted in a location conspicuous to the public at the place where the licensee
2149 carries on the business for which the license is granted.

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2150 F. The privileges conferred by any license granted by the Board shall continue until the last day of the
2151 twelfth month next ensuing or the last day of the designated month and year of expiration, except the license
2152 may be sooner terminated for any cause for which the Board would be entitled to refuse to grant a license or
2153 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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2156 A. Every licensed marijuana establishment shall keep complete, accurate, and separate records in
2157 accordance with Board regulations of all marijuana and marijuana products it cultivated, purchased,
2158 processed, sold, developed, researched, tested, or shipped.

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2159 B. Every licensed retail marijuana store and microbusiness shall keep complete, accurate, and separate
2160 records in accordance with Board regulations of all purchases of marijuana products, the prices charged
2161 such licensee therefor, and the names and addresses of the persons from whom purchased. Every licensed
2162 retail marijuana store and microbusiness shall also preserve all invoices showing its purchases for a period
2163 as specified by Board regulations. The licensee shall also keep an accurate account of daily sales, showing
2164 quantities of marijuana products sold and the total price charged by it therefor. Except as otherwise provided
in subsections C and D, such account need not give the names or addresses of the purchasers thereof, except

2165 *as may be required by Board regulation.*

2166 *Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection D, electronic records of licensed retail marijuana stores and*
 2167 *microbusinesses may be stored off-site, provided that such records are readily retrievable and available for*
 2168 *electronic inspection by the Board or its agents at the licensed premises. However, in the case that such*
 2169 *electronic records are not readily available for electronic inspection on the licensed premises, the licensee*
 2170 *may obtain Board approval, for good cause shown, to permit the licensee to provide the records to an agent*
 2171 *of the Board within three business days or less, as determined by the Board, after a request is made to inspect*
 2172 *the records.*

2173 *C. Every licensed marijuana testing facility shall keep records of the names and addresses of all licensees*
 2174 *or persons who submit marijuana or marijuana products to the marijuana testing facility.*

2175 *D. The Board and its special agents shall be allowed free access during reasonable hours to every place*
 2176 *in the Commonwealth and to the premises of every licensee or for the purpose of examining and inspecting*
 2177 *such place and all records, invoices, and accounts therein.*

2178 *For the purposes of a Board inspection of the records of any retail marijuana store or microbusiness*
 2179 *licensees, "reasonable hours" means the hours between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.; however, if the licensee generally*
 2180 *is not open to the public substantially during the same hours, "reasonable hours" means the business hours*
 2181 *when the licensee is open to the public. At any other time of day, if the retail marijuana store or*
 2182 *microbusiness licensee's records are not available for inspection, the licensee shall provide the records to an*
 2183 *agent of the Board within 24 hours after a request is made to inspect the records.*

2184 CHAPTER 8.

2185 ADMINISTRATION OF LICENSES; LICENSES GRANTED BY BOARD.

2186 § 4.1-800. **Marijuana cultivation facility license.**

2187 *A. The Board may issue any of the following marijuana cultivation facility licenses, which shall authorize*
 2188 *the licensee to cultivate, label, and package marijuana; to purchase or take possession of marijuana plants*
 2189 *and seeds from other marijuana cultivation facilities; to transfer possession of and sell marijuana, immature*
 2190 *marijuana plants, and marijuana seeds to retail marijuana stores; to transfer possession of marijuana,*
 2191 *immature marijuana plants, and marijuana seeds to marijuana transporters; to transfer possession of and*
 2192 *sell marijuana, marijuana plants, and marijuana seeds to other marijuana cultivation facilities; to transfer*
 2193 *possession of and sell marijuana to marijuana processing facilities; and to transport marijuana, immature*
 2194 *marijuana plants, and marijuana seeds from the marijuana cultivation facility's licensed premises to another*
 2195 *licensed marijuana establishment:*

2196 *1. Tier I marijuana cultivation facility license, which shall authorize the licensee to cultivate marijuana*
 2197 *indoors or outdoors with a canopy that does not exceed 5,000 square feet.*

2198 *2. Tier II marijuana cultivation facility license, which shall authorize the licensee to cultivate marijuana*
 2199 *indoors or outdoors with a canopy that does not exceed 10,000 square feet.*

2200 *3. Tier III marijuana cultivation facility license, which shall authorize the licensee to cultivate marijuana*
 2201 *indoors with a canopy that does not exceed 15,000 square feet.*

2202 *4. Tier IV marijuana cultivation facility license, which shall authorize the licensee to cultivate marijuana*
 2203 *indoors with a canopy that does not exceed 25,000 square feet.*

2204 *5. Tier V marijuana cultivation facility license, which shall authorize the licensee to cultivate marijuana*
 2205 *indoors with a canopy that does not exceed 35,000 square feet.*

2206 *B. In accordance with the requirements of § 4.1-611, a marijuana cultivation facility licensee shall track*
 2207 *the marijuana it cultivates from seed or immature marijuana plant to the point at which the marijuana plant*
 2208 *or the marijuana produced by the marijuana plant is transported or transferred to a marijuana testing*
 2209 *facility, a marijuana transporter, another marijuana cultivation facility, a marijuana processor, or a retail*
 2210 *marijuana store or is disposed of or destroyed.*

2211 *C. The cultivation of marijuana by a marijuana cultivation facility licensee in a secure agricultural*
 2212 *greenhouse shall be considered indoor cultivation and shall be permitted, provided that the secure*
 2213 *agricultural greenhouse is surrounded by a privacy fence that is no less than eight feet tall and is subject to*
 2214 *monitored ingress and egress.*

2215 *D. All areas within the licensed premises of a marijuana cultivation facility in which marijuana is*
 2216 *cultivated, labeled, packaged, or stored shall meet all sanitary standards specified in regulations adopted by*
 2217 *the Board.*

2218 § 4.1-801. **Marijuana processing facility license.**

2219 *A. The Board may issue marijuana processing facility licenses, which shall authorize the licensee to*
 2220 *process, label, and package marijuana and marijuana products; to purchase or take possession of marijuana*
 2221 *from a marijuana cultivation facility or another marijuana processing facility; to transfer possession of and*
 2222 *sell marijuana and marijuana products to retail marijuana stores or other marijuana processing facilities; to*
 2223 *transfer possession of marijuana and marijuana products to marijuana transporters; and to transport*
 2224 *marijuana and marijuana products from the marijuana processing facility's licensed premises to another*
 2225 *licensed marijuana establishment.*

2226 *B. All areas within the licensed premises of a marijuana processing facility in which marijuana and*

2227 marijuana products are processed shall meet all sanitary standards specified in regulations adopted by the
 2228 Board. A marijuana processing facility that processes an edible marijuana product shall comply with the
 2229 requirements of Chapter 51 (§ 3.2-5100 et seq.) of Title 3.2 and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

2230 C. In accordance with the requirements of § 4.1-611, a marijuana processing facility licensee shall track
 2231 the marijuana it uses in its processing from the point the marijuana is delivered or transferred to the
 2232 marijuana processing facility by a marijuana transporter licensee to the point the marijuana or marijuana
 2233 products produced using the marijuana are delivered or transferred to another marijuana processing facility,
 2234 a retail marijuana store, a marijuana testing facility, or a marijuana transporter or are disposed of or
 2235 destroyed.

2236 **§ 4.1-802. Retail marijuana store license.**

2237 A. The Board may issue retail marijuana store licenses, which shall authorize the licensee to purchase or
 2238 take possession of marijuana, marijuana products, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds from a
 2239 marijuana cultivation facility or marijuana processing facility; to take possession of marijuana, marijuana
 2240 products, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds from a marijuana transporter; to sell marijuana,
 2241 marijuana products, marijuana paraphernalia, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds to consumers
 2242 on premises approved by the Board; to deliver marijuana, marijuana products, marijuana paraphernalia,
 2243 immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds only in person to consumers; to transfer possession of
 2244 marijuana, marijuana products, marijuana paraphernalia, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds to
 2245 marijuana delivery operators; and to transport marijuana, marijuana products, marijuana paraphernalia,
 2246 immature marijuana plants, and marijuana seeds from the retail marijuana store's licensed premises to
 2247 another retail marijuana store.

2248 B. Retail marijuana stores shall be operated in accordance with the following provisions:

2249 1. A person shall be 21 years of age or older to make a purchase in a retail marijuana store.

2250 2. A retail marijuana store shall be permitted to sell marijuana, marijuana products, immature marijuana
 2251 plants, or marijuana seeds to consumers only (i) in a direct, face-to-face exchange; (ii) using a licensed
 2252 marijuana delivery operator; or (iii) by delivery in person to consumers at any residence, including a
 2253 temporary residence, or business; however, a retail marijuana store shall not deliver marijuana, marijuana
 2254 products, marijuana paraphernalia, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds to (a) any military base,
 2255 child day center, school, or correctional facility; (b) the State Capitol; (c) hospital; (d) marine terminal
 2256 under the supervision of the Virginia Port Authority; or (e) any public gathering places, including sporting
 2257 events, festivals, fairs, races, concerts, and terminals of public transportation companies. A retail marijuana
 2258 store shall not be permitted to sell marijuana, marijuana products, marijuana paraphernalia, immature
 2259 marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds using:

2260 a. An automated dispensing or vending machine; or

2261 b. A drive-through sales window.

2262 3. A retail marijuana store shall not be permitted to sell more than two and one-half ounces of marijuana
 2263 or an equivalent amount of marijuana products as determined by regulation promulgated by the Board
 2264 during a single transaction to one person.

2265 4. A retail marijuana store shall not sell or market marijuana, marijuana products, marijuana
 2266 paraphernalia, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds through an internet-based sales platform
 2267 operated by a third party or fulfill any order referred by such internet-based sales platform operated by a
 2268 third party.

2269 5. A retail marijuana store shall not:

2270 a. Give away any marijuana, marijuana products, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds except
 2271 as otherwise permitted by this subtitle; or

2272 b. Sell marijuana, marijuana products, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds to any person
 2273 when at the time of such sale he knows or has reason to believe that the person attempting to purchase the
 2274 marijuana, marijuana product, immature marijuana plant, or marijuana seeds is intoxicated or is attempting
 2275 to purchase marijuana for someone younger than 21 years of age.

2276 6. In accordance with the requirements of § 4.1-611, a retail marijuana store licensee shall track all
 2277 marijuana, marijuana products, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds from the point at which the
 2278 marijuana, marijuana products, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds are delivered or transferred
 2279 to the retail marijuana store to the point at which the marijuana, marijuana products, immature marijuana
 2280 plants, or marijuana seeds are sold to a consumer, delivered or transferred to a marijuana testing facility,
 2281 transferred to a marijuana delivery operator, or disposed of or destroyed.

2282 7. A retail marijuana store shall not be subject to the requirements of Chapter 51 (§ 3.2-5100 et seq.) of
 2283 Title 3.2.

2284 C. Each retail marijuana store licensee shall post in each retail marijuana store notice of the existence of
 2285 a human trafficking hotline to alert possible witnesses or victims of human trafficking to the availability of a
 2286 means to report crimes or gain assistance. The notice required by this subsection shall (i) be posted in a
 2287 place readily visible and accessible to the public and (ii) meet the requirements specified in subsection C of
 2288 § 40.1-11.3.

2289 *D. Each retail marijuana store licensee shall prominently display and make available for dissemination to*
2290 *consumers Board-approved information regarding the potential risks of marijuana use.*

2291 *E. Each retail marijuana store licensee shall provide training, established by the Board, to all employees*
2292 *educating them on how to discuss the potential risks of marijuana use with consumers.*

2293 *F. All areas within the licensed premises of a retail marijuana store in which marijuana, marijuana*
2294 *products, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds are sold or stored shall meet all sanitary standards*
2295 *specified in regulations adopted by the Board.*

2296 **§ 4.1-803. Microbusiness license.**

2297 *A. The Board may issue microbusiness licenses, which shall authorize the licensee to conduct any*
2298 *activities authorized for marijuana cultivation facilities pursuant to § 4.1-800, marijuana processing*
2299 *facilities pursuant to § 4.1-801, and retail marijuana stores pursuant to § 4.1-802, as determined by the*
2300 *Board; however, (i) a microbusiness licensee shall process and sell only marijuana or marijuana products*
2301 *cultivated or processed by a microbusiness licensee; (ii) a microbusiness license shall authorize the licensee*
2302 *to cultivate marijuana indoors or outdoors with an indoor canopy that does not exceed 5,000 square feet and*
2303 *an outdoor canopy that does not exceed 10,000 square feet, or such other comparable limits as the Board*
2304 *may establish by regulation; and (iii) a microbusiness licensee shall not hold or control any other license and*
2305 *may operate only one licensed premises.*

2306 *B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a microbusiness licensee may conduct authorized*
2307 *activities at no more than two separate locations within the Commonwealth, provided that (i) each location is*
2308 *appropriately zoned and approved by the locality in which it is located; (ii) the locations are within 10 miles*
2309 *of one another; (iii) all locations operate under the same microbusiness license and common ownership and*
2310 *control; and (iv) no single license privilege, such as cultivating, processing, or retail sales, shall be exercised*
2311 *at more than one location.*

2312 *C. Unless otherwise provided by law or the Board, a microbusiness licensee shall be subject to the same*
2313 *statutory requirements and regulations as marijuana cultivation facilities, marijuana processing facilities,*
2314 *and retail marijuana stores, including requirements for (i) tracking all marijuana, marijuana products,*
2315 *immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds in accordance with § 4.1-611 and (ii) ensuring all areas*
2316 *within the licensed premises of the microbusiness meet all sanitary standards specified in regulations*
2317 *adopted by the Board.*

2318 **§ 4.1-804. Marijuana transporter license.**

2319 *A. The Board may issue marijuana transporter licenses, which shall authorize the licensee to take*
2320 *possession of marijuana, marijuana products, immature marijuana plants, and marijuana seeds from a*
2321 *marijuana cultivation facility, a marijuana processing facility, a retail marijuana store, a microbusiness, or*
2322 *another marijuana transporter; to transfer possession of marijuana, marijuana products, immature*
2323 *marijuana plants, and marijuana seeds to a marijuana cultivation facility, marijuana processing facility,*
2324 *retail marijuana store, microbusiness, or another marijuana transporter; and to transport marijuana,*
2325 *marijuana products, immature marijuana plants, and marijuana seeds from one licensed establishment to*
2326 *another.*

2327 *B. All areas within the licensed premises of a marijuana transporter in which marijuana and marijuana*
2328 *products are stored shall meet all sanitary standards specified in regulations adopted by the Board.*

2329 *C. In accordance with the requirements of § 4.1-611, a marijuana transporter licensee shall track the*
2330 *marijuana, marijuana products, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds from the point at which the*
2331 *marijuana, marijuana products, plants, or seeds are delivered or transferred to the marijuana transporter to*
2332 *the point at which the marijuana, marijuana products, plants, or seeds are transferred to a marijuana*
2333 *processor, marijuana transporter, retail marijuana store, microbusiness, or marijuana testing facility or are*
2334 *disposed of or destroyed.*

2335 **§ 4.1-805. Marijuana delivery operator license.**

2336 *A. The Board may issue marijuana delivery operator licenses, which shall authorize the licensee to take*
2337 *possession of marijuana or marijuana products from a retail marijuana store or microbusiness and deliver*
2338 *such marijuana or marijuana products only in person to consumers at any residence, including a temporary*
2339 *residence, or business; however, a delivery operator licensee shall not deliver marijuana or marijuana*
2340 *products to (i) any military base, child day center, school, or correctional facility; (ii) the State Capitol; (iii)*
2341 *hospital; (iv) marine terminal under the supervision of the Virginia Port Authority; or (v) any public*
2342 *gathering places, including sporting events, festivals, fairs, races, concerts, and terminals of public*
2343 *transportation companies.*

2344 *B. In accordance with the requirements of § 4.1-611, a marijuana delivery operator licensee shall track*
2345 *the marijuana or marijuana products from the point at which the marijuana or marijuana products are*
2346 *transferred to the marijuana delivery operator to the point at which the marijuana or marijuana products are*
2347 *delivered or transferred to the consumer or are disposed of or destroyed.*

2348 **§ 4.1-806. Marijuana testing facility license.**

2349 *A. The Board may issue marijuana testing facility licenses, which shall authorize the licensee to develop,*
2350 *research, transport, or test marijuana, marijuana products, and other substances.*

2351 B. A marijuana testing facility may develop, research, or test marijuana and marijuana products for (i)
2352 that facility, (ii) another licensee, or (iii) a person who intends to use the marijuana or marijuana product for
2353 personal use as authorized under § 4.1-1100.

2354 C. Neither this subtitle nor the regulations adopted pursuant to this subtitle shall prevent a marijuana
2355 testing facility from developing, researching, or testing substances that are not marijuana or marijuana
2356 products for that facility or for another person.

2357 D. To obtain licensure from the Board, a marijuana testing facility shall be required to obtain and
2358 maintain accreditation pursuant to standard ISO/IEC 17025 of the International Organization for
2359 Standardization by a third-party accrediting body.

2360 E. In accordance with the requirements of § 4.1-611, a marijuana testing facility licensee shall track all
2361 marijuana and marijuana products it receives from a licensee for testing purposes from the point at which the
2362 marijuana or marijuana products are delivered or transferred to the marijuana testing facility to the point at
2363 which the marijuana or marijuana products are disposed of or destroyed.

2364 F. A person that has an interest in a marijuana testing facility license shall not have any interest in a
2365 licensed marijuana cultivation facility, licensed marijuana processing facility, licensed marijuana
2366 transporter, licensed retail marijuana store, or licensed microbusiness.

2367 G. All areas within the licensed premises of a marijuana testing facility in which marijuana or marijuana
2368 products are tested or stored shall meet all sanitary standards specified in regulations adopted by the Board.

2369 **§ 4.1-807. Multiple licenses awarded to one person; limitations.**

2370 A. As used in this section, "interest" means a direct or indirect equity ownership interest, a partial equity
2371 ownership interest, or any other financial or economic interest representing at least 10 percent or more of
2372 the ownership, voting power, or economic value of an entity, including being an investor, partner, member,
2373 officer, or director or serving in any other management position.

2374 B. A person may possess or hold interest in one or any combination of the following licenses pursuant to
2375 Board regulations: tier I marijuana cultivation facility license, tier II marijuana cultivation facility license,
2376 tier III marijuana cultivation facility license, tier IV marijuana cultivation facility license, tier V marijuana
2377 cultivation facility license, marijuana processing facility license, marijuana transporter license, marijuana
2378 delivery operator license, or retail marijuana store license. Board regulations shall be drawn to ensure that
2379 all licensees have an equal and meaningful opportunity to participate in the market. Moreover, except as
2380 provided in subsection C, (i) no person shall be granted or hold interest in more than five total licenses, not
2381 including marijuana transporter licenses, issued pursuant to this subtitle or more than one tier V marijuana
2382 cultivation facility license; (ii) no person that has been granted or holds interest in a marijuana cultivation
2383 facility license, marijuana processing facility license, marijuana transporter license, marijuana delivery
2384 operator license, retail marijuana store license, or microbusiness license shall be issued or hold interest in a
2385 marijuana testing facility license; and (iii) no person that has been granted or holds interest in a
2386 microbusiness license shall be issued or hold interest in any other marijuana establishment.

2387 **§ 4.1-808. Temporary permits required in certain instances.**

2388 A. The Board may grant a permit that shall authorize any person who purchases at a foreclosure, secured
2389 creditor's, or judicial auction sale the premises or property of a person licensed by the Board and who has
2390 become lawfully entitled to the possession of the licensed premises to continue to operate the marijuana
2391 establishment to the same extent as the license holder for a period not to exceed 60 days or for such longer
2392 period as determined by the Board. Such permit shall be temporary and shall confer the privileges of any
2393 licenses held by the previous owner to the extent determined by the Board. Such temporary permit may be
2394 issued in advance, conditioned on the requirements in this subsection.

2395 B. A temporary permit granted pursuant to subsection A may be revoked summarily by the Board for any
2396 cause set forth in § 4.1-900 without complying with subsection A of § 4.1-903. Revocation of a temporary
2397 permit shall be effective upon service of the order of revocation upon the permittee or upon the expiration of
2398 three business days after the order of the revocation has been mailed to the permittee at either his residence
2399 or the address given for the business in the permit application. No further notice shall be required.

2400 **§ 4.1-809. Licensee shall maintain possession of premises.**

2401 As a condition of licensure, a licensee shall at all times maintain possession of the licensed premises of
2402 the marijuana establishment that the licensee is licensed to operate, whether pursuant to a lease, rental
2403 agreement, or other arrangement for possession of the premises or by virtue of ownership of the premises. If
2404 the licensee fails to maintain possession of the licensed premises, the license shall be revoked by the Board.

2405 **§ 4.1-810. Conditions under which the Board shall or may refuse to grant licenses.**

2406 A. The Board may refuse to grant any license if it has reasonable cause to believe that the granting of the
2407 license would be detrimental to the interest, morals, safety, or welfare of the public or would be inconsistent
2408 with the provisions of this subtitle.

2409 B. The Board shall refuse to grant any license if it has reasonable cause to believe that:

2410 1. The applicant, or if the applicant is a partnership, any general partner thereof, or if the applicant is an
2411 association, any member thereof, or a limited partner of 10 percent or more with voting rights, or if the
2412 applicant is a corporation, any officer, director, or shareholder owning 10 percent or more of its capital

2413 *stock, or if the applicant is a limited liability company, any member-manager or any member owning 10*
2414 *percent or more of the membership interest of the limited liability company:*

2415 *a. Is not 21 years of age or older;*
2416 *b. Has been convicted in any court of a felony, other than a conviction for a felony violation of*
2417 *§ 18.2-248.1, or any crime or offense involving moral turpitude under the laws of any state or of the United*
2418 *States within seven years of the date of the application or has not completed all terms of sentencing and*
2419 *probation resulting from any such conviction;*
2420 *c. Knowingly employs or allows to volunteer someone younger than 21 years of age;*
2421 *d. Is not the legitimate owner of the business proposed to be licensed, or other persons have ownership*
2422 *interests in the business that have not been disclosed;*
2423 *e. Has not demonstrated financial responsibility sufficient to meet the requirements of the business*
2424 *proposed to be licensed;*
2425 *f. Has misrepresented a material fact in applying to the Board for a license;*
2426 *g. Has defrauded or attempted to defraud the Board, or any federal, state, or local government or*
2427 *governmental agency or authority, by making or filing any report, document, or tax return required by statute*
2428 *or regulation that is fraudulent or contains a false representation of a material fact, or has willfully deceived*
2429 *or attempted to deceive the Board, or any federal, state, or local government or governmental agency or*
2430 *authority, by making or maintaining business records required by statute or regulation that are false or*
2431 *fraudulent;*
2432 *h. Is violating or allowing the violation of any provision of this subtitle in his establishment at the time his*
2433 *application for a license is pending;*
2434 *i. Is a full-time or part-time employee of the Department of State Police or of a police department or*
2435 *sheriff's office that is a part of or administered by the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof,*
2436 *and who is responsible for the enforcement of the penal, traffic, or motor vehicle laws of the Commonwealth;*
2437 *j. Has been sanctioned by the Board pursuant to regulations promulgated by the Board for a violation*
2438 *pursuant to Chapter 16 (§ 4.1-1600 et seq.);*
2439 *k. Is physically unable to carry on the business for which the application for a license is filed or has been*
2440 *adjudicated incapacitated; or*
2441 *l. Is delinquent for a period of 90 days or more in the payment of any taxes, or any penalties or interest*
2442 *related thereto, lawfully imposed by the locality where the place to be occupied by the applicant is located, as*
2443 *certified by the treasurer, commissioner of the revenue, or finance director of such locality, unless (i) the*
2444 *outstanding amount is de minimis; (ii) the applicant has pending a bona fide application for correction or*
2445 *appeal with respect to such taxes, penalties, or interest; or (iii) the applicant has entered into a payment plan*
2446 *approved by the same locality to settle the outstanding liability.*

2447 *2. The applicant is a member or employee of the Board or is a corporation or other business entity in*
2448 *which a member or employee of the Board is a stockholder or has any other economic interest. Whenever any*
2449 *other elected or appointed official of the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof applies for such*
2450 *a license or continuance thereof, he shall state on the application the official position he holds, and whenever*
2451 *a corporation or other business entity in which any such official is a stockholder or has any other economic*
2452 *interest applies for such a license, it shall state on the application the full economic interests of each such*
2453 *official in such corporation or other business entity.*

2454 *3. The place to be occupied by the applicant:*

2455 *a. Does not conform to the requirements of the governing body of the county, city, or town in which such*
2456 *place is located with respect to sanitation, health, construction, or equipment, or to any similar requirements*
2457 *established by the laws of the Commonwealth or by Board regulation;*
2458 *b. Is so located that granting a license and operation thereunder by the applicant would result in*
2459 *violations of this subtitle or Board regulations or violation of the laws of the Commonwealth or local*
2460 *ordinances relating to peace and good order;*
2461 *c. When the applicant is applying for a retail marijuana store license or microbusiness license, is (i)*
2462 *located within 1,000 feet of any place of religious worship; hospital; public, private, or parochial school or*
2463 *institution of higher education; public or private playground or other similar recreational facility; child day*
2464 *program; substance use disorder treatment facility; or federal, state, or local government-operated facility,*
2465 *unless the locality has adopted an ordinance decreasing the minimum distance requirement between retail*
2466 *marijuana stores or microbusinesses and such facilities, programs, or institutions or (ii) so located with*
2467 *respect to any such facilities, programs, or institutions that the operation of such place under such license*
2468 *will adversely affect or interfere with the normal, orderly conduct of the affairs of such facilities, programs,*
2469 *or institutions;*
2470 *d. When the applicant is applying for a retail marijuana store license or microbusiness license, is so*
2471 *located with respect to any residence or residential area that the operation of such place under such license*
2472 *will adversely affect real property values or substantially interfere with the usual quietude and tranquility of*
2473 *such residence or residential area;*
2474 *e. When the applicant is applying for a retail marijuana store license or microbusiness license, is located*

2475 within 1,000 feet of an existing retail marijuana store or microbusiness, unless the locality has adopted an
2476 ordinance decreasing the distance requirement between retail marijuana stores;

2477 f. Is so constructed, arranged, or illuminated that law-enforcement officers and agents of the Board are
2478 prevented from ready access to and reasonable observation of any room or area within which marijuana or
2479 marijuana products are to be sold; or

2480 g. Is an establishment where alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or tobacco products are manufactured, sold,
2481 or used.

2482 Nothing in this subdivision 3 shall be construed to require an applicant to have secured a place or
2483 premises until the final stage of the license approval process.

2484 4. The number of licenses existing in the locality is such that the granting of a license is detrimental to the
2485 interest, morals, safety, or welfare of the public. In reaching such conclusion, the Board shall consider (i) the
2486 criteria established by the Board to evaluate new licensees based on the density of retail marijuana stores in
2487 the community; (ii) the character of, population of, number of similar licenses in, and number of all licenses
2488 existent in the particular county, city, or town and the immediate neighborhood concerned; (iii) the effect that
2489 a new license may have on such county, city, town, or neighborhood in conforming with the purposes of this
2490 subtitle; and (iv) the objections, if any, that may have been filed by a local governing body or local residents.

2491 5. There exists any law, ordinance, or regulation of the United States, the Commonwealth, or any political
2492 subdivision thereof that warrants refusal by the Board to grant any license.

2493 6. The Board is not authorized under this subtitle to grant such license.

2494 **§ 4.1-811. Denial of license or permit final.**

2495 A. The denial of a license or permit by the Board shall be final unless appealed pursuant to § 4.1-1009.

2496 **CHAPTER 9.**

2497 **ADMINISTRATION OF LICENSES; DENIAL, SUSPENSION, AND REVOCATION.**

2498 **§ 4.1-900. Grounds for which Board may suspend or revoke licenses.**

2499 A. The Board may suspend or revoke any license if it has reasonable cause to believe that:

2500 1. The licensee, or if the licensee is a partnership, any general partner thereof, or if the licensee is an
2501 association, any member thereof, or a limited partner of 10 percent or more with voting rights, or if the
2502 licensee is a corporation, any officer, director, or shareholder owning 10 percent or more of its capital stock,
2503 or if the licensee is a limited liability company, any member-manager or any member owning 10 percent or
2504 more of the membership interest of the limited liability company:

2505 a. Has misrepresented a material fact in applying to the Board for such license;

2506 b. Within the five years immediately preceding the date of the hearing held in accordance with § 4.1-903,
2507 has (i) violated any provision of Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.), Chapter 12 (§ 4.1-1200 et seq.), or Chapter
2508 13 (§ 4.1-1300 et seq.); (ii) committed a violation of this subtitle in bad faith; (iii) violated or failed or
2509 refused to comply with any regulation, rule, or order of the Board; or (iv) failed or refused to comply with
2510 any of the conditions or restrictions of the license granted by the Board;

2511 c. Has been convicted in any court of a felony or of any crime or offense involving moral turpitude under
2512 the laws of any state or of the United States;

2513 d. Is not the legitimate owner of the business conducted under the license granted by the Board, or other
2514 persons have ownership interests in the business that have not been disclosed;

2515 e. Cannot demonstrate financial responsibility sufficient to meet the requirements of the business
2516 conducted under the license granted by the Board;

2517 f. Has been intoxicated or under the influence of some self-administered drug while upon the licensed
2518 premises;

2519 g. Has maintained the licensed premises in an unsanitary condition, or allowed such premises to become
2520 a meeting place or rendezvous for members of a criminal street gang as defined in § 18.2-46.1 or persons of
2521 ill repute, or has allowed any form of illegal gambling, as defined in § 18.2-325, to take place upon such
2522 premises;

2523 h. Has allowed any person whom he knew or had reason to believe was intoxicated to loiter upon such
2524 licensed premises;

2525 i. Has allowed any person to consume upon the licensed premises any marijuana or marijuana product;

2526 j. Is physically unable to carry on the business conducted under such license or has been adjudicated
2527 incapacitated;

2528 k. Has possessed any illegal gambling device upon the licensed premises;

2529 l. Has upon the licensed premises (i) illegally possessed, distributed, sold, or used, or has knowingly
2530 allowed any employee or agent, or any other person, to illegally possess, distribute, sell, or use, controlled
2531 substances, imitation controlled substances, drug paraphernalia, or controlled paraphernalia as those terms
2532 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
2533 Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.); (ii) laundered money in violation of § 18.2-246.3; or (iii) conspired
2534 to commit any drug-related offense in violation of Article 1 or 1.1 of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2 or the Drug
2535 Control Act. The provisions of this subdivision l shall also apply to any conduct related to the operation of
2536 the licensed business that facilitates the commission of any of the offenses set forth herein;

2537 *m. Has failed to take reasonable measures to prevent (i) the licensed premises, (ii) any premises*
 2538 *immediately adjacent to the licensed premises that is owned or leased by the licensee, or (iii) any portion of*
 2539 *public property immediately adjacent to the licensed premises from becoming a place where patrons of the*
 2540 *establishment commit criminal violations of Article 1 (§ 18.2-30 et seq.), 2 (§ 18.2-38 et seq.), 2.1*
 2541 *(§ 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.),*
 2542 *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*
 2543 *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*
 2544 *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*
 2545 *violations lead to arrests that are so frequent and serious as to reasonably be deemed a continuing threat to*
 2546 *the public safety;*

2547 *n. Has failed to take reasonable measures to prevent an act of violence resulting in death or serious*
 2548 *bodily injury, or a recurrence of such acts, from occurring on (i) the licensed premises, (ii) any premises*
 2549 *immediately adjacent to the licensed premises that is owned or leased by the licensee, or (iii) any portion of*
 2550 *public property immediately adjacent to the licensed premises; or*

2551 *o. Has been sanctioned by the Board pursuant to regulations promulgated by the Board for a violation*
 2552 *pursuant to Chapter 16 (§ 4.1-1600 et seq.).*

2553 *2. The place occupied by the licensee:*

2554 *a. Does not conform to the requirements of the governing body of the county, city, or town in which such*
 2555 *establishment is located, with respect to sanitation, health, construction, or equipment, or to any similar*
 2556 *requirements established by the laws of the Commonwealth or by Board regulations;*

2557 *b. Has been adjudicated a common nuisance under the provisions of this subtitle or § 18.2-258; or*

2558 *c. Has become a meeting place or rendezvous for illegal gambling, illegal users of narcotics, drunks,*
 2559 *prostitutes, pimps, panders, or habitual law violators or has become a place where illegal drugs are*
 2560 *regularly used or distributed. The Board may consider the general reputation in the community of such*
 2561 *establishment in addition to any other competent evidence in making such determination.*

2562 *3. The licensee or any employee of the licensee discriminated against any member of the Armed Forces of*
 2563 *the United States by prices charged or otherwise.*

2564 *4. Any cause exists for which the Board would have been entitled to refuse to grant such license had the*
 2565 *facts been known.*

2566 *5. The licensee is delinquent for a period of 90 days or more in the payment of any taxes, or any penalties*
 2567 *or interest related thereto, lawfully imposed by the locality where the licensed business is located, as certified*
 2568 *by the treasurer, commissioner of the revenue, or finance director of such locality, unless (i) the outstanding*
 2569 *amount is de minimis; (ii) the licensee has pending a bona fide application for correction or appeal with*
 2570 *respect to such taxes, penalties, or interest; or (iii) the licensee has entered into a payment plan approved by*
 2571 *the same locality to settle the outstanding liability.*

2572 *6. The licensee has been convicted for a violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1324a(f), as amended, for actions of its*
 2573 *agents or employees constituting a pattern or practice of employing unauthorized aliens on the licensed*
 2574 *premises in the Commonwealth.*

2575 *7. The Board finds that the licensee assigned, sold, or transferred a license or changed ownership or*
 2576 *control of the license without prior written approval of the Board as required pursuant to § 4.1-702.*

2577 *8. Any other cause authorized by this subtitle.*

2578 *B. The Board shall promulgate regulations regarding suspension and revocation standards and protocols.*

2579 **§ 4.1-901. Summary suspension in emergency circumstances; grounds; notice and hearing.**

2580 *A. The Board may summarily suspend or restrict any license or permit without a hearing if the Board*
 2581 *finds that such suspension or restriction is necessary to prevent substantial danger to public health or safety.*
 2582 *The Board shall make decisions to summarily suspend or restrict a license or permit only during an in-person*
 2583 *meeting in which a quorum is present; however, if, after a good faith effort, the Board is unable to assemble a*
 2584 *quorum and a majority of the Board members determine that continued operation by the licensee or*
 2585 *permittee constitutes a substantial danger to public health or safety, the Board may summarily suspend the*
 2586 *license or permit during a telephone, video, or other electronic conference. Institution of proceedings for a*
 2587 *hearing shall be provided simultaneously with a summary suspension. The Board may summarily restrict a*
 2588 *license or permit without proceeding simultaneously with notification of an informal conference pursuant to*
 2589 *§ 2.2-4019 or Board regulations. Such hearing or conference shall be held within a reasonable amount of*
 2590 *time after the summary suspension or restriction is issued.*

2591 *B. Allegations of violations of this subtitle shall be submitted to the Board in writing.*

2592 *C. This section shall not apply to temporary permits granted under § 4.1-808.*

2593 **§ 4.1-902. Grounds for which Board shall suspend or revoke licenses.**

2594 *The Board shall suspend or revoke any license if it finds that:*

2595 *1. A licensee has violated or permitted the violation of § 18.2-331, relating to the illegal possession of a*
 2596 *gambling device, upon the premises for which the Board has granted a retail marijuana store or*
 2597 *microbusiness license.*

2598 *2. A licensee has defrauded or attempted to defraud the Board, or any federal, state, or local government*

2599 or governmental agency or authority, by making or filing any report, document, or tax return required by
 2600 statute or regulation that is fraudulent or contains a willful or knowing false representation of a material fact
 2601 or has willfully deceived or attempted to deceive the Board, or any federal, state, or local government or
 2602 governmental agency or authority, by making or maintaining business records required by statute or
 2603 regulation that are false or fraudulent.

2604 3. The licensee is not operational within 24 months of the issuance of the license.

2605 **§ 4.1-903. Suspension or revocation of licenses; notice and hearings; imposition of civil penalties.**

2606 A. Before the Board may suspend or revoke any license, reasonable notice of such proposed or
 2607 contemplated action shall be given to the licensee in accordance with the provisions of § 2.2-4020 of the
 2608 Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.).

2609 Notwithstanding the provisions of § 2.2-4022, the Board shall, upon written request by the licensee,
 2610 permit the licensee to inspect and copy or photograph all (i) written or recorded statements made by the
 2611 licensee or copies thereof or the substance of any oral statements made by the licensee or a previous or
 2612 present employee of the licensee to any law-enforcement officer, the existence of which is known by the Board
 2613 and upon which the Board intends to rely as evidence in any adversarial proceeding under this subtitle
 2614 against the licensee, and (ii) designated books, papers, documents, tangible objects, buildings, or places, or
 2615 copies or portions thereof, that are within the possession, custody, or control of the Board and upon which
 2616 the Board intends to rely as evidence in any adversarial proceeding under this subtitle against the licensee.
 2617 In addition, any subpoena for the production of documents issued to any person at the request of the licensee
 2618 or the Board pursuant to § 4.1-604 shall provide for the production of the documents sought within 10
 2619 working days, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in § 4.1-604.

2620 If the Board fails to provide for inspection or copying under this section for the licensee after a written
 2621 request, the Board shall be prohibited from introducing into evidence any items the licensee would have
 2622 lawfully been entitled to inspect or copy under this section.

2623 The action of the Board in suspending or revoking any license or in imposing a civil penalty shall be
 2624 subject to judicial review in accordance with the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.). Such review
 2625 shall extend to the entire evidential record of the proceedings provided by the Board in accordance with the
 2626 Administrative Process Act. An appeal shall lie to the Court of Appeals from any order of the court.
 2627 Notwithstanding § 8.01-676.1, the final judgment or order of the circuit court shall not be suspended, stayed,
 2628 or modified by such circuit court pending appeal to the Court of Appeals. Neither mandamus nor injunction
 2629 shall lie in any such case.

2630 B. In suspending any license, the Board may impose, as a condition precedent to the removal of such
 2631 suspension or any portion thereof, a requirement that the licensee pay the cost incurred by the Board in
 2632 investigating the licensee and in holding the proceeding resulting in such suspension, or it may impose and
 2633 collect such civil penalties as it deems appropriate. In no event shall the Board impose a civil penalty
 2634 exceeding \$2,000 for the first violation occurring within five years immediately preceding the date of the
 2635 violation or \$5,000 for the second or subsequent violation occurring within five years immediately preceding
 2636 the date of the second or subsequent violation. However, if the violation involved selling marijuana or
 2637 marijuana products to a person prohibited from purchasing marijuana or marijuana products or allowing
 2638 consumption of marijuana or marijuana products, the Board may impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$3,000
 2639 for the first violation occurring within five years immediately preceding the date of the violation and \$6,000
 2640 for a second or subsequent violation occurring within five years immediately preceding the date of the second
 2641 or subsequent violation in lieu of such suspension or any portion thereof, or both. The Board may also
 2642 impose a requirement that the licensee pay for the cost incurred by the Board not exceeding \$25,000 in
 2643 investigating the licensee and in holding the proceeding resulting in the violation in addition to any
 2644 suspension or civil penalty incurred.

2645 C. Following notice to (i) the licensee of a hearing that may result in the suspension or revocation of his
 2646 license or (ii) the applicant of a hearing to resolve a contested application, the Board may accept a consent
 2647 agreement as authorized in § 4.1-604. The notice shall advise the licensee or applicant of the option to (a)
 2648 admit the alleged violation or the validity of the objection; (b) waive any right to a hearing or an appeal
 2649 under the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.); and (c) (1) accept the proposed restrictions for
 2650 operating under the license, (2) accept the period of suspension of the licensed privileges within the Board's
 2651 parameters, (3) pay a civil penalty in lieu of the period of suspension, or any portion of the suspension as
 2652 applicable, or (4) proceed to a hearing.

2653 D. The Board shall, by regulation or written order:

2654 1. Designate those (i) objections to an application or (ii) alleged violations that will proceed to an initial
 2655 hearing;

2656 2. Designate the violations for which a waiver of a hearing and payment of a civil charge in lieu of
 2657 suspension may be accepted for a first offense occurring within three years immediately preceding the date of
 2658 the violation;

2659 3. Provide for a reduction in the length of any suspension and a reduction in the amount of any civil
 2660 penalty for any retail marijuana store or microbusiness licensee where the licensee can demonstrate that it

2661 provided to its employees marijuana seller training certified in advance by the Board;

2662 4. Establish a schedule of penalties for such offenses, prescribing the appropriate suspension of a license
2663 and the civil charge acceptable in lieu of such suspension; and

2664 5. Establish a schedule of offenses for which any penalty may be waived upon a showing that the licensee
2665 has had no prior violations within five years immediately preceding the date of the violation. No waiver shall
2666 be granted by the Board, however, for a licensee's willful and knowing violation of this subtitle or Board
2667 regulations.

2668 **§ 4.1-904. Suspension or revocation; disposition of marijuana or marijuana products on hand;**
2669 **termination.**

2670 A. Marijuana or marijuana products owned by or in the possession of or for sale by any licensee at the
2671 time the license of such person is suspended or revoked may be disposed of as follows:

2672 1. Sold to persons in the Commonwealth licensed to sell such marijuana or marijuana products upon
2673 permits granted by the Board in accordance with § 4.1-808 and conditions specified by the Board; or

2674 2. Destroyed by the Board or its designee.

2675 B. Marijuana or marijuana products owned by or in the possession of or for sale by any licensee at the
2676 time the license of such person is suspended may be placed on administrative hold by the Board during any
2677 such suspension period. For the purpose of this subsection, "administrative hold" means a status given to
2678 marijuana or marijuana product by the Board that prohibits any activity with the marijuana or marijuana
2679 product, including waste, sale, or transfer of the marijuana or marijuana product, until the administrative
2680 hold is lifted.

2681 C. All marijuana or marijuana products owned by or in the possession of any person whose license is
2682 suspended or revoked shall be placed on administrative hold or disposed of by such person in accordance
2683 with the provisions of this section within 60 days from the date of such suspension or revocation.

2684 D. Marijuana or marijuana products owned by or in the possession of or for sale by persons whose
2685 licenses have been terminated other than by suspension or revocation may be disposed of in accordance with
2686 subsection A within such time as the Board deems proper. Such period shall not be less than 60 days.

2687 E. All marijuana or marijuana products owned by or remaining in the possession of any person described
2688 in subsection A or D after the expiration of such period shall be deemed contraband and forfeited to the
2689 Commonwealth in accordance with the provisions of § 4.1-1303.

2690 CHAPTER 10.

2691 ADMINISTRATION OF LICENSES; APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES; FEES; TAXES.

2692 **§ 4.1-1000. Applications for licenses; procedures; notice to localities; fees; permits.**

2693 A. The Authority shall announce the commencement of a licensing period in advance of accepting
2694 applications for marijuana establishment licenses. At a minimum, the announcement shall include:

2695 1. The types of licenses that will be available during the licensing period;

2696 2. If the Board limits the number of a type of license that will be available, the number of that type of
2697 license available in the licensing period;

2698 3. The date on which the Authority will begin accepting applications; and

2699 4. The date on which the Authority will no longer accept applications.

2700 B. Every person intending to apply for any license authorized by this subtitle shall file with the Board an
2701 application on forms provided by the Board and a statement in writing by the applicant swearing and
2702 affirming that all of the information contained therein is true.

2703 C. Such applications, including applications for renewal, shall include any information necessary for the
2704 Board to determine whether the applicant meets or continues to meet the criteria set forth in subdivision B 13
2705 of § 4.1-606. If the Authority receives an application that fails to include such required information or an
2706 applicant fails to pay the applicable application fee as required by subsection K, the Authority shall issue a
2707 deficiency notice to the applicant. The applicant may submit the required information or pay the required
2708 application fee within 10 calendar days from the date of the deficiency notice. Failure by an applicant to
2709 submit all required information or pay the application fee within such 10-day period shall result in the
2710 application being rejected.

2711 D. After an applicant submits an application that contains all required information and pays the
2712 applicable application fee, the Authority shall review the application. The Authority may deny an application
2713 if:

2714 1. The application is incomplete;

2715 2. The application contains a materially false statement about the applicant or omits information
2716 required;

2717 3. The applicant meets any condition set forth in § 4.1-810;

2718 4. The applicant is prohibited from holding the license under this subtitle;

2719 5. The applicant fails to pay the applicable application fee;

2720 6. The application was not submitted by the application deadline;

2721 7. The applicant submitted more than one application for a license type; or

2722 8. The Authority determines that the applicant would be prohibited from holding a license for any other

2723 reason.

2724 *If the Authority denies an application, the Authority shall notify the applicant of the denial and the basis*
 2725 *for the denial. The Authority may request additional information from any applicant if the Authority*
 2726 *determines that the information is necessary to review or process the application. If the applicant does not*
 2727 *provide the additional requested information within 10 calendar days of the Authority's request for*
 2728 *information, the Authority may deny the application. An applicant whose application is not denied pursuant*
 2729 *to this subsection is a qualified applicant.*

2730 *E. If the number of qualified applicants seeking a type of license exceeds the number of licenses of that*
 2731 *type that are made available, the Authority shall first conduct a lottery to select qualified applicants for*
 2732 *preliminary license approval. If the number of impact licensee applicants seeking a type of license exceeds*
 2733 *the number of licenses made available for impact licensee applicants, the Authority shall first conduct a*
 2734 *lottery consisting of impact licensee applicants to select applicants for preliminary license approval. If an*
 2735 *impact licensee applicant is not selected in a lottery conducted under this paragraph, the Authority shall*
 2736 *include the impact licensee applicant in the pool of qualified applicants for licenses of that type that are*
 2737 *made available to all applicants. A lottery conducted pursuant to this section shall be impartial, random, and*
 2738 *in a format determined by the Authority.*

2739 *F. Following the completion of any lottery conducted pursuant to this section, the Authority shall notify*
 2740 *each applicant entered in the lottery that the applicant was either selected in the lottery for preliminary*
 2741 *license approval or not selected in the lottery. Within 18 months of receiving notice that an applicant was*
 2742 *selected in the lottery for preliminary license approval, such applicant shall provide:*

2743 *1. The address and legal property description of the location where the marijuana establishment will*
 2744 *operate;*

2745 *2. The name of the local governing body where the marijuana establishment will be located;*

2746 *3. If applicable, an updated description of the location where the marijuana establishment will operate,*
 2747 *an updated security plan, and any other additional information required by the Authority; and*

2748 *4. For applicants for licenses for establishments that are otherwise required to obtain an inspection by the*
 2749 *Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, proof of inspection or proof of a pending request for such*
 2750 *inspection.*

2751 *A preliminary license approval expires after 18 months unless the Authority revokes the preliminary*
 2752 *license approval or grants an extension. The Authority may grant a one-time extension of up to six months if*
 2753 *an applicant has made good faith efforts to convert a preliminary license approval into a license. The*
 2754 *Authority shall not issue a license to an applicant whose preliminary license approval has expired. If the*
 2755 *Authority determines that an applicant is not eligible for a license, the Authority may revoke a preliminary*
 2756 *license approval. The Authority shall notify an applicant if the Authority revokes the applicant's preliminary*
 2757 *license approval or if the applicant's preliminary license approval expires.*

2758 *G. Upon receipt of the information required under subsection F from an applicant that has received*
 2759 *preliminary license approval, the Authority shall: (i) notify the local governing body of the applicant through*
 2760 *the town manager, city manager, county administrator, or other designee of the locality; (ii) schedule a site*
 2761 *inspection; and (iii) require the applicant to pay the applicable license fee established pursuant to*
 2762 *§ 4.1-1002. Local governing bodies notified pursuant to clause (i) shall submit any objections to the granting*
 2763 *of a license within 30 days of the Authority's notification;*

2764 *H. The Authority may deny final authorization of a license if:*

2765 *1. An applicant fails to submit any required information;*

2766 *2. The applicant submits a materially false statement about the applicant or fails to provide any required*
 2767 *information;*

2768 *3. The Authority confirms that the marijuana establishment for which the Authority granted preliminary*
 2769 *license approval does not meet local zoning and land use laws;*

2770 *4. The applicant fails to pay the applicable license fee;*

2771 *5. The applicant meets any condition set forth in § 4.1-810; or*

2772 *6. The Authority determines that the applicant is disqualified from holding the license or would operate in*
 2773 *violation of the provisions of this subtitle.*

2774 *I. Within 90 days of receiving the information required under subsection F and the results of any required*
 2775 *background check pursuant to subsection J, the Authority shall grant final authorization and issue the*
 2776 *appropriate license or send the applicant a notice of rejection setting forth the specific reasons that the*
 2777 *Authority did not issue the license. If final authorization is granted and a license is issued to an establishment*
 2778 *that is otherwise required to obtain an inspection by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services*
 2779 *and such licensee provided proof of a pending request for such inspection pursuant to subdivision F 4, such*
 2780 *license shall authorize the licensee to purchase marijuana, marijuana products, immature marijuana plants,*
 2781 *or marijuana seeds in accordance with the provisions of this subtitle; however, the licensee shall not sell*
 2782 *marijuana, marijuana products, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds until an inspection is*
 2783 *completed.*

2784 *J. The Board, in conjunction with an accredited law-enforcement agency, shall conduct a background*

2785 investigation, including a criminal history records check and fingerprinting, of the following individuals: (i)
 2786 every individual applying for a license or permit pursuant to this subtitle; (ii) every individual who is an
 2787 officer, director, or principal of a licensee or applicant for a license; and (iii) all permit holders and officers,
 2788 directors, principals. Each such individual shall submit his fingerprints and personal descriptive information
 2789 to the Central Criminal Records Exchange to be forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a
 2790 national criminal records search and to the Department of State Police for a Virginia criminal history
 2791 records check. The results of the background check and national and state criminal records check shall be
 2792 returned to the Board. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board may accept a third-party local and national
 2793 criminal background check submitted by any such individual specified in clause (i), (ii), or (iii) in lieu of a
 2794 fingerprint-based national criminal history records check. Any such third-party background check shall (a)
 2795 be conducted by a third-party consumer reporting agency or background screening company that is in
 2796 compliance with the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.) and accredited by the
 2797 Professional Background Screening Association, and (b) include a multistate and multi-jurisdiction criminal
 2798 record locator or other similar commercial nationwide database with validation and other such background
 2799 screening as the Board may require. The applicant shall request such background check not more than 60
 2800 days prior to submission of the application.

2801 In considering criminal history record information, subject to the provisions of subdivision B 1 b of
 2802 § 4.1-810, the Board shall not disqualify an applicant because of a past conviction for a marijuana-related
 2803 offense.

2804 K. Each applicant shall pay the required application fee at the time the application is filed. The license
 2805 application fee shall be determined by the Board and shall be in addition to the actual cost charged to the
 2806 Department of State Police by the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the Central Criminal Records
 2807 Exchange for processing any fingerprints through the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the Central
 2808 Criminal Records Exchange for each criminal history records search required by the Board. Application fees
 2809 shall be in addition to the state license fee required pursuant to § 4.1-1001 and shall not be refunded.

2810 L. Subsection B shall not apply to the continuance of licenses granted under this subtitle; however, all
 2811 licensees shall file and maintain with the Board a current, accurate record of the information required by the
 2812 Board pursuant to subsection C and notify the Board of any changes to such information in accordance with
 2813 Board regulations.

2814 M. Every application for a permit granted pursuant to § 4.1-808 shall be on a form provided by the
 2815 Board. Such permits shall confer upon their holders no authority to make solicitations in the Commonwealth
 2816 as otherwise provided by law.

2817 The fee for a temporary permit shall be one-twelfth of the combined fees required by this section for
 2818 applicable licenses to sell marijuana or marijuana products computed to the nearest cent and multiplied by
 2819 the number of months for which the permit is granted.

2820 N. If the Authority holds a lottery as provided in this section, the Authority shall retain the applications of
 2821 any applicant not selected in the lottery for one year. The Authority shall consider a retained application
 2822 during any licensing periods that begin within the year and, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the
 2823 Authority shall treat a retained application as if the application were submitted during the licensing period.

2824 At the beginning of a subsequent licensing period, the applicant may amend an application or provide
 2825 additional information to the Authority and the Authority may request additional information from any
 2826 applicant whose application is retained to determine if the applicant meets the requirements for a subsequent
 2827 licensing period. If the applicant does not provide the requested information to the Authority within 14
 2828 calendar days of the Authority's request, the Authority may deny the application. The Authority shall not
 2829 charge an additional application fee to an applicant whose application was retained.

2830 An applicant may withdraw a retained application at any time. If the applicant withdraws a retained
 2831 application, the applicant may submit a new application during a licensing period. An applicant withdrew a
 2832 retained application and submits a new application shall pay the applicable application fee. The Authority
 2833 may disqualify an application from retention if the Authority could deny the application pursuant to
 2834 subsection D.

2835 **§ 4.1-1001. Labor peace agreements.**

2836 A. For purposes of this section:

2837 "Bona fide labor organization" means a labor organization, as defined by 29 U.S.C. § 402(i), that is
 2838 actively seeking to represent marijuana establishment employees in the Commonwealth. In determining
 2839 whether a labor organization is a bona fide labor organization, the Authority shall consider each of the
 2840 following as indicative, but not determinative, of a finding that a labor organization is a bona fide labor
 2841 organization:

2842 1. The labor organization has been recognized or certified as the bargaining representative for marijuana
 2843 establishment employees in the Commonwealth;

2844 2. The labor organization has executed current collective bargaining agreements with marijuana
 2845 establishment employers in the Commonwealth;

2846 3. The labor organization has spent resources as part of current and active attempts to organize and

2847 represent marijuana establishments in the Commonwealth;

2848 4. The labor organization has filed the annual report required by 29 U.S.C. § 431(b) for the three years

2849 immediately preceding;

2850 5. The labor organization has audited financial reports covering the three years immediately preceding;

2851 6. The existence of written bylaws or a constitution for the three years immediately preceding; and

2852 7. The labor organization's affiliation with any regional or national association of unions, including

2853 central labor councils.

2854 "Labor peace agreement" means an agreement between a marijuana establishment and a bona fide labor

2855 organization that, at a minimum, protects the Commonwealth's proprietary interests by prohibiting the labor

2856 organization from engaging in picketing, work stoppages, or boycotts against the marijuana establishment.

2857 B. All marijuana establishment license applicants, renewal applicants, and license holders shall have

2858 entered into, maintained, and abided by the terms of a labor peace agreement. Such labor peace agreement

2859 requirement is an ongoing material condition of the license, of which a violation may result in denial,

2860 suspension, or revocation of the license.

2861 C. All initial marijuana establishment license applicants shall submit a labor peace agreement attestation

2862 (LPA attestation) signed by both the applicant and the bona fide labor organization stating that the applicant

2863 meets this section's requirements and has entered into, maintained, and abided by the terms of the LPA

2864 attestation. All renewal applicants must submit a new LPA attestation executed within 10 days of the

2865 submission date of the renewal application. An applicant's failure to submit a timely LPA attestation shall

2866 result in a denial of the initial or renewal license.

2867 D. The Authority shall be required to determine a schedule establishing the ongoing review of the status

2868 and maintenance of a labor peace agreement to assess eligibility of license holder. Upon review and findings

2869 of unsatisfactory status or the insufficient maintenance of a labor peace agreement, the Authority shall

2870 suspend a licensee for a marijuana establishment.

2871 **§ 4.1-1002. Fees for state licenses.**

2872 A. Annual fees on state licenses shall be established by the Board in an amount sufficient to cover the

2873 costs of regulating the marijuana establishment

2874 B. Nothing in this subtitle shall exempt any licensee from any state merchants' license or state restaurant

2875 license or any other state tax. Every licensee, in addition to the taxes and fees imposed by this subtitle, shall

2876 be liable to state merchants' license taxation, state restaurant license taxation, and other state taxation.

2877 C. In addition to the fees set forth in this section, a fee of \$5 may be imposed on any license purchased in

2878 person from the Board if such license is available for purchase online.

2879 D. The Board shall have the authority to increase state license fees. The Board shall set the amount of

2880 such increases on the basis of the consumer price index and shall not increase fees more than once every

2881 three years. Prior to implementing any state license fee increase, the Board shall provide notice to all

2882 licensees and the general public of (i) the Board's intent to impose a fee increase and (ii) the new fee that

2883 would be required for any license affected by the Board's proposed fee increases. Such notice shall be

2884 provided on or before November 1 in any year in which the Board has decided to increase state license fees,

2885 and such increases shall become effective July 1 of the following year

2886 **§ 4.1-1003. Refund of state license fee.**

2887 A. The Board may (i) correct erroneous assessments made by it against any person, (ii) refund any

2888 amounts collected through erroneous assessments or collected as fees on license applications that are

2889 subsequently refused or withdrawn, and (iii) allow credit for any license fees paid for any license that is

2890 subsequently merged or changed into another license during the same license period. No refund shall be

2891 made of any such amount, however, unless made within three years from the date of collection of the same.

2892 B. In any case where a licensee has changed its name or form of organization during a license period

2893 without any change being made in its ownership, and because of such change is required to pay an additional

2894 license fee for such period, the Board shall refund to such licensee the amount of such fee so paid in excess of

2895 the required license fee for such period.

2896 C. The Board shall make refunds, prorated according to a schedule of its prescription, to licensees of

2897 state license fees paid pursuant to subsection A of § 4.1-1002 if the place of business designated in the license

2898 is destroyed by an act of God, including a fire, earthquake, hurricane, storm, or similar natural disaster or

2899 phenomenon.

2900 D. Any amount required to be refunded under this section shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of

2901 moneys appropriated to the Board and in the manner prescribed in § 4.1-614.

2902 **§ 4.1-1004. Marijuana taxes; exceptions.**

2903 A. A tax of six percent is levied on the sale in the Commonwealth of any marijuana or marijuana

2904 products. Subject to the provisions of subsection C, the tax shall be in addition to any tax imposed under the

2905 Virginia Retail Sales and Use Tax Act (§ 58.1-600 et seq.) or any other provision of federal, state, or local

2906 law. The tax shall not apply to any sale:

2907 1. From a marijuana establishment to another marijuana establishment.

2908 2. Of cannabis products for treatment under the provisions of Chapter 16 (§ 4.1-1600 et seq.).

2909 3. *Of industrial hemp by a grower, processor, or handler under the provisions of Chapter 41.1*
2910 *(§ 3.2-4112 et seq.) of Title 3.2.*

2911 4. *Of a hemp product.*

2912 B. 1. *Each locality shall by ordinance levy an additional local tax on any sale taxable under subsection A*
2913 *at a rate not less than one percent but not greater than three and one-half percent. Other than the tax*
2914 *authorized and identified in this subsection, a locality shall not impose any other tax on a sale taxable under*
2915 *subsection A. The tax imposed by a surrounding county under this subsection shall not apply within the limits*
2916 *of any town. Each locality shall, within 30 days, notify the Authority and any retail marijuana store and*
2917 *microbusiness in such locality of the ordinance enacted pursuant to this subsection. The ordinance shall take*
2918 *effect on the first day of the second month following its enactment and such rate shall be effective for at least*
2919 *three years.*

2920 2. *Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to (i) prohibit a locality from imposing any tax authorized*
2921 *by law on a person or property regulated under this subtitle or (ii) limit the authority of any locality to*
2922 *impose a license or privilege tax or fee on a business engaged in whole or in part in sales taxable under*
2923 *subsection A if such tax or fee is (a) based on an annual or per-event flat fee authorized by law or (b) an*
2924 *annual license or privilege tax authorized by law and such tax includes sales or receipts taxable under*
2925 *subsection A in its taxable measure.*

2926 C. *The provisions of Chapter 6 (§ 58.1-600 et seq.) of Title 58.1 shall apply to all sales taxable under*
2927 *subsection A, mutatis mutandis.*

2928 D. *All revenues remitted to the Authority under this subsection shall be disposed of as provided in*
2929 *§ 4.1-614.*

2930 **§ 4.1-1005. Tax returns and payments; commissions; interest.**

2931 A. *For any sale taxable under § 4.1-1004, the seller shall be liable for collecting any taxes due. All taxes*
2932 *collected by a seller shall be deemed to be held in trust for the Commonwealth. The buyer shall not be liable*
2933 *for collecting or remitting the taxes or filing a return.*

2934 B. *On or before the tenth day of each month, any person liable for a tax due under § 4.1-1004 shall file a*
2935 *return under oath with the Authority and pay any taxes due. Upon written application by a person filing a*
2936 *return, the Authority may, if it determines good cause exists, grant an extension to the end of the calendar*
2937 *month in which the tax is due, or for a period not exceeding 30 days. Any extension shall toll the accrual of*
2938 *any interest or penalties under § 4.1-1008.*

2939 C. *The Authority may accept payment by any commercially acceptable means, including cash, checks,*
2940 *credit cards, debit cards, and electronic funds transfers, for any taxes, interest, or penalties due under this*
2941 *subtitle. The Board may assess a service charge for the use of a credit or debit card.*

2942 D. *Upon request, the Authority may collect and maintain a record of a person's credit card, debit card, or*
2943 *automated clearinghouse transfer information and use such information for future payments of taxes,*
2944 *interest, or penalties due under this subtitle. The Authority may assess a service charge for any payments*
2945 *made under this subsection. The Authority may procure the services of a third-party vendor for the secure*
2946 *storage of information collected pursuant to this subsection.*

2947 E. *If any person liable for tax under § 4.1-1004 sells out his business or stock of goods or quits the*
2948 *business, such person shall make a final return and payment within 15 days after the date of selling or*
2949 *quitting the business. Such person's successors or assigns, if any, shall withhold sufficient of the purchase*
2950 *money to cover the amount of such taxes, interest, and penalties due and unpaid until such former owner*
2951 *produces a receipt from the Authority showing payment or a certificate stating that no taxes, penalties, or*
2952 *interest are due. If the buyer of a business or stock of goods fails to withhold the purchase money as provided*
2953 *in this subsection, such buyer shall be liable for the payment of the taxes, interest, and penalties due and*
2954 *unpaid on account of the operation of the business by any former owner.*

2955 F. *When any person fails to timely pay the full amount of tax due under § 4.1-1004, interest at a rate*
2956 *determined in accordance with § 58.1-15 shall accrue on the tax until it is paid. Any taxes due under*
2957 *§ 4.1-1004 shall, if applicable, be subject to penalties as provided in §§ 4.1-1205 and 4.1-1206.*

2958 **§ 4.1-1006. Bonds.**

2959 *The Authority may, when deemed necessary and advisable to do so in order to secure the collection of the*
2960 *taxes levied under § 4.1-1004, require any person subject to such tax to file a bond, with such surety as it*
2961 *determines is necessary to secure the payment of any tax, penalty, or interest due or that may become due*
2962 *from such person. In lieu of such bond, securities approved by the Authority may be deposited with the State*
2963 *Treasurer, which securities shall be kept in the custody of the State Treasurer, and shall be sold by the State*
2964 *Treasurer at the request of the Authority at public or private sale if it becomes necessary to do so in order to*
2965 *recover any tax, interest, or penalty due the Commonwealth. Upon any such sale, the surplus, if any, above*
2966 *the amounts due shall be returned to the person who deposited the securities.*

2967 **§ 4.1-1007. Refunds.**

2968 A. *Whenever it is proved to the satisfaction of the Authority that any taxes levied pursuant to § 4.1-1004*
2969 *have been paid and that the taxable items were or are (i) damaged, destroyed, or otherwise deemed to be*
2970 *unsalable by reason of fire or any other providential cause before sale to the consumer; (ii) destroyed*

2971 voluntarily, after notice to and approval by the Authority of such destruction, because the taxable items were
2972 defective; or (iii) destroyed in any manner while in the possession of a common, private, or contract carrier,
2973 the Authority shall certify such facts to the Comptroller for approval of a refund payment from the state
2974 treasury to such extent as may be proper.

2975 B. Whenever it is proved to the satisfaction of the Authority that any person has purchased taxable items
2976 that have been sold by such person in such manner as to be exempt from the tax, the Authority shall certify
2977 such facts to the Comptroller for approval of a refund payment from the state treasury to such extent as may
2978 be proper.

2979 C. In the event purchases are returned to the seller by the buyer after a tax imposed under § 4.1-1004 has
2980 been collected or charged to the account of the buyer, the seller shall be entitled to a refund of the amount of
2981 tax so collected or charged in the manner prescribed by the Authority. The amount of tax so refunded to the
2982 seller shall not, however, include the tax paid upon any amount retained by the seller after such return of
2983 merchandise. In case the tax has not been remitted by the seller, the seller may deduct the same in submitting
2984 his return.

2985 **§ 4.1-1008. Statute of limitations; civil remedies for collecting past-due taxes, interest, and penalties.**

2986 A. The taxes imposed under § 4.1-1004 shall be assessed within three years from the date on which such
2987 taxes became due and payable. In the case of a false or fraudulent return with intent to defraud the
2988 Commonwealth, or a failure to file a return, the taxes may be assessed, or a proceeding in court for the
2989 collection of such taxes may be begun without assessment, at any time within six years from such date. The
2990 Authority shall not examine any person's records beyond the three-year period of limitations unless it has
2991 reasonable evidence of fraud or reasonable cause to believe that such person was required by law to file a
2992 return and failed to do so.

2993 B. If any person fails to file a return as required by this section, or files a return that is false or
2994 fraudulent, the Authority may make an estimate for the taxable period of the taxable sales of such person and
2995 assess the tax, plus any applicable interest and penalties. The Authority shall give such person 10 days'
2996 notice requiring such person to provide any records as it may require relating to the business of such person
2997 for the taxable period. The Authority may require such person or the agents and employees of such person to
2998 give testimony or to answer interrogatories under oath administered by the Authority respecting taxable
2999 sales, the filing of the return, and any other relevant information. If any person fails to file a required return,
3000 refuses to provide required records, or refuses to answer interrogatories from the Authority, the Authority
3001 may make an estimated assessment based upon the information available to it and issue a memorandum of
3002 lien under subsection C for the collection of any taxes, interest, or penalties. The estimated assessment shall
3003 be deemed prima facie correct.

3004 C. 1. If the Authority assesses taxes, interest, or penalties on a person and such person does not pay
3005 within 30 days after the due date, taking into account any extensions granted by the Authority, the Authority
3006 may file a memorandum of lien in the circuit court clerk's office of the county or city in which the person's
3007 place of business is located or in which the person resides. If the person has no place of business or residence
3008 within the Commonwealth, the memorandum may be filed in the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond. A
3009 copy of the memorandum may also be filed in the clerk's office of all counties and cities in which the person
3010 owns real estate. Such memorandum shall be recorded in the judgment docket book and shall have the effect
3011 of a judgment in favor of the Commonwealth, to be enforced as provided in Article 19 (§ 8.01-196 et seq.) of
3012 Chapter 3 of Title 8.01, except that a writ of fieri facias may issue at any time after the memorandum is filed.
3013 The lien on real estate shall become effective at the time the memorandum is filed in the jurisdiction in which
3014 the real estate is located. No memorandum of lien shall be filed unless the person is first given 10 or more
3015 days' prior notice of intent to file a lien; however, in those instances where the Authority determines that the
3016 collection of any tax, penalties, or interest required to be paid pursuant to law will be jeopardized by the
3017 provision of such notice, notification may be provided to the person concurrent with the filing of the
3018 memorandum of lien. Such notice shall be given to the person at his last known address.

3019 2. Recordation of a memorandum of lien under this subsection shall not affect a person's right to appeal
3020 under § 4.1-1009.

3021 3. If after filing a memorandum of lien the Authority determines that it is in the best interest of the
3022 Commonwealth, it may place padlocks on the doors of any business enterprise that is delinquent in filing or
3023 paying any tax owed to the Commonwealth. The Authority shall also post notices of distraint on each of the
3024 doors so padlocked. If, after three business days, the tax deficiency has not been satisfied or satisfactory
3025 arrangements for payment have not been made, the Authority may cause a writ of fieri facias to be issued. It
3026 shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor for anyone to enter the padlocked premises without prior approval of the
3027 Authority. In the event that the person against whom the distraint has been applied subsequently appeals
3028 under § 4.1-1009, the person shall have the right to post bond equaling the amount of liability in lieu of
3029 payment until the appeal is resolved.

3030 4. A person may petition the Authority after a memorandum of lien has been filed under this subsection if
3031 the person alleges an error in the filing of the lien. The Authority shall make a determination on such petition
3032 within 14 days. If the Authority determines that the filing was erroneous, it shall issue a certificate of release

3033 *of the lien within seven days after such determination is made.*

3034 **§ 4.1-1009. Appeals.**

3035 *Any person aggrieved by a refusal of the Board to issue any license or permit, the suspension or*
 3036 *revocation of a license or permit, the imposition of a fine, or any other penalty may seek review of such*
 3037 *action in accordance with Board regulations and Article 3 (§ 2.2-4018 et seq.) of the Administrative Process*
 3038 *Act in the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond. Further appeals shall also be in accordance with Article 5*
 3039 *(§ 2.2-4025 et seq.) of the Administrative Process Act.*

3040 **§ 4.1-1010. Injunction.**

3041 *The Authority may apply to the appropriate circuit court for an injunction against any person who has*
 3042 *violated or may violate any provision of this chapter or any regulation or final decision of the Board. The*
 3043 *order granting or refusing such injunction shall be subject to appeal as in other cases in equity.*

3044 **§ 4.1-1100. Possession, etc., of marijuana and marijuana products by persons 21 years of age or**
 3045 **older lawful; penalties.**

3046 A. Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle and notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person
 3047 21 years of age or older may lawfully possess on his person or in any public place not more than ~~one ounce~~
 3048 *two and one-half ounces* of marijuana or an equivalent amount of marijuana product as determined by
 3049 regulation promulgated by the Board.

3050 B. Any person who possesses on his person or in any public place marijuana or marijuana products in
 3051 excess of the amounts set forth in subsection A is subject to a civil penalty of no more than \$25 except as
 3052 otherwise provided in this section. The penalty for any violations of this section by an adult shall be
 3053 prepayable according to the procedures in § 16.1-69.40:2.

3054 C. With the exception of possession by a person in his residence or possession by a licensee in the course
 3055 of his duties related to such licensee's marijuana establishment, any person who possesses on his person or in
 3056 any public place (i) more than four ounces but not more than one pound of marijuana or an equivalent amount
 3057 of marijuana product as determined by regulation promulgated by the Board is guilty of a Class 3
 3058 misdemeanor and, for a second or subsequent offense, a Class 2 misdemeanor and (ii) more than one pound
 3059 of marijuana or an equivalent amount of marijuana product as determined by regulation promulgated by the
 3060 Board is guilty of a felony punishable by a term of imprisonment of not less than one year nor more than 10
 3061 years and a fine of not more than \$250,000, or both.

3062 D. The provisions of this section shall not apply to members of federal, state, county, city, or town
 3063 law-enforcement agencies, jail officers, or correctional officers, as defined in § 53.1-1, certified as handlers of
 3064 dogs trained in the detection of controlled substances when possession of marijuana is necessary for the
 3065 performance of their duties.

3066 **§ 4.1-1101. Home cultivation of marijuana for personal use; penalties.**

3067 A. ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (e) of § 18.2-248.1, a~~ A person 21 years of age or older
 3068 may cultivate up to four marijuana plants for personal use at their place of residence; however, at no point
 3069 shall a household contain more than four marijuana plants. For purposes of this section, a "household" means
 3070 those individuals, whether related or not, who live in the same house or other place of residence.

3071 A person may only cultivate marijuana plants pursuant to this section at such person's main place of
 3072 residence.

3073 A violation of this subsection shall be punishable as follows:

3074 1. For possession of more than four marijuana plants but no more than 10 marijuana plants, (i) a civil
 3075 penalty of \$250 for a first offense, (ii) a Class 3 misdemeanor for a second offense, and (iii) a Class 2
 3076 misdemeanor for a third and any subsequent offense;

3077 2. For possession of more than 10 but no more than 49 marijuana plants, a Class 1 misdemeanor;

3078 3. For possession of more than 49 but no more than 100 marijuana plants, a Class 6 felony; and

3079 4. For possession of more than 100 marijuana plants, a felony punishable by a term of imprisonment of
 3080 not less than one year nor more than 10 years or a fine of not more than \$250,000, or both.

3081 B. A person who cultivates marijuana for personal use pursuant to this section shall:

3082 1. Ensure that no marijuana plant is visible from a public way without the use of aircraft, binoculars, or
 3083 other optical aids;

3084 2. Take precautions to prevent unauthorized access by persons younger than 21 years of age; and

3085 3. Attach to each marijuana plant a legible tag that includes the person's name, driver's license or
 3086 identification number, and a notation that the marijuana plant is being grown for personal use as authorized
 3087 under this section.

3088 Any person who violates this subsection is subject to a civil penalty of no more than \$25. The penalty for
 3089 any violations of this section by an adult shall be prepayable according to the procedures in § 16.1-69.40:2.

3090 ~~C. A person shall not manufacture marijuana concentrate from home-cultivated marijuana. The owner of a~~
 3091 ~~property or parcel or tract of land may not intentionally or knowingly allow another person to manufacture~~
 3092 ~~marijuana concentrate from home-cultivated marijuana within or on that property or land.~~

3093 **§ 4.1-1102. Illegal cultivation or processing of marijuana or marijuana products; conspiracy; penalties.**

3094 A. Except as otherwise provided in §§ 4.1-700 and 4.1-1101, no person shall cultivate or process

3095 marijuana or marijuana products in the Commonwealth without being licensed to cultivate or process such
3096 marijuana or marijuana products.

3097 B. Any person convicted of a violation of this section is guilty of a Class 6 felony.

3098 C. If two or more persons conspire together to do any act that is in violation of subsection A, and one or
3099 more of such persons does any act to effect the object of the conspiracy, each of the parties to such
3100 conspiracy is guilty of a Class 6 felony.

3101 **§ 4.1-1103. Illegal sale of marijuana or marijuana products in general; penalties.**

3102 A. For the purposes of this section, "adult sharing" means transferring marijuana between persons who
3103 are 21 years of age or older without remuneration. "Adult sharing" does not include instances in which (i)
3104 marijuana is given away contemporaneously with another reciprocal transaction between the same parties;
3105 (ii) a gift of marijuana is offered or advertised in conjunction with an offer for the sale of goods or services;
3106 or (iii) a gift of marijuana is contingent upon a separate reciprocal transaction for goods or services.

3107 B. If any person who is not licensed sells, gives, or distributes or possesses with intent to sell, give, or
3108 distribute any marijuana or marijuana products except as permitted by this chapter or provided in subsection
3109 C, he is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

3110 A second or subsequent conviction under this section shall constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor.

3111 A third or subsequent conviction under this section shall constitute a Class 6 felony.

3112 C. No civil or criminal penalty may be imposed for adult sharing of an amount of marijuana that does not
3113 exceed two and one-half ounces or of an equivalent amount of marijuana products.

3114 **§ 4.1-1104. Persons to whom marijuana or marijuana products may not be sold; proof of legal age;
3115 penalties.**

3116 A. No person shall, except as otherwise permitted under Chapter 16 (§ 4.1-1600 et seq.), sell, give, or
3117 distribute any marijuana or marijuana products to any individual when at the time of such sale he knows or
3118 has reason to believe that the individual to whom the sale is made is (i) younger than 21 years of age or (ii)
3119 intoxicated. Any person convicted of a violation of this subsection is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

3120 B. Any person who sells, except as otherwise permitted under Chapter 16 (§ 4.1-1600 et seq.), any
3121 marijuana or marijuana products to an individual who is younger than 21 years of age and at the time of the
3122 sale does not require the individual to present bona fide evidence of legal age indicating that the individual is
3123 21 years of age or older is guilty of a violation of this subsection. Bona fide evidence of legal age is limited to
3124 any evidence that is or reasonably appears to be an unexpired driver's license issued by any state of the
3125 United States or the District of Columbia, military identification card, United States passport or foreign
3126 government visa, unexpired special identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles, or any
3127 other valid government-issued identification card bearing the individual's photograph, signature, height,
3128 weight, and date of birth, or which bears a photograph that reasonably appears to match the appearance of
3129 the purchaser. A student identification card shall not constitute bona fide evidence of legal age for purposes
3130 of this subsection. Any person convicted of a violation of this subsection is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

3131 C. No person shall be convicted of both subsections A and B for the same sale.

3132 **§ 4.1-1105. Purchasing of marijuana or marijuana products unlawful in certain cases; venue;
3133 exceptions; penalties; forfeiture; treatment and education programs and services.**

3134 A. No person to whom marijuana or marijuana products may not lawfully be sold under § 4.1-1104 shall
3135 consume, purchase, or possess, or attempt to consume, purchase, or possess, any marijuana or marijuana
3136 products, except (i) pursuant to § 4.1-700 or (ii) by any federal, state, or local law-enforcement officer or his
3137 agent when possession of marijuana or marijuana products is necessary in the performance of his duties.
3138 Such person may be prosecuted either in the county or city in which the marijuana or marijuana products
3139 were possessed or consumed or in the county or city in which the person exhibits evidence of physical indicia
3140 of consumption of marijuana or marijuana products.

3141 B. Any person 18 years of age or older who violates subsection A is subject to a civil penalty of no more
3142 than \$25 and shall be ordered to enter a substance abuse treatment or education program or both, if
3143 available, that in the opinion of the court best suits the needs of the accused.

3144 C. Unless the juvenile is proceeded against informally pursuant to § 16.1-260, any juvenile who violates
3145 subsection A is subject to a civil penalty of no more than \$25 and the court shall require the accused to enter
3146 a substance abuse treatment or education program or both, if available, that in the opinion of the court best
3147 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
3148 16.1-278.9, the court shall treat the juvenile as delinquent.

3149 D. Any such substance abuse treatment or education program to which a juvenile is ordered pursuant to
3150 this section shall be provided by (i) a program licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and
3151 Developmental Services or (ii) a similar program available through a facility or program operated by or
3152 under contract with the Department of Juvenile Justice or a locally operated court services unit or a program
3153 funded through the Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act (§ 16.1-309.2 et seq.). Any such
3154 substance abuse treatment or education program to which a person 18 years of age or older is ordered
3155 pursuant to this section shall be provided by (a) a program licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health
3156 and Developmental Services or (b) a program or services made available through a community-based

3157 probation services agency established pursuant to Article 9 (§ 9.1-173 et seq.) of Chapter 1 of Title 9.1, if one
 3158 has been established for the locality. When an offender is ordered to a local community-based probation
 3159 services agency, the local community-based probation services agency shall be responsible for providing for
 3160 services or referring the offender to education or treatment services as a condition of probation.

3161 E. Any civil penalties collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Drug Offender
 3162 Assessment and Treatment Fund established pursuant to § 18.2-251.02. No person younger than 21 years of
 3163 age shall use or attempt to use any (i) altered, fictitious, facsimile, or simulated license to operate a motor
 3164 vehicle; (ii) altered, fictitious, facsimile, or simulated document, including a birth certificate or student
 3165 identification card; or (iii) motor vehicle driver's license or other document issued under Chapter 3
 3166 (§ 46.2-300 et seq.) of Title 46.2 or the comparable law of another jurisdiction, birth certificate, or student
 3167 identification card of another person in order to establish a false identification or false age for himself to
 3168 consume, purchase, or attempt to consume or purchase marijuana or marijuana products. Any person
 3169 convicted of a violation of this subsection is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

3170 F. Any marijuana or marijuana product purchased or possessed in violation of this section shall be
 3171 deemed contraband and forfeited to the Commonwealth in accordance with § 4.1-1303.

3172 G. Any retail marijuana store or microbusiness licensee who in good faith promptly notifies the Board or
 3173 any state or local law-enforcement agency of a violation or suspected violation of this section shall be
 3174 accorded immunity from an administrative penalty for a violation of § 4.1-1104.

3175 **§ 4.1-1106. Purchasing marijuana or marijuana products for one to whom they may not be sold;**
 3176 **penalties; forfeiture.**

3177 A. Any person who purchases marijuana or marijuana products for another person and at the time of such
 3178 purchase knows or has reason to believe that the person for whom the marijuana or marijuana products were
 3179 purchased was intoxicated is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

3180 B. Any person who purchases for, or otherwise gives, provides, or assists in the provision of marijuana or
 3181 marijuana products to, another person when he knows or has reason to know that such person is younger
 3182 than 21 years of age, except by any federal, state, or local law-enforcement officer when possession of
 3183 marijuana or marijuana products is necessary in the performance of his duties, is guilty of a Class 1
 3184 misdemeanor.

3185 C. Any marijuana or marijuana products purchased in violation of this section shall be deemed
 3186 contraband and forfeited to the Commonwealth in accordance with § 4.1-1303.

3187 **§ 4.1-1113. Maintaining common nuisances; penalties.**

3188 A. All houses, boathouses, buildings, club or fraternity or lodge rooms, boats, cars, and places of every
 3189 description where marijuana or marijuana products are manufactured, processed, stored, sold, dispensed,
 3190 given away, or used contrary to law, by any scheme or device whatsoever, shall be deemed common
 3191 nuisances.

3192 No person shall maintain, aid, abet, or knowingly associate with others in maintaining a common
 3193 nuisance.

3194 Any person convicted of a violation of this subsection is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

3195 B. In addition, after due notice and an opportunity to be heard on the part of any owner or lessor not
 3196 involved in the original offense, by a proceeding analogous to that provided in § 4.1-1303 and upon proof of
 3197 guilty knowledge, judgment may be given that such house, boathouse, building, boat, car, or other place, or
 3198 any room or part thereof, be closed. The court may, upon the owner or lessor giving bond in the penalty of
 3199 not less than \$500 and with security to be approved by the court, conditioned that the premises shall not be
 3200 used for unlawful purposes, or in violation of the provisions of this subtitle for a period of five years, turn the
 3201 same over to its owner or lessor, or proceeding may be had in equity as provided in § 4.1-1300.

3202 C. In a proceeding under this section, judgment shall not be entered against the owner, lessor, or
 3203 lienholder of the property unless it is proved that he (i) knew of the unlawful use of the property and (ii) had
 3204 the right, because of such unlawful use, to enter and repossess the property.

3205 **§ 4.1-1114. Maintaining a fortified drug house; penalty.**

3206 Any office, store, shop, restaurant, dance hall, theater, poolroom, clubhouse, storehouse, warehouse,
 3207 dwelling house, apartment, or building or structure of any kind that is (i) substantially altered from its
 3208 original status by means of reinforcement with the intent to impede, deter, or delay lawful entry by a law-
 3209 enforcement officer into such structure; (ii) being used for the purpose of illegally manufacturing,
 3210 processing, or distributing marijuana; and (iii) the object of a valid search warrant shall be considered a
 3211 fortified drug house. Any person who maintains or operates a fortified drug house is guilty of a Class 5
 3212 felony.

3213 **§ 4.1-1115. Disobeying subpoena; hindering conduct of hearing; penalty.**

3214 No person shall (i) fail or refuse to obey any subpoena issued by the Board, any Board member, or any
 3215 agent authorized by the Board to issue such subpoena or (ii) hinder the orderly conduct and decorum of any
 3216 hearing held and conducted by the Board, any Board member, or any agent authorized by the Board to hold
 3217 and conduct such hearing.

3218 Any person convicted of a violation of this section is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

3219 **§ 4.1-1117. Delivery of marijuana or marijuana products to prisoners; penalty.**

3220 *No person shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to any prisoner in any state, local, or regional*
 3221 *correctional facility or any person committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice in any juvenile*
 3222 *correctional center any marijuana or marijuana products.*

3223 *Any person convicted of a violation of this section is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.*

3224 **§ 4.1-1118. Separation of plant resin by butane extraction; penalty.**

3225 *A. No person shall separate plant resin by butane extraction or another method that utilizes a substance*
 3226 *with a flashpoint below 100 degrees Fahrenheit in any public place, motor vehicle, or within the curtilage of*
 3227 *any residential structure.*

3228 *B. Any person convicted of a violation of this section is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.*

3229 **§ 4.1-1119. Attempts; aiding or abetting; penalty.**

3230 *No person shall attempt to do any of the things prohibited by this subtitle or to aid or abet another in*
 3231 *doing, or attempting to do, any of the things prohibited by this subtitle.*

3232 *On an indictment, information, or warrant for the violation of this subtitle, the jury or the court may find*
 3233 *the defendant guilty of an attempt, or being an accessory, and the punishment shall be the same as if the*
 3234 *defendant were solely guilty of such violation.*

3235 **§ 4.1-1121. Issuance of summonses for certain offenses; civil penalties.**

3236 *Any violation under this subtitle that is subject to a civil penalty is a civil offense and, except in the case*
 3237 *of a violation alleged to have been committed by a juvenile, in which case the juvenile shall be proceeded*
 3238 *against pursuant to § 16.1-260, shall be charged by summons. A summons for a violation under this subtitle*
 3239 *that is subject to a civil penalty may be executed by a law-enforcement officer when such violation is*
 3240 *observed by such officer. The summons used by a law-enforcement officer pursuant to this section shall be in*
 3241 *a form the same as the uniform summons for motor vehicle law violations as prescribed pursuant to*
 3242 *§ 46.2-388. Any civil penalties collected pursuant to this subtitle shall be deposited into the Drug Offender*
 3243 *Assessment and Treatment Fund established pursuant to § 18.2-251.02.*

3244 **CHAPTER 12.**

3245 **PROHIBITED PRACTICES BY LICENSEES.**

3246 **§ 4.1-1200. Illegal cultivation, etc., of marijuana or marijuana products by licensees; penalty.**

3247 *A. No licensee or any agent or employee of such licensee shall:*

3248 *1. Cultivate, process, transport, sell, or test any marijuana or marijuana products other than that which*
 3249 *such license or this subtitle authorizes him to cultivate, process, transport, sell, or test;*

3250 *2. Sell marijuana or marijuana products to any person other than a person to whom such license or this*
 3251 *subtitle authorizes him to sell;*

3252 *3. Cultivate, process, transport, sell, or test marijuana or marijuana products that such license or this*
 3253 *subtitle authorizes him to sell, but in any place or in any manner other than such license or this subtitle*
 3254 *authorizes him to cultivate, process, transport, sell, or test;*

3255 *4. Cultivate, process, transport, sell, or test any marijuana or marijuana products when forbidden by this*
 3256 *subtitle;*

3257 *5. Keep or allow to be kept on the licensed premises, any marijuana or marijuana products other than*
 3258 *that which he is authorized to cultivate, process, transport, sell, or test by such license or by this subtitle;*

3259 *6. Keep any marijuana or marijuana product other than in the container in which it was purchased by*
 3260 *him; or*

3261 *7. Allow a person younger than 21 years of age to be employed by or volunteer for such licensee.*

3262 *B. Any person convicted of a violation of this section is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.*

3263 **§ 4.1-1201. Prohibited acts by employees of licensees; civil penalty.**

3264 *A. In addition to the provisions of § 4.1-1200, no licensee, or his agent or employee shall use or consume*
 3265 *any marijuana or marijuana products (i) on the licensed premises, except for certain sampling for quality*
 3266 *control purposes in accordance with Board regulations or (ii) while on duty and in a position that is involved*
 3267 *in the selling of marijuana or marijuana products to consumers.*

3268 *B. No licensee or his agent or employee shall make any gift of any marijuana or marijuana products.*

3269 *C. Any person convicted of a violation of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty in an amount not to*
 3270 *exceed \$500. Upon a second or subsequent violation of this section, (i) if the person convicted is licensee, the*
 3271 *Board shall revoke any license held by the licensee and (ii) if the person convicted is an agent of the licensee*
 3272 *or employee, the Board shall require the licensee terminate such agent or employee's employment. Any such*
 3273 *licensee, agent, or employee convicted of a second or subsequent violation of this section shall be prohibited*
 3274 *from obtaining any marijuana establishment license and employment at a marijuana establishment.*

3275 **§ 4.1-1202. Sale of; purchase for resale; marijuana or marijuana products from a person without a**
 3276 **license; penalty.**

3277 *Except as otherwise provided in § 4.1-807, no retail marijuana store licensee shall purchase for resale or*
 3278 *sell any marijuana, marijuana products, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds purchased from*
 3279 *anyone other than a marijuana cultivation facility or marijuana processing facility.*

3280 *Any person convicted of a violation of this section is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.*

3281 **§ 4.1-1203. Prohibiting transfer of marijuana or marijuana products by certain licensees; penalty.**

3282 A. No licensed marijuana establishment shall transfer any marijuana or marijuana products from one
 3283 licensed place of business to another licensed place of business unless (i) such licensed marijuana
 3284 establishment is authorized to transfer marijuana or marijuana products from one licensed place of business
 3285 to another licensed place of business and the transfer is completed by the licensee or an employee of the
 3286 licensee or (ii) such transfer is completed by a marijuana transporter licensee.

3287 B. Any person convicted of a violation of this section is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

3288 **§ 4.1-1204. Illegal advertising materials; civil penalty.**

3289 No person subject to the jurisdiction of the Board shall induce, attempt to induce, or consent to any
 3290 licensee selling, renting, lending, buying for, or giving to any person any advertising materials or
 3291 decorations under circumstances prohibited by this title or Board regulations.

3292 Any person found by the Board to have violated this section shall be subject to a civil penalty as
 3293 authorized in § 4.1-903.

3294 **§ 4.1-1205. Failure of licensee to pay tax or to deliver, keep, and preserve records and accounts or to
 3295 allow examination and inspection; penalty.**

3296 A. No licensee shall fail or refuse to (i) pay any tax provided for in § 4.1-1004; (ii) deliver, keep, and
 3297 preserve such records, invoices, and accounts as are required by § 4.1-703 or Board regulation; or (iii)
 3298 allow such records, invoices, and accounts or his place of business to be examined and inspected in
 3299 accordance with § 4.1-703. Any person convicted of a violation of this subsection is guilty of a Class 1
 3300 misdemeanor.

3301 B. After reasonable notice to a licensee that failed to make a return or pay taxes due, the Authority may
 3302 suspend or revoke any license of such licensee that was issued by the Authority.

3303 **§ 4.1-1206. Nonpayment of marijuana tax; penalties.**

3304 A. No person shall make a sale taxable under § 4.1-1004 without paying all applicable taxes due. No
 3305 retail marijuana store or microbusiness licensee shall purchase, receive, transport, store, or sell any
 3306 marijuana or marijuana products on which such retailer has reason to know such tax has not been paid and
 3307 may not be paid. Any person convicted of a violation of this subsection is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

3308 B. Any person who fails to file a return required for a tax due under § 4.1-1004 is subject to a civil
 3309 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
 3310 than 30 days, with an additional five percent for each additional 30 days, or fraction thereof, during which
 3311 the failure continues. Such civil penalty shall not exceed 25 percent in the aggregate.

3312 C. In the case of a false or fraudulent return, where willful intent exists to defraud the Commonwealth of
 3313 any tax due on marijuana or marijuana products, a civil penalty of 50 percent of the amount of the proper tax
 3314 due shall be assessed. Such penalty shall be in addition to any penalty imposed under subsection B. It shall
 3315 be prima facie evidence of willful intent to defraud the Commonwealth when any person reports its taxable
 3316 sales to the Authority at 50 percent or less of the actual amount.

3317 D. If any check tendered for any amount due under § 4.1-1004 or this section is not paid by the bank on
 3318 which it is drawn, and the person that tendered the check fails to pay the Authority the amount due within five
 3319 days after the Authority gives it notice that such check was returned unpaid, the person that tendered the
 3320 check is guilty of a violation of § 18.2-182.1.

3321 E. All penalties shall be payable to the Authority and if not so paid shall be collectible in the same manner
 3322 as if they were a part of the tax imposed.

3323 **§ 4.1-1300. Enjoining nuisances.**

3324 A. In addition to the penalties imposed by § 4.1-1113, the Board, its agents, the attorney for the
 3325 Commonwealth, or any citizen of the county, city, or town where a common nuisance as defined in § 4.1-1113
 3326 exists may maintain a suit in equity in the name of the Commonwealth to enjoin the common nuisance.

3327 B. The courts of equity shall have jurisdiction, and in every case where the bill charges, on the knowledge
 3328 or belief of the complainant, and is sworn to by two reputable citizens, that marijuana or marijuana products
 3329 are cultivated, processed, stored, sold, dispensed, given away, or used in such house, building, or other place
 3330 described in § 4.1-1113 contrary to the laws of the Commonwealth, an injunction shall be granted as soon as
 3331 the bill is presented to the court. The injunction shall enjoin and restrain the owners and tenants and their
 3332 agents and employees, and any person connected with such house, building, or other place, and all persons
 3333 whomsoever from cultivating, processing, storing, selling, dispensing, giving away, or using marijuana or
 3334 marijuana products on such premises. The injunction shall also restrain all persons from removing any
 3335 marijuana or marijuana products then on such premises until the further order of the court. If the court is
 3336 satisfied that the material allegations of the bill are true, although the premises complained of may not then
 3337 be unlawfully used, it shall continue the injunction against such place for a period of time as the court deems
 3338 proper. The injunction may be dissolved if a proper case is shown for dissolution.

3339 **§ 4.1-1301. Contraband marijuana or marijuana products and other articles subject to forfeiture.**

3340 A. All apparatus and materials for the cultivation or processing of marijuana or marijuana products, all
 3341 marijuana or marijuana products and materials used in their manufacture or processing, and all containers
 3342 in which marijuana or marijuana products may be found that are kept, stored, possessed, or in any manner

3343 *used in violation of the provisions of this subtitle, and any dangerous weapons as described in § 18.2-308*
 3344 *that may be used or that may be found upon the person, or in any vehicle that such person is using, to aid*
 3345 *such person in the unlawful cultivation, manufacture, processing, transportation, or sale of marijuana or*
 3346 *marijuana products, or found in the possession of such person, or any horse, mule, or other beast of burden*
 3347 *or any wagon, automobile, truck, or vehicle of any nature whatsoever that is found in the immediate vicinity*
 3348 *of any place where marijuana or marijuana products are being unlawfully manufactured or processed and*
 3349 *where such animal or vehicle is being used to aid in the unlawful manufacture or processing, shall be deemed*
 3350 *contraband and shall be forfeited to the Commonwealth.*

3351 *B. Proceedings for the confiscation of the property in subsection A shall be in accordance with § 4.1-1303*
 3352 *for all such property except motor vehicles, which proceedings shall be in accordance with Chapter 22.1*
 3353 *(§ 19.2-386.1 et seq.) of Title 19.2.*

3354 **§ 4.1-1303. Confiscation proceedings; disposition of forfeited articles.**

3355 *A. All proceedings for the confiscation of articles, except motor vehicles, declared contraband and*
 3356 *forfeited to the Commonwealth under this subtitle shall be as provided in this section.*

3357 *B. Whenever any article declared contraband under the provisions of this subtitle and required to be*
 3358 *forfeited to the Commonwealth has been seized, with or without a warrant, by any officer charged with the*
 3359 *enforcement of this subtitle, he shall produce the contraband article and any person in whose possession it*
 3360 *was found. In those cases where no person is found in possession of such articles, the return shall so state*
 3361 *and a copy of the warrant shall be posted on the door of the buildings or room where the articles were found,*
 3362 *or if there is no door, then in any conspicuous place upon the premises.*

3363 *In case of seizure of any item for any offense involving its forfeiture where it is impracticable to remove*
 3364 *such item to a place of safe storage from the place where seized, the seizing officer may destroy such item*
 3365 *only as necessary to prevent use of all or any part thereof. The destruction shall be in the presence of at least*
 3366 *one credible witness, and such witness shall join the officer in a sworn report of the seizure and destruction*
 3367 *to be made to the Board. The report shall set forth the grounds of the claim of forfeiture, the reasons for*
 3368 *seizure and destruction, an estimate of the fair cash value of the item destroyed, and the materials remaining*
 3369 *after such destruction. The report shall include a statement that, from facts within their own knowledge, the*
 3370 *seizing officer and witness have no doubt whatever that the item was set up for use, or had been used in the*
 3371 *unlawful cultivation, processing, or manufacture of marijuana, and that it was impracticable to remove such*
 3372 *apparatus to a place of safe storage.*

3373 *In case of seizure of any quantity of marijuana or marijuana products for any offense involving forfeiture*
 3374 *of the same, the seizing officer may destroy them to prevent the use of all or any part thereof for the purpose*
 3375 *of unlawful cultivation, processing, or manufacture of marijuana or marijuana products or any other*
 3376 *violation of this subtitle. The destruction shall be in the presence of at least one credible witness, and such*
 3377 *witness shall join the officer in a sworn report of the seizure and destruction to be made to the Board. The*
 3378 *report shall set forth the grounds of the claim of forfeiture, the reasons for seizure and destruction, and a*
 3379 *statement that, from facts within their own knowledge, the seizing officer and witness have no doubt whatever*
 3380 *that the marijuana or marijuana products were intended for use in the unlawful cultivation, processing, or*
 3381 *manufacture of marijuana or marijuana products or were intended for use in violation of this subtitle.*

3382 *C. Upon the return of the warrant as provided in this section, the court shall fix a time not less than 10*
 3383 *days, unless waived by the accused in writing, and not more than 30 days thereafter, for the hearing on such*
 3384 *return to determine whether or not the articles seized, or any part thereof, were used or in any manner kept,*
 3385 *stored, or possessed in violation of this subtitle.*

3386 *At such hearing, if no claimant appears, the court shall declare the articles seized forfeited to the*
 3387 *Commonwealth and, if such articles are not necessary as evidence in any pending prosecution, shall turn*
 3388 *them over to the Board. Any person claiming an interest in any of the articles seized may appear at the*
 3389 *hearing and file a written claim setting forth particularly the character and extent of his interest. The court*
 3390 *shall certify the warrant and the articles seized along with any claim filed to the circuit court to hear and*
 3391 *determine the validity of such claim.*

3392 *If the evidence warrants, the court shall enter a judgment of forfeiture and order the articles seized to be*
 3393 *turned over to the Board. Action under this section and the forfeiture of any articles hereunder shall not be a*
 3394 *bar to any prosecution under any other provision of this subtitle.*

3395 *D. Any articles forfeited to the Commonwealth and turned over to the Board in accordance with this*
 3396 *section shall be destroyed or sold by the Board as it deems proper. The net proceeds from such sales shall be*
 3397 *paid into the Literary Fund.*

3398 *If the Board believes that any foodstuffs forfeited to the Commonwealth and turned over to the Board in*
 3399 *accordance with this section are usable, should not be destroyed, and cannot be sold, or whose sale would be*
 3400 *impractical, it may give such foodstuffs to any institution in the Commonwealth and shall prefer a gift to the*
 3401 *local jail or other local correctional facility in the jurisdiction where seizure took place. A record shall be*
 3402 *made showing the nature of the foodstuffs and amount given, to whom given, and the date when given and*
 3403 *shall be kept in the offices of the Board.*

3404 **§ 4.1-1304. Contraband marijuana or marijuana products.**

3405 *Failure to maintain on a conveyance or vehicle a permit or other indicia of permission issued by the*
 3406 *Board authorizing the transportation of marijuana or marijuana products within the Commonwealth when*
 3407 *other Board regulations applicable to such transportation have been complied with shall not be cause for*
 3408 *deeming such marijuana or marijuana products contraband.*

3409 **§ 4.1-1305. Punishment for violations of title or regulations; bond.**

3410 *A. Any person convicted of a misdemeanor under the provisions of this subtitle without specification as to*
 3411 *the class of offense or penalty, or convicted of violating any other provision thereof, or convicted of violating*
 3412 *any Board regulation is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.*

3413 *B. In addition to the penalties imposed by this subtitle for violations, any court before whom any person is*
 3414 *convicted of a violation of any provision of this subtitle may require such defendant to execute bond based*
 3415 *upon his ability to pay, with approved security, in the penalty of not more than \$1,000, with the condition that*
 3416 *the defendant will not violate any of the provisions of this subtitle for the term of one year. If any such bond is*
 3417 *required and is not given, the defendant shall be committed to jail until it is given, or until he is discharged*
 3418 *by the court, provided that he shall not be confined for a period longer than six months. If any such bond*
 3419 *required by a court is not given during the term of the court by which conviction is had, it may be given*
 3420 *before any judge or before the clerk of such court.*

3421 *C. The provisions of this subtitle shall not prevent the Board from suspending, revoking, or refusing to*
 3422 *continue the license of any person convicted of a violation of any provision of this subtitle.*

3423 *D. No court shall hear such a case unless the respective attorney for the Commonwealth or his assistant*
 3424 *has been notified that such a case is pending.*

3425 **§ 4.1-1306. Witness not excused from testifying because of self-incrimination.**

3426 *No person shall be excused from testifying or from producing books, papers, correspondence,*
 3427 *memoranda, or other records for the Commonwealth as to any offense alleged to have been committed by*
 3428 *another under this subtitle by reason of his testimony or other evidence tending to incriminate himself, but*
 3429 *the testimony given and evidence so produced by such person on behalf of the Commonwealth when called*
 3430 *for by the trial judge or court trying the case, or by the attorney for the Commonwealth, or when summoned*
 3431 *by the Commonwealth and sworn as a witness by the court or the clerk and sent before the grand jury, shall*
 3432 *be in no case used against him nor shall he be prosecuted as to the offense as to which he testifies.*

3433 **§ 4.1-1307. Previous convictions.**

3434 *In any indictment, information, or warrant charging any person with a violation of any provision of this*
 3435 *subtitle, it may be alleged and evidence may be introduced at the trial of such person to prove that such*
 3436 *person has been previously convicted of a violation of this subtitle.*

3437 **§ 4.1-1308. Label on sealed container prima facie evidence of marijuana content.**

3438 *In any prosecution for violations of this subtitle, where a sealed container is labeled as containing*
 3439 *marijuana or marijuana products, such labeling shall be prima facie evidence of the marijuana content of the*
 3440 *container. Nothing shall preclude the introduction of other relevant evidence to establish the marijuana*
 3441 *content of a container, whether sealed or not.*

3442 **§ 4.1-1309. No recovery for marijuana or marijuana products illegally sold.**

3443 *No action to recover the price of any marijuana or marijuana products sold in contravention of this*
 3444 *subtitle may be maintained.*

3445 **§ 4.1-1402. Outdoor advertising restrictions; limitations; variances.**

3446 *A. No outdoor advertising regarding marijuana, marijuana products, or any substance containing a*
 3447 *synthetic tetrahydrocannabinol or synthetic derivative of tetrahydrocannabinol shall be placed within 500*
 3448 *linear feet on the same side of the road, and parallel to such road, measured from the nearest edge of the sign*
 3449 *face upon which the advertisement is placed to the nearest edge of a building or structure located on the real*
 3450 *property of (i) a church, synagogue, mosque, or other place of religious worship; (ii) a public, private, or*
 3451 *parochial school or an institution of higher education; (iii) a public or private playground or similar*
 3452 *recreational facility; (iv) a substance use disorder treatment center; or (v) a dwelling used for residential use.*

3453 *B. However, (i) if there is no building or structure on a playground or similar recreational facility, the*
 3454 *measurement shall be from the nearest edge of the sign face upon which the advertisement is placed to the*
 3455 *property line of such playground or similar recreational facility and (ii) if a public or private school providing*
 3456 *grades K through 12 education is located across the road from a sign, the measurement shall be from the*
 3457 *nearest edge of the sign face upon which the advertisement is placed to the nearest edge of a building or*
 3458 *structure located on such real property across the road.*

3459 *C. If, at the time the advertisement was displayed, the advertisement was more than 500 feet from (i) a*
 3460 *church, synagogue, mosque, or other place of religious worship; (ii) a public, private, or parochial school or*
 3461 *an institution of higher education; (iii) a public or private playground or similar recreational facility; (iv) a*
 3462 *substance use disorder treatment center; or (v) a dwelling used for residential use, but the circumstances*
 3463 *change such that the advertiser would otherwise be in violation of subsection A, the Board shall permit the*
 3464 *advertisement to remain as displayed for the remainder of the term of any written advertising contract, but in*
 3465 *no event more than one year from the date of the change in circumstances.*

3466 *D. The Board may grant a permit authorizing a variance from the distance requirements of this section*

3467 upon a finding that the placement of the advertisement on a sign will not unduly expose children to
 3468 advertising regarding marijuana, marijuana products, or any substance containing a synthetic
 3469 tetrahydrocannabinol or synthetic derivative of tetrahydrocannabinol.

3470 E. The distance and zoning restrictions contained in this section shall not apply to any sign that is included
 3471 in the Integrated Directional Sign Program administered by the Virginia Department of Transportation or its
 3472 agents.

3473 F. *Any outdoor signs placed on the property of a marijuana establishment shall not (i) display imagery of*
 3474 *marijuana or the use of marijuana or (ii) draw undue attention to the facility, but may be designed to assist*
 3475 *consumers to find the marijuana establishment.*

3476 G. Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize billboard signs containing outdoor advertising
 3477 regarding marijuana, marijuana products, or any substance containing a synthetic tetrahydrocannabinol or
 3478 synthetic derivative of tetrahydrocannabinol on property zoned agricultural or residential, or on any unzoned
 3479 property. Nor shall this section be construed to authorize the erection of new billboard signs containing
 3480 outdoor advertising that would be prohibited under state law or local ordinance.

3481 G. H. All lawfully erected outdoor signs regarding marijuana, marijuana products, or any substance
 3482 containing a synthetic tetrahydrocannabinol or synthetic derivative of tetrahydrocannabinol shall comply with
 3483 the provisions of this subtitle, Board regulations, and Chapter 12 (§ 33.2-1200 et seq.) of Title 33.2 and
 3484 regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. Further, any outdoor
 3485 directional sign regarding marijuana, marijuana products, or any substance containing a synthetic
 3486 tetrahydrocannabinol or synthetic derivative of tetrahydrocannabinol that is located or to be located on
 3487 highway rights of way shall also be governed by and comply with the Integrated Directional Sign Program
 3488 administered by the Virginia Department of Transportation or its agents.

3489 **§ 4.1-1403. Board to establish regulations for marijuana testing.**

3490 *The Board shall establish a testing program for marijuana and marijuana products. Except as otherwise*
 3491 *provided in this subtitle or otherwise provided by law, the program shall require a licensee, prior to selling*
 3492 *or distributing marijuana or a marijuana product to a consumer or to another licensee, to submit a*
 3493 *representative sample of the marijuana or marijuana product, not to exceed an amount of the total harvest or*
 3494 *batch as established by the Board, to a licensed marijuana testing facility for testing to ensure that the*
 3495 *marijuana or marijuana product does not exceed the maximum level of allowable contamination for any*
 3496 *contaminant that is injurious to health and for which testing is required and to ensure correct labeling. The*
 3497 *Board shall adopt regulations (i) establishing a testing program pursuant to this section; (ii) establishing*
 3498 *acceptable testing and research practices, including regulations relating to testing practices, methods, and*
 3499 *standards; quality control analysis; equipment certification and calibration; marijuana testing facility*
 3500 *recordkeeping, documentation, and business practices; disposal of used, unused, and waste marijuana and*
 3501 *marijuana products; and reporting of test results; (iii) identifying the types of contaminants that are injurious*
 3502 *to health for which marijuana and marijuana products shall be tested under this subtitle; and (iv)*
 3503 *establishing the maximum level of allowable contamination for each contaminant.*

3504 **§ 4.1-1404. Mandatory testing; scope; recordkeeping; notification; additional testing not required;**
 3505 **required destruction; random testing.**

3506 A. A licensee may not sell or distribute marijuana or a marijuana product to a consumer or to another
 3507 licensee under this subtitle unless a representative sample of the marijuana or marijuana product has been
 3508 tested pursuant to this subtitle and the regulations adopted pursuant to this subtitle and the mandatory testing
 3509 has demonstrated that (i) the marijuana or marijuana product does not exceed the maximum level of
 3510 allowable contamination for any contaminant that is injurious to health and for which testing is required and
 3511 (ii) the labeling on the marijuana or marijuana product is correct.

3512 B. Mandatory testing of marijuana and marijuana products under this section shall include testing for:

- 3513 1. Residual solvents;
- 3514 2. Heavy metals;
- 3515 3. Microbiological contaminants;
- 3516 4. Mycotoxins;
- 3517 5. Pesticide chemical residue; and
- 3518 6. Active ingredient analysis.

3519 *Testing shall be performed on the final form in which the marijuana or marijuana product will be*
 3520 *consumed.*

3521 C. A licensee shall maintain a record of all mandatory testing that includes a description of the marijuana
 3522 or marijuana product provided to the marijuana testing facility, the identity of the marijuana testing facility,
 3523 and the results of the mandatory test.

3524 D. If the results of a mandatory test conducted pursuant to this section indicate that the tested marijuana
 3525 or marijuana product exceeds the maximum level of allowable tetrahydrocannabinol or contamination for
 3526 any contaminant that is injurious to health and for which testing is required, the marijuana testing facility
 3527 shall immediately quarantine, document, and properly destroy the marijuana or marijuana product, unless
 3528 remedial measures can bring the marijuana or marijuana product into compliance with such required health

3529 *and safety standards, and within seven days of completing the test shall notify the Board of the test results.*

3530 *A marijuana testing facility is not required to notify the Board of the results of any test:*

3531 *1. Conducted on marijuana or a marijuana product at the direction of a licensee for research and*

3532 *development purposes only, so long as the licensee notifies the marijuana testing facility prior to the*

3533 *performance of the test that the testing is for research and development purposes only; or*

3534 *2. Conducted on marijuana or a marijuana product at the direction of a person who is not a licensee.*

3535 *E. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a licensee may sell or furnish to a consumer or to another licensee*

3536 *marijuana or a marijuana product that the licensee has not submitted for testing in accordance with this*

3537 *subtitle and regulations adopted pursuant to this subtitle if the following conditions are met:*

3538 *1. The marijuana or marijuana product has previously undergone testing in accordance with this subtitle*

3539 *and regulations adopted pursuant to this subtitle at the direction of another licensee and the testing*

3540 *demonstrated that the marijuana or marijuana product does not exceed the maximum level of allowable*

3541 *tetrahydrocannabinol or contamination for any contaminant that is injurious to health and for which testing*

3542 *is required;*

3543 *2. The mandatory testing process and the test results for the marijuana or marijuana product are*

3544 *documented in accordance with the requirements of this subtitle and all applicable regulations adopted*

3545 *pursuant to this subtitle;*

3546 *3. Tracking from immature marijuana plant to the point of retail sale has been maintained for the*

3547 *marijuana or marijuana product and transfers of the marijuana or marijuana product to another licensee or*

3548 *to a consumer can be easily identified; and*

3549 *4. The marijuana or marijuana product has not undergone any further processing, manufacturing, or*

3550 *alteration subsequent to the performance of the prior testing under subsection A.*

3551 *F. Licensees shall be required to destroy harvested batches of marijuana or batches of marijuana*

3552 *products whose testing samples indicate noncompliance with the health and safety standards required by this*

3553 *subtitle and the regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to this subtitle, unless remedial measures can*

3554 *bring the marijuana or marijuana product into compliance with such required health and safety standards.*

3555 *G. A licensee shall comply with all requests for samples of marijuana and marijuana products for the*

3556 *purpose of random testing by a state-owned laboratory or state-approved private laboratory.*

3557 **§ 4.1-1405. Labeling and packaging requirements; prohibitions.**

3558 *A. Marijuana and marijuana products to be sold or offered for sale by a licensee to a consumer shall be*

3559 *labeled with the following information:*

3560 *1. Identification of the type of marijuana or marijuana product;*

3561 *2. Identification of the marijuana cultivation facility and marijuana processing facility where the*

3562 *marijuana or marijuana product was cultivated and processed, as applicable;*

3563 *3. A statement of the net weight of the marijuana or marijuana product;*

3564 *4. In English and in a font no less than 1/16 of an inch, information concerning (i) all ingredients,*

3565 *including pharmacologically active ingredients, tetrahydrocannabinol, cannabidiol, and other cannabinoid*

3566 *content; (ii) all major allergens; (iii) the amount of servings in the package; and (iv) the total percentage or*

3567 *milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol and other cannabinoids, in accordance with Board regulations;*

3568 *5. Instructions on usage, including information regarding the amount of marijuana or marijuana product*

3569 *that constitutes a single serving, and information regarding the products purpose, as applicable;*

3570 *6. An expiration date;*

3571 *7. For marijuana and marijuana products, a warning statement adopted by the Board prominently*

3572 *displayed in bold print and in a clear and legible fashion;*

3573 *8. A universal symbol stamped or embossed on the packaging of any marijuana and marijuana products;*

3574 *9. A QR code or other means prescribed by the Board, linking to the certificate of analysis, produced by a*

3575 *licensed marijuana testing facility, that states the total tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of the substance*

3576 *or the total tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of the batch from which the substance originates; and*

3577 *10. Any other information required by Board regulations.*

3578 *B. Marijuana and marijuana products to be sold or offered for sale by a licensee to a consumer in*

3579 *accordance with the provisions of this subtitle shall be packaged in the following manner:*

3580 *1. Marijuana and marijuana products shall be prepackaged in child-resistant, tamper-evident, and*

3581 *resealable packaging that is opaque or shall be placed at the final point of sale to a consumer in child-*

3582 *resistant, tamper-evident, and resealable packaging that is opaque;*

3583 *2. Packaging for multiserving liquid marijuana products shall include an integral measurement*

3584 *component; and*

3585 *3. Packaging shall comply with any other requirements imposed by Board regulations.*

3586 *C. Marijuana and marijuana products to be sold or offered for sale by a licensee to a consumer in*

3587 *accordance with the provisions of this subtitle shall not:*

3588 *1. (i) Without authorization, bear, be packaged in a container or wrapper that bears, or otherwise be*

3589 *labeled to bear the trademark, trade name, famous mark as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1125, or other identifying*

3590 *mark, imprint, or device, or any likeness thereof, of a manufacturer, processor, packer, or distributor of a*

3591 product intended for human consumption other than the manufacturer, processor, packer, or distributor that
 3592 did in fact so manufacture, process, pack, or distribute such substance or (ii) otherwise be packaged or
 3593 labeled in violation of a federal trademark law or regulation;

3594 2. Be labeled or packaged in a manner that appeals particularly to persons younger than 21 years of age;

3595 3. Be labeled or packaged in a manner that obscures identifying information on the label;

3596 4. Be labeled or packaged using a false or misleading label;

3597 5. Depict, model the shape of, or use a label or package that depicts or models the shape of a human,
 3598 animal, vehicle, or fruit; and

3599 6. Be labeled or packaged in violation of any other labeling or packaging requirements imposed by Board
 3600 regulations.

3601 **§ 4.1-1406. Other health and safety requirements for edible marijuana products and other marijuana**
 3602 **products deemed applicable by the Authority; health and safety regulations.**

3603 A. In addition to all other applicable provisions of this subtitle, edible marijuana products and other
 3604 marijuana products deemed applicable by the Authority to be sold or offered for sale by a licensee to a
 3605 consumer:

3606 1. Shall be processed and manufactured by an approved source, as determined by § 3.2-5145.3;

3607 2. Shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 51 (§ 3.2-5100 et seq.) of Title 3.2;

3608 3. Shall be processed and manufactured in a manner that results in the cannabinoid content within the
 3609 product being homogeneous throughout the product or throughout each element of the product that has a
 3610 cannabinoid content;

3611 4. Shall be processed and manufactured in a manner that results in the amount of marijuana concentrate
 3612 within the product being homogeneous throughout the product or throughout each element of the product
 3613 that contains marijuana concentrate;

3614 5. Shall have a universal symbol stamped or embossed on the packaging of each product;

3615 6. Shall not contain more than 10 milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol per serving of the product and shall
 3616 not contain more than 100 milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol per package of the product;

3617 7. Shall not contain additives that (i) are toxic or harmful to human beings, (ii) are specifically designed
 3618 to make the product more addictive, (iii) contain alcohol or nicotine, (iv) are misleading to consumers, or (v)
 3619 are specifically designed to make the product appeal particularly to persons younger than 21 years of age;
 3620 and

3621 8. Shall not involve the addition of marijuana to a trademarked food or drink product, except when the
 3622 trademarked product is used as a component of or ingredient in the edible marijuana product and the edible
 3623 marijuana product is not advertised or described for sale as containing the trademarked product.

3624 B. The Board shall adopt any additional labeling, packaging, or other health and safety regulations that it
 3625 deems necessary for marijuana and marijuana products to be sold or offered for sale by a licensee to a
 3626 consumer in accordance with this subtitle. Regulations adopted pursuant to this subsection shall establish
 3627 mandatory health and safety standards applicable to the cultivation of marijuana, the processing and
 3628 manufacture of marijuana products, and the packaging and labeling of marijuana and marijuana products
 3629 sold by a licensee to a consumer. Such regulations shall address:

3630 1. Requirements for the storage, warehousing, and transportation of marijuana and marijuana products
 3631 by licensees;

3632 2. Standards for the processing and manufacture of marijuana and marijuana products; and

3633 3. Limitations on the display of marijuana and marijuana products at retail marijuana stores and
 3634 microbusinesses.

3635 **§ 4.1-1407. Product registration requirements; approval, deviation, and modification.**

3636 A. A marijuana cultivation facility licensee, marijuana processing facility licensee, and microbusiness
 3637 licensee shall register with the Board all marijuana or marijuana products it cultivates or processes.
 3638 Applications for marijuana or marijuana product registration shall be submitted to the Board on a form
 3639 prescribed by the Board.

3640 B. An application for marijuana or marijuana product registration shall include:

3641 1. The total tetrahydrocannabinol and total cannabidiol in such marijuana or marijuana product, based
 3642 on laboratory testing results for the marijuana or marijuana product formulation;

3643 2. A product name;

3644 3. A proposed product package; and

3645 4. A proposed product label, which shall not be required to contain an expiration date at the time of
 3646 application.

3647 C. The Board shall register all marijuana or marijuana products that meet testing, labeling, and
 3648 packaging standards after an application for registration is submitted. If the marijuana or marijuana product
 3649 fails to meet such standards or the application was deficient, the Board shall notify the applicant of the
 3650 specific reasons for such failure or deficiency.

3651 D. The following marijuana or marijuana product deviations from an approved marijuana or marijuana
 3652 product registration shall be permitted without any requirement for a new marijuana or marijuana product

3653 registration or notice to the Board:

3654 1. A deviation in the concentration of total tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) or total cannabidiol (CBD) in a
 3655 marijuana or marijuana product or dose thereof of up to 15 percent greater than or less than the
 3656 concentration of total tetrahydrocannabinol or total cannabidiol, either or both, listed in the approved
 3657 marijuana or marijuana product registration; however, for marijuana or a marijuana product with five
 3658 milligrams or less of total THC or total CBD per dose, the total THC or total CBD concentration shall be
 3659 within 0.5 milligrams of the single dose total THC or total CBD concentrations approved for that marijuana
 3660 or marijuana product;

3661 2. A variation in packaging, provided that the packaging is substantially similar to the approved
 3662 packaging and otherwise complies with applicable packaging requirements;

3663 3. A deviation in labeling that reflects allowable deviations in total THC or total CBD or that makes a
 3664 minor text, font, design, or similar modification, provided that the labeling is substantially similar to the
 3665 approved labeling and otherwise complies with applicable labeling requirements; and

3666 4. Any other insignificant changes.

3667 F. A marijuana cultivation facility licensee, marijuana processing facility licensee, or microbusiness
 3668 license may submit a request to modify an existing marijuana or marijuana product registration in the event
 3669 of a marijuana or marijuana product deviation that is not set forth in subsection

3670 E. Upon receipt, the Board shall respond to such request. The Board may grant or deny the request,
 3671 propose a reasonable revision, or require the licensee to provide additional information.

3672 **§ 4.1-1500. Definitions.**

3673 As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

3674 "CDFI" means a community development financial institution that provides credit and financial services
 3675 for underserved communities.

3676 "Fund" means the Virginia Cannabis Equity Business Loan Fund established in § 4.1-1501.

3677 "Funding" means loans and grants made from the Fund.

3678 "Program" means the Virginia Cannabis Equity Business Loan Program established in § 4.1-1502.

3679 ~~"Social equity qualified cannabis licensee" means a person or business who meets the criteria in § 4.1-606
 3680 to qualify as a social equity applicant and who either holds or is in the final stages of acquiring, as determined
 3681 by the Board, a license to operate a marijuana establishment.~~

3682 **§ 4.1-1501. Virginia Cannabis Equity Business Loan Fund.**

3683 There is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund to be known as the Virginia
 3684 Cannabis Equity Business Loan Fund, referred to in this section as "the Fund." The Fund shall be established
 3685 on the books of the Comptroller. All funds appropriated for such purpose and any gifts, donations, grants,
 3686 bequests, and other funds received on its behalf shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Fund.
 3687 Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys remaining
 3688 in the Fund, including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but
 3689 shall remain in the Fund. Moneys in the Fund shall be used solely for the purposes of providing grants,
 3690 low-interest and loans, zero-interest loans, and other supports and services to social equity qualified cannabis
 3691 impact licensees in order to foster business ownership and economic growth within communities that have
 3692 been the most disproportionately impacted by the former prohibition of cannabis. Expenditures and
 3693 disbursements from the Fund shall be made by the State Treasurer on warrants issued by the Comptroller
 3694 upon written request signed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority.

3695 **§ 4.1-1502. Program requirements; guidelines for management of the Fund; selection of CDFI.**

3696 A. The Authority shall establish a Program to provide loans, grants, and other supports and services to
 3697 ~~qualified social equity cannabis impact licensees for the purpose of promoting business ownership and
 3698 economic growth by communities that have been disproportionately impacted by the prohibition of cannabis.~~
 3699 ~~The For the purposes of issuing loans, the Authority shall may select and work in collaboration with a CDFI
 3700 to assist in administering the Program and carrying out the purposes of the Fund. The If the Authority utilizes
 3701 a CDFI for issuing loans, the CDFI selected by the Authority shall have (i) a statewide presence in Virginia,
 3702 (ii) experience in business lending, (iii) a proven track record of working with disadvantaged communities,
 3703 and (iv) the capability to dedicate sufficient staff to manage the Program. Working with the selected CDFI,
 3704 the The Authority shall establish monitoring and accountability mechanisms for businesses impact licensees
 3705 receiving funding and shall report annually the number of businesses funded; the geographic distribution of
 3706 the businesses; the costs of the Program; and the outcomes, including the number and types of jobs created.~~

3707 B. The Program shall:

3708 1. Identify ~~social equity qualified cannabis impact licensees~~ who are in need of capital or other supports
 3709 and services for the start-up of a cannabis business properly licensed pursuant to the provisions of this
 3710 subtitle;

3711 2. Provide loans, grants, and other supports and services for the purposes described in subsection A and
 3712 § 4.1-1501;

3713 3. Provide technical assistance; and

3714 4. Bring together community partners to sustain the Program.

3715 **§ 4.1-1600. Definitions.**

3716 As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

3717 "Botanical cannabis" means cannabis that is composed wholly of usable cannabis from the same parts of
3718 the same chemovar of cannabis plant.

3719 "Cannabis dispensing facility" means a *dual-use* facility that (i) has obtained a permit from the Board
3720 pursuant to § 4.1-1602; (ii) is owned, at least in part, by a pharmaceutical processor; ~~and~~ (iii) dispenses
3721 cannabis products produced by a pharmaceutical processor to a patient, his registered agent, or, if such patient
3722 is a minor or a vulnerable adult as defined in § 18.2-369, such patient's parent or legal guardian; *and (iv) has*
3723 *been verified by the Board pursuant to § 4.1-1602.1 to hold and exercise all privileges to operate as a retail*
3724 *marijuana store pursuant to § 4.1-802 on the premises of the cannabis dispensing facility..*

3725 "Cannabis oil" means any formulation of processed Cannabis plant extract, which may include industrial
3726 hemp extracts, including isolates and distillates, acquired by a pharmaceutical processor pursuant to
3727 § 4.1-1602, or a dilution of the resin of the Cannabis plant that contains, except as otherwise provided in this
3728 chapter, no more than 10 milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol per dose. "Cannabis oil" does not include
3729 industrial hemp, as defined in § 3.2-4112, that is grown, handled, or processed in compliance with state or
3730 federal law, unless it has been grown and processed in the Commonwealth by a registered industrial hemp
3731 processor and acquired and formulated by a pharmaceutical processor.

3732 "Cannabis product" means a product that (i) is formulated with cannabis oil or botanical cannabis; (ii) is
3733 produced by a pharmaceutical processor and sold by a pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing
3734 facility; (iii) is registered with the Board; (iv) contains, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, no more
3735 than 10 milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol per dose; and (v) is compliant with testing requirements.

3736 "*Delivery agent*" means an independent contractor that transports or delivers usable cannabis, botanical
3737 cannabis, cannabis oil, or cannabis products on behalf of a pharmaceutical processor or cannabis
3738 dispensing facility.

3739 "Designated caregiver facility" means any hospice or hospice facility licensed pursuant to § 32.1-162.3, or
3740 home care organization as defined in § 32.1-162.7 that provides pharmaceutical services or home health
3741 services, private provider licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services
3742 pursuant to Article 2 (§ 37.2-403 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 37.2, assisted living facility licensed pursuant
3743 to § 63.2-1701, or adult day center licensed pursuant to § 63.2-1701.

3744 "Dispense" means the same as that term is defined in § 54.1-3300.

3745 "Pharmaceutical processor" means a *dual-use* facility that (i) has obtained a permit from the Board
3746 pursuant to § 4.1-1602 ~~and~~; (ii) cultivates Cannabis plants intended ~~only~~ for the production of cannabis oil,
3747 botanical cannabis, and usable cannabis, produces cannabis products, and dispenses cannabis products to a
3748 patient pursuant to a written certification, his registered agent, or, if such patient is a minor or a vulnerable
3749 adult as defined in § 18.2-369, such patient's parent or legal guardian; *and (iii) has been verified by the Board*
3750 *pursuant to § 4.1-1602.1 to hold and exercise all privileges to operate as a marijuana cultivation facility*
3751 *pursuant to § 4.1-800, marijuana processing facility pursuant to § 4.1-801, and retail marijuana store*
3752 *pursuant to § 4.1-802.*

3753 "Pharmacist" means the same as that term is defined in § 54.1-3300.

3754 "Pharmacy intern" means the same as that term is defined in § 54.1-3300.

3755 "Pharmacy technician" means the same as that term is defined in § 54.1-3300.

3756 "Pharmacy technician trainee" means the same as that term is defined in § 54.1-3300.

3757 "Practitioner" means a practitioner of medicine or osteopathy licensed by the Board of Medicine, a
3758 physician assistant licensed by the Board of Medicine, or an advanced practice registered nurse jointly
3759 licensed by the Boards of Nursing and Medicine.

3760 "Registered agent" means an individual designated by a patient who has been issued a written
3761 certification, or, if such patient is a minor or a vulnerable adult as defined in § 18.2-369, designated by such
3762 patient's parent or legal guardian, and registered with the Board pursuant to subsection F of § 4.1-1601.

3763 "Usable cannabis" means any cannabis plant material, including seeds, but not (i) resin that has been
3764 extracted from any part of the cannabis plant, its seeds, or its resin; (ii) the mature stalks, fiber produced from
3765 the stalks, or any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the mature stalks;
3766 or (iii) oil or cake made from the seeds of the plant.

3767 **§ 4.1-1601. Certification for use of cannabis for treatment.**

3768 A. A practitioner in the course of his professional practice may issue a written certification for the use of
3769 cannabis products for treatment or to alleviate the symptoms of any diagnosed condition or disease
3770 determined by the practitioner to benefit from such use. The practitioner shall use his professional judgment
3771 to determine the manner and frequency of patient care and evaluation and may employ the use of
3772 telemedicine, provided that the use of telemedicine includes the delivery of patient care through real-time
3773 interactive audiovisual technology. No practitioner may issue a written certification while such practitioner is
3774 on the premises of a pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility. A pharmaceutical processor
3775 shall not endorse or promote any practitioner who issues certifications to patients. If a practitioner determines
3776 it is consistent with the standard of care to dispense botanical cannabis to a minor, the written certification

3777 shall specifically authorize such dispensing. If not specifically included on the initial written certification,
3778 authorization for botanical cannabis may be communicated verbally or in writing to the pharmacist at the
3779 time of dispensing. A practitioner who issues written certifications shall not directly or indirectly accept,
3780 solicit, or receive anything of value from a pharmaceutical processor, cannabis dispensing facility, or any
3781 person associated with a pharmaceutical processor, cannabis dispensing facility, or provider of paraphernalia,
3782 excluding information on products or educational materials on the benefits and risks of cannabis products.

3783 B. The written certification shall be on a form provided by the Authority. Such written certification shall
3784 contain the name, address, and telephone number of the practitioner, the name and address of the patient
3785 issued the written certification, the date on which the written certification was made, and the signature or
3786 authentic electronic signature of the practitioner. Such written certification issued pursuant to subsection A
3787 shall expire one year after its issuance unless the practitioner provides in such written certification an earlier
3788 expiration. A written certification shall not be issued to a patient by more than one practitioner during any
3789 given time period.

3790 C. No practitioner shall be prosecuted under *Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.)* or § 18.2-248 ~~or 18.2-248.1~~
3791 for the issuance of a certification for the use of cannabis products for the treatment or to alleviate the
3792 symptoms of a patient's diagnosed condition or disease pursuant to a written certification issued pursuant to
3793 subsection A. Nothing in this section shall preclude a practitioner's professional licensing board from
3794 sanctioning the practitioner for failing to properly evaluate or treat a patient's medical condition or otherwise
3795 violating the applicable standard of care for evaluating or treating medical conditions.

3796 D. A practitioner who issues a written certification to a patient pursuant to this section (i) shall hold
3797 sufficient education and training to exercise appropriate professional judgment in the certification of patients;
3798 (ii) shall not offer a discount or any other thing of value to a patient or a patient's parent, guardian, or
3799 registered agent that is contingent on or encourages the person's decision to use a particular pharmaceutical
3800 processor or cannabis product; (iii) shall not issue a certification to himself or his family members,
3801 employees, or coworkers; (iv) shall not provide product samples containing cannabis other than those
3802 approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration; and (v) shall not accept compensation from a
3803 pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility. The Board shall not limit the number of patients to
3804 whom a practitioner may issue a written certification. The Board may report information to the applicable
3805 licensing board on unusual patterns of certifications issued by a practitioner.

3806 E. No patient shall be required to physically present the written certification after the initial dispensing by
3807 any pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility under each written certification, provided that
3808 the pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility maintains an electronic copy of the written
3809 certification. Pharmaceutical processors and cannabis dispensing facilities shall electronically transmit on a
3810 monthly basis all new written certifications received by the pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing
3811 facility to the Authority.

3812 F. A patient, or, if such patient is a minor or a vulnerable adult as defined in § 18.2-369, such patient's
3813 parent or legal guardian, may designate an individual to act as his registered agent for the purposes of
3814 receiving cannabis products pursuant to a valid written certification. Such designated individual shall register
3815 with the Board unless the individual's name listed on the patient's written certification. An individual may, on
3816 the basis of medical need and in the discretion of the patient's registered practitioner, be listed on the patient's
3817 written certification upon the patient's request. The Board may set a limit on the number of patients for whom
3818 any individual is authorized to act as a registered agent.

3819 G. Upon delivery of a cannabis product by a pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility to a
3820 designated caregiver facility, any employee or contractor of a designated caregiver facility who is licensed or
3821 registered by a health regulatory board and who is authorized to possess, distribute, or administer medications
3822 may accept delivery of the cannabis product on behalf of a patient or resident for subsequent delivery to the
3823 patient or resident and may assist in the administration of the cannabis product to the patient or resident as
3824 necessary.

3825 H. Information obtained under the patient certification or agent registration process shall be confidential
3826 and shall not be subject to the disclosure provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700
3827 et seq.). However, reasonable access to registry information shall be provided to (i) the Chairmen of the
3828 House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice, (ii) state and federal agencies or local law enforcement
3829 for the purpose of investigating or prosecuting a specific individual for a specific violation of law, (iii)
3830 licensed practitioners or pharmacists, or their agents, for the purpose of providing patient care and drug
3831 therapy management and monitoring of drugs obtained by a patient, (iv) a pharmaceutical processor or
3832 cannabis dispensing facility involved in the treatment of a patient, or (v) a patient's registered agent, but only
3833 with respect to information related to such patient.

3834 **§ 4.1-1602. Permit to operate pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility.**

3835 A. No person shall operate a pharmaceutical processor or a cannabis dispensing facility without first
3836 obtaining a permit from the Board. The application for such permit shall be made on a form provided by the
3837 Authority and signed by a pharmacist who will be in full and actual charge of the pharmaceutical processor's
3838 dispensing area or cannabis dispensing facility. The Board shall establish an application fee and other general

3839 requirements for such application. *Effective November 1, 2026, no previously issued permit shall remain*
 3840 *valid unless the pharmaceutical processor has received dual-use verification from the Board pursuant to*
 3841 *§ 4.1-1602.1.*

3842 B. Each permit shall expire annually on a date determined by the Board in regulation. The number of
 3843 permits that the Board may issue or renew in any year is limited to one *permit in each health service area*
 3844 *established by the Board of Health, which shall govern the operations of the pharmaceutical processor and up*
 3845 *to five cannabis dispensing facilities for in each health service area established by the Board of Health.*
 3846 Permits shall be displayed in a conspicuous place on the premises of the pharmaceutical processor and
 3847 cannabis dispensing facility.

3848 C. The Board shall adopt regulations establishing health, safety, and security requirements for
 3849 pharmaceutical processors and cannabis dispensing facilities. Such regulations shall include requirements for
 3850 (i) physical standards; (ii) location restrictions; (iii) security systems and controls; (iv) minimum equipment
 3851 and resources; (v) recordkeeping; (vi) labeling and packaging; (vii) routine inspections no more frequently
 3852 than once annually; (viii) processes for safely and securely dispensing and delivering in person cannabis
 3853 products to a patient, his registered agent, or, if such patient is a minor or a vulnerable adult as defined in
 3854 § 18.2-369, such patient's parent or legal guardian; (ix) dosage limitations for cannabis products that provide
 3855 that each dispensed dose of a cannabis product not exceed 10 milligrams of total tetrahydrocannabinol,
 3856 except as permitted under § 4.1-1603.2; (x) a process for the wholesale distribution of and the transfer of
 3857 usable cannabis, botanical cannabis, cannabis oil, and cannabis products between pharmaceutical processors,
 3858 between a pharmaceutical processor and a cannabis dispensing facility, and between cannabis dispensing
 3859 facilities; (xi) an allowance for the sale of devices for administration of dispensed cannabis products and
 3860 hemp-based CBD products that meet the applicable standards set forth in state and federal law, including the
 3861 laboratory testing standards set forth in subsection N; (xii) an allowance for the use and distribution of inert
 3862 product samples containing no cannabinoids for patient demonstration exclusively at the pharmaceutical
 3863 processor or cannabis dispensing facility, and not for further distribution or sale, without the need for a
 3864 written certification; (xiii) a process for acquiring industrial hemp extracts and formulating such extracts into
 3865 cannabis products; and (xiv) an allowance for the advertising and promotion of the pharmaceutical
 3866 processor's products and operations, which shall not limit the pharmaceutical processor from the provision of
 3867 educational material to practitioners who issue written certifications and patients. The Board shall also adopt
 3868 regulations for pharmaceutical processors that include requirements for (a) processes for safely and securely
 3869 cultivating cannabis plants intended for producing cannabis products, (b) the disposal of agricultural waste,
 3870 and (c) a process for registering cannabis products.

3871 D. The Board shall require pharmaceutical processors, after processing and before dispensing any
 3872 cannabis products, to make a sample available from each batch of cannabis product for testing by an
 3873 independent laboratory that is located in *the Commonwealth* and meets Board requirements. ~~A valid sample~~
 3874 ~~size for testing shall be determined by each laboratory and may vary due to sample matrix, analytical method,~~
 3875 ~~and laboratory-specific procedures. A minimum sample size of 0.5 percent of individual units for dispensing~~
 3876 ~~or distribution from each homogenized batch of cannabis oil is required to achieve a representative cannabis~~
 3877 ~~oil sample for analysis. A minimum sample size, to be determined by the certified testing laboratory, from~~
 3878 ~~each batch of botanical cannabis is required to achieve a representative botanical cannabis sample for~~
 3879 ~~analysis. Botanical cannabis products shall only be tested for the following: total cannabidiol (CBD), total~~
 3880 ~~tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), terpenes, pesticide chemical residue, heavy metals, mycotoxins, moisture, and~~
 3881 ~~microbiological contaminants. Testing thresholds shall be consistent with generally accepted cannabis~~
 3882 ~~industry thresholds. The pharmaceutical processor may remediate botanical cannabis or cannabis oil that fails~~
 3883 ~~any quality testing standard except pesticides. Following remediation, all remediated botanical cannabis or~~
 3884 ~~cannabis oil shall be subject to laboratory testing, which shall not be more stringent than initial testing prior~~
 3885 ~~to remediation. Remediated botanical cannabis or cannabis oil that passes such quality testing may be~~
 3886 ~~packaged and labeled. If a batch of botanical cannabis fails retesting after remediation, it shall be considered~~
 3887 ~~usable cannabis and may be processed into cannabis oil. Stability testing shall not be required for any~~
 3888 ~~cannabis product with an expiration date assigned by the pharmaceutical processor of 12 months or less from~~
 3889 ~~the date of the cannabis product registration approval. Stability testing required for assignment of an~~
 3890 ~~expiration date longer than 12 months shall be limited to microbial testing, on a pass/fail basis, and potency~~
 3891 ~~testing, on a 15 percent deviation basis, of total THC and total CBD. No cannabis product shall have an~~
 3892 ~~expiration date longer than 12 months from the date of the cannabis product registration approval unless~~
 3893 ~~supported by stability testing. The provisions of § 4.1-1404 shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to the testing of all~~
 3894 ~~cannabis products.~~

3895 E. A laboratory testing samples for a pharmaceutical processor shall obtain a controlled substances
 3896 registration certificate pursuant to § 54.1-3423 and shall comply with quality standards established by the
 3897 Board of Pharmacy in regulation.

3898 F. Every pharmaceutical processor's dispensing area or cannabis dispensing facility shall be under the
 3899 personal supervision of a licensed pharmacist on the premises of the pharmaceutical processor or cannabis
 3900 dispensing facility unless all cannabis products are contained in a vault or other similar container to which

3901 only the pharmacist has access controls. The pharmaceutical processor shall ensure that security measures are
3902 adequate to protect the cannabis from diversion at all times, and the pharmacist-in-charge shall have
3903 concurrent responsibility for preventing diversion from the dispensing area.

3904 Every pharmaceutical processor shall designate a person who shall have oversight of the cultivation and
3905 production areas of the pharmaceutical processor and shall provide such information to the Board. The Board
3906 shall direct all communications related to enforcement of requirements related to cultivation and production
3907 of cannabis and cannabis products by the pharmaceutical processor to such designated person.

3908 G. The Board shall require the material owners of an applicant for a pharmaceutical processor or cannabis
3909 dispensing facility permit to submit to fingerprinting and provide personal descriptive information to be
3910 forwarded along with his fingerprints through the Central Criminal Records Exchange to the Federal Bureau
3911 of Investigation for the purpose of obtaining criminal history record information regarding the applicant's
3912 material owners. The cost of fingerprinting and the criminal history record search shall be paid by the
3913 applicant. The Central Criminal Records Exchange shall forward the results of the criminal history
3914 background check to the Board or its designee, which shall be a governmental entity.

3915 H. A pharmaceutical processor shall maintain evidence of criminal background checks for all employees
3916 and delivery agents of the pharmaceutical processor. Criminal background checks of employees and delivery
3917 agents may be conducted by any service sufficient to disclose any federal and state criminal convictions.

3918 I. In addition to other employees authorized by the Board, a pharmaceutical processor may employ
3919 individuals who may have less than one year of experience (i) to perform cultivation-related duties under the
3920 supervision of an individual who has received a degree in a field related to the cultivation of plants or a
3921 certification recognized by the Board or who has at least one year of experience cultivating plants, (ii) to
3922 perform extraction-related duties under the supervision of an individual who has a degree in chemistry or
3923 pharmacology or at least one year of experience extracting chemicals from plants, (iii) to perform duties at
3924 the pharmaceutical processor and cannabis dispensing facility upon certification as a pharmacy technician,
3925 and (iv) to serve as pharmacy technician trainees.

3926 J. A pharmaceutical processor to whom a permit has been issued by the Board may (i) establish up to five
3927 cannabis dispensing facilities, subject to the permit requirement set forth in subsection B, for the dispensing
3928 of cannabis products that have been cultivated and produced on the premises of a pharmaceutical processor
3929 permitted by the Board and (ii) establish, if authorized by the Board, one additional location at which the
3930 pharmaceutical processor may cultivate cannabis plants. *Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a
3931 pharmaceutical processor shall cultivate cannabis only indoors, which may include a secure agricultural
3932 greenhouse, with a canopy that does not exceed 70,000 square feet in the aggregate across all cultivation
3933 conducted by the pharmaceutical processor, including cultivation authorized under this chapter and for
3934 purposes of a pharmaceutical processor's operations as a marijuana cultivation facility pursuant to
3935 § 4.1-800, regardless of whether such canopy is utilized on the premises of the pharmaceutical processor or
3936 collectively on the premises of the pharmaceutical processor and the additional cultivation location.* Each
3937 cannabis dispensing facility and the additional cultivation location shall be located within the same health
3938 service area as the pharmaceutical processor.

3939 K. No person who has been convicted of a felony under the laws of the Commonwealth or another
3940 jurisdiction within the last five years shall be employed by or act as an agent of a pharmaceutical processor or
3941 cannabis dispensing facility.

3942 L. Every pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility shall adopt policies for pre-employment
3943 drug screening and regular, ongoing, random drug screening of employees.

3944 M. A pharmacist at the pharmaceutical processor's dispensing area and the cannabis dispensing facility
3945 shall determine the number of pharmacy interns, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy technician trainees
3946 who can be safely and competently supervised at one time; however, no pharmacist shall supervise more than
3947 six persons performing the duties of a pharmacy technician at one time in the pharmaceutical processor's
3948 dispensing area or cannabis dispensing facility.

3949 N. A pharmaceutical processor may acquire from a registered industrial hemp handler or processor
3950 industrial hemp extracts that (i) are grown and processed in Virginia in compliance with state or federal law,
3951 and (ii) notwithstanding the tetrahydrocannabinol limits set forth in the definition of "industrial hemp extract"
3952 in § 3.2-5145.1, contain a total tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of no greater than 0.3 percent. A
3953 pharmaceutical processor may process and formulate such extracts into an allowable dosage of cannabis
3954 product. Industrial hemp extracts acquired and formulated by a pharmaceutical processor are subject to the
3955 same third-party testing requirements that may apply to cannabis plant extract. Testing shall be performed by
3956 a laboratory located in Virginia and in compliance with state law governing the testing of cannabis products.
3957 The industrial hemp handler or processor shall provide such third-party testing results to the pharmaceutical
3958 processor before industrial hemp extracts may be acquired.

3959 O. ~~Product labels for all cannabis products and botanical cannabis shall be complete, accurate, easily
3960 discernable, and uniform among different products and brands. Pharmaceutical processors shall affix to all
3961 cannabis products and botanical cannabis a label, which shall also be accessible on the pharmaceutical
3962 processor's website, that includes:~~

- 3963 1. The product name;
- 3964 2. All active and inactive ingredients, including cannabinoids, terpenes, additives, preservatives,
- 3965 flavorings, sweeteners, and carrier oils;
- 3966 3. The total percentage and milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol and cannabidiol included in the product
- 3967 and the number of milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol and cannabidiol in each serving;
- 3968 4. The amount of product that constitutes a single serving and the amount recommended for use by the
- 3969 practitioner or dispensing pharmacist;
- 3970 5. Information regarding the product's purpose and detailed usage directions;
- 3971 6. Child and safety warnings in a conspicuous font; and
- 3972 7. Such other information required by the Board.

3973 P. A pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility shall maintain an adequate supply of

3974 cannabis products that (i) contain cannabidiol as their primary cannabinoid and (ii) have low levels of or no

3975 tetrahydrocannabinol.

3976 Q. P. With the exception of § 2.2-4031, neither the provisions of the Administrative Process Act

3977 (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.) nor public participation guidelines adopted pursuant thereto shall apply to the adoption of

3978 any regulation pursuant to this section. Prior to adopting any regulation pursuant to this section, the Board

3979 shall publish a notice of opportunity to comment in the Virginia Register of Regulations and post the action

3980 on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall. Such notice of opportunity to comment shall contain (i) a summary of

3981 the proposed regulation; (ii) the text of the proposed regulation; and (iii) the name, address, and telephone

3982 number of the agency contact person responsible for receiving public comments. Such notice shall be made at

3983 least 60 days in advance of the last date prescribed in such notice for submittals of public comment. The

3984 legislative review provisions of subsections A and B of § 2.2-4014 shall apply to the promulgation or final

3985 adoption process for regulations pursuant to this section. The Board shall consider and keep on file all public

3986 comments received for any regulation adopted pursuant to this section.

3987 **§ 4.1-1602.1. Dual-use privileges.**

3988 A. As used in this section, "interest" means a direct or indirect equity ownership interest, a partial equity

3989 ownership interest, or any other financial or economic interest representing at least 10 percent or more of

3990 the ownership, voting power, or economic value of an entity, including being an investor, partner, member,

3991 officer, or director or serving in any other management position.

3992 B. Upon application to the Board, payment of a one-time conversion fee by a pharmaceutical processor,

3993 and verification by the Board that the applicable requirements are met, a pharmaceutical processor and its

3994 cannabis dispensing facilities may exercise dual-use privileges as set forth in this chapter.

3995 C. In addition to the provisions of this chapter, unless otherwise provided by law or regulation, a

3996 pharmaceutical processor authorized to exercise dual-use privileges shall hold the privileges of and be

3997 subject to all laws and regulations applicable to a marijuana cultivation facility, marijuana processing

3998 facility, and retail marijuana store and a cannabis dispensing facility shall hold the privileges of and be

3999 subject to all laws and regulations applicable to a retail marijuana store, except that the location restrictions

4000 set forth in § 4.1-629 and subdivision B 3 of § 4.1-810 shall not apply to a pharmaceutical processor or

4001 cannabis dispensing facility operating on July 1, 2026.

4002 D. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a pharmaceutical processor, and any entity that directly

4003 or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with a pharmaceutical processor, shall

4004 not possess or hold interest in a marijuana establishment license in addition to the permit obtained and the

4005 dual-use privileges granted pursuant to this chapter.

4006 **§ 4.1-1603. Dispensing cannabis products; report.**

4007 A. A pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility shall dispense or deliver cannabis products

4008 only in person to (i) a patient who is a Virginia resident or temporarily resides in Virginia and has been issued

4009 a valid written certification; (ii) such patient's registered agent; or (iii) if such patient is a minor or a

4010 vulnerable adult as defined in § 18.2-369, such patient's parent or legal guardian who is a Virginia resident or

4011 temporarily resides in Virginia. A pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility may dispense or

4012 deliver cannabis products to such patient or such patient's registered agent, parent, or legal guardian at any

4013 residence, including a temporary residence, or business. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a pharmaceutical

4014 processor or cannabis dispensing facility shall not dispense or deliver cannabis products to (a) any military

4015 base, child day center, school, or correctional facility; (b) the State Capitol; (c) marine terminal under the

4016 supervision of the Virginia Port Authority; or (d) any public gathering places, including sporting events,

4017 festivals, fairs, races, concerts, and terminals of public transportation companies. A companion may

4018 accompany a patient into a pharmaceutical processor's dispensing area or cannabis dispensing facility. Prior

4019 to the initial dispensing of cannabis products pursuant to each written certification, a pharmacist or pharmacy

4020 technician employed by the pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility shall make and

4021 maintain, on site or remotely by electronic means, for two years a paper or electronic copy of the written

4022 certification that provides an exact image of the document that is clearly legible; shall view, in person or by

4023 audiovisual means, a current photo identification of the patient, registered agent, parent, or legal guardian;

4024 and shall verify current board registration of the corresponding registered agent if applicable. Thereafter, an

4025 initial dispensing may be delivered to the patient, registered agent, parent, legal guardian, or designated
 4026 caregiver facility. Prior to any subsequent dispensing of cannabis products pursuant to each written
 4027 certification, an employee or delivery agent shall view a current photo identification of the patient, registered
 4028 agent, parent, or legal guardian and the current board registration issued to the registered agent if applicable.
 4029 No pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility shall dispense more than a 90-day supply, as
 4030 determined by the dispensing pharmacist or certifying practitioner, for any patient during any 90-day period.
 4031 A pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility may dispense less than a 90-day supply of a
 4032 cannabis product for any patient during any 90-day period; however, a pharmaceutical processor or cannabis
 4033 dispensing facility may dispense more than one cannabis product to a patient at one time. No more than four
 4034 ounces of botanical cannabis shall be dispensed for each 30-day period for which botanical cannabis is
 4035 dispensed. In determining the appropriate amount of a cannabis product to be dispensed to a patient, a
 4036 pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility shall consider all cannabis products dispensed to the
 4037 patient and adjust the amount dispensed accordingly.

4038 B. A pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility shall dispense only cannabis products
 4039 produced on the premises of a pharmaceutical processor permitted by the Board or cannabis products that
 4040 have been formulated with extracts from industrial hemp acquired by a pharmaceutical processor from a
 4041 registered industrial hemp handler or processor pursuant to § 4.1-1602. A pharmaceutical processor may
 4042 begin cultivation upon being issued a permit by the Board.

4043 C. The Board shall report annually by December 1 to the Chairmen of the House Committee on General
 4044 Laws and the Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services on the operation of pharmaceutical
 4045 processors and cannabis dispensing facilities issued a permit by the Board.

4046 D. The concentration of total tetrahydrocannabinol in any cannabis product on site may be up to 15
 4047 percent greater than or less than the level of total tetrahydrocannabinol listed in the approved cannabis
 4048 product registration. A pharmaceutical processor and cannabis dispensing facility shall ensure that such
 4049 concentration in any cannabis product on site is within such range. A pharmaceutical processor producing
 4050 cannabis products shall establish a stability testing schedule of cannabis products that have an expiration date
 4051 of longer than 12 months.

4052 E. *All transportation or delivery of usable cannabis, botanical cannabis, cannabis oil, or cannabis*
 4053 *products, whether by an employee or delivery agent, shall comply with the provisions of this subtitle and*
 4054 *Board regulations, including those related to background checks, proof of identification, vehicle security,*
 4055 *GPS tracking, secure communications, and recordkeeping. The Board may suspend or revoke the privileges*
 4056 *of any employee or delivery agent to transport or deliver usable cannabis, cannabis oil, or cannabis products*
 4057 *for failure of such employee or delivery agent to comply with the provisions of this subtitle or Board*
 4058 *regulations.*

4059 **§ 4.1-1603.1. Packaging and labeling; corrections.**

4060 A. Pharmaceutical processors shall comply with all packaging and labeling requirements set forth in this
 4061 article and Board regulations. *Product labels for all cannabis products and botanical cannabis shall be*
 4062 *complete, accurate, easily discernible, and uniform among different products and brands. Pharmaceutical*
 4063 *processors shall affix to all cannabis products and botanical cannabis a label, which shall also be accessible*
 4064 *on the pharmaceutical processor's website. The provisions of § 4.1-1405 shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to the*
 4065 *packaging and labeling of all cannabis products and botanical cannabis.*

4066 B. ~~No cannabis product shall be packaged in a container or wrapper that bears, or is otherwise labeled to~~
 4067 ~~bear the trademark, trade name, famous mark as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1125, or other identifying mark,~~
 4068 ~~imprint, or device, or any likeness thereof, of a manufacturer, processor, packer, or distributor of a product~~
 4069 ~~intended for human consumption other than the manufacturer, processor, packer, or distributor that did in fact~~
 4070 ~~so manufacture, process, pack, or distribute such cannabis product.~~

4071 C. Pharmaceutical processors may correct typographical errors made on cannabis product labels and any
 4072 documents generated as the result of a wholesale transaction.

4073 **§ 4.1-1603.2. Cannabis product registration.**

4074 A. A pharmaceutical processor shall register with the Board each cannabis product it manufactures.
 4075 Applications for cannabis product registration shall be submitted to the Board on a form prescribed by the
 4076 Board. *The provisions of § 4.1-1407 shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to the registration of such cannabis*
 4077 *products.*

4078 B. ~~An application for cannabis product registration shall include:~~

4079 ~~1. The total tetrahydrocannabinol and total cannabidiol in such cannabis product, based on laboratory~~
 4080 ~~testing results for the cannabis product formulation;~~

4081 ~~2. A product name;~~

4082 ~~3. A proposed product package; and~~

4083 ~~4. A proposed product label, which shall not be required to contain an expiration date at the time of~~
 4084 ~~application.~~

4085 C. ~~The Board shall register all cannabis products that meet testing, labeling, and packaging standards after~~
 4086 ~~an application for registration is submitted. If the cannabis product fails to meet such standards or the~~

4087 application was deficient, the Board shall notify the applicant of the specific reasons for such failure or
4088 deficiency.

4089 D. Within two business days of the Board's approval or deemed approval of any cannabis product
4090 registration, the Board shall enter the cannabis product's national drug code number into the Prescription
4091 Monitoring Program.

4092 E. The following cannabis product deviations from an approved cannabis product registration shall be
4093 permitted without any requirement for a new cannabis product registration or notice to the Board:

4094 1. A deviation in the concentration of total tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) or total cannabidiol (CBD) in a
4095 cannabis product or dose thereof of up to 15 percent greater than or less than the concentration of total
4096 tetrahydrocannabinol or total cannabidiol, either or both, listed in the approved cannabis product registration;
4097 however, for a cannabis product with five milligrams or less of total THC or total CBD per dose, the total
4098 THC or total CBD concentration shall be within 0.5 milligrams of the single dose total THC or total CBD
4099 concentrations approved for that cannabis product;

4100 2. A variation in packaging, provided that the packaging is substantially similar to the approved packaging
4101 and otherwise complies with applicable packaging requirements;

4102 3. A deviation in labeling, including a variation made in accordance with § 54.1-3442.7-1, that reflects
4103 allowable deviations in total THC or total CBD or that makes a minor text, font, design, or similar
4104 modification, provided that the labeling is substantially similar to the approved labeling and otherwise
4105 complies with applicable labeling requirements; and

4106 4. Any other insignificant changes.

4107 F. A pharmaceutical processor may submit a request to modify an existing cannabis product registration in
4108 the event of a cannabis product deviation that is not set forth in subsection E. Upon receipt, the Board shall
4109 respond to such request. The Board may grant or deny the request, propose a reasonable revision, or require
4110 the pharmaceutical processor to provide additional information.

4111 **§ 4.1-1604. Criminal liability; exceptions.**

4112 No agent or employee of a pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility shall be prosecuted
4113 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
4114 marijuana or for possession, manufacture, or distribution of cannabis products, subject to any civil penalty,
4115 denied any right or privilege, or subject to any disciplinary action by a professional licensing board if such
4116 agent or employee (i) possessed or manufactured such marijuana for the purposes of producing cannabis
4117 products in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and Board regulations or (ii) possessed,
4118 manufactured, or distributed such cannabis products that are consistent with generally accepted cannabis
4119 industry standards in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and Board regulations.

4120 **§ 5.1-13. Operation of aircraft while under influence of intoxicating liquors or drugs; reckless
4121 operation.**

4122 Any person who ~~shall operate~~ operates any aircraft within the airspace over, above, or upon the lands or
4123 waters of ~~this the~~ the Commonwealth, while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or of any narcotic or
4124 marijuana or any habit-forming drugs ~~shall be~~ is guilty of a felony and shall be confined in a state
4125 correctional facility not less than one nor more than five years, or, in the discretion of the court or jury trying
4126 the case, be confined in jail not exceeding ~~twelve~~ 12 months and fined not exceeding \$500, or both such fine
4127 and imprisonment.

4128 Any person who ~~shall operate~~ operates any aircraft within the airspace over, above, or upon the lands or
4129 waters of ~~this the~~ the Commonwealth carelessly or heedlessly in willful or wanton disregard of the rights or
4130 safety of others, or without due caution and circumspection and in a manner so as to endanger any person or
4131 property, ~~shall be~~ is guilty of a misdemeanor.

4132 **§ 6.2-108. Financial services for licensed marijuana establishments.**

4133 A. As used in this section:

4134 "Business associate" means a person that provides goods or services to, or receives goods or services
4135 from, a licensed marijuana establishment in connection with lawful marijuana-related activities.

4136 "Financial service" includes deposit accounts, loans, lines of credit, payment processing, funds
4137 transmission, cash management services, and other services customarily provided by a bank or credit union
4138 in the ordinary course of business.

4139 "Licensed" and "marijuana establishment" have the same meanings as provided in § 4.1-600.

4140 B. A bank or credit union may provide financial services to a licensed marijuana establishment or its
4141 business associates, subject to applicable state and federal law.

4142 C. A bank or credit union that provides a financial service to a licensed marijuana establishment, and the
4143 officers, directors, and employees of that bank or credit union, shall not be held liable pursuant to any state
4144 law or regulation solely for providing such a financial service or for further investing any income derived
4145 from such a financial service.

4146 D. Nothing in this section shall require a bank or credit union to provide financial services to a licensed
4147 marijuana establishment.

4148 E. No agency or political subdivision of the Commonwealth shall penalize, prohibit, or take adverse

4149 *supervisory or regulatory action against a bank or credit union solely because the bank or credit union*
 4150 *provides financial services to a licensed marijuana establishment.*

4151 *F. A bank or credit union, and its officers, directors, and employees, shall not be subject to criminal*
 4152 *prosecution, civil liability, or administrative sanction under the laws of the Commonwealth solely for*
 4153 *providing financial services to a licensed marijuana establishment in compliance with this section.*

4154 *G. The legal interest of a bank or credit union in collateral for a loan or other financial service provided*
 4155 *to a licensed marijuana establishment shall not be subject to civil or criminal forfeiture under the laws of the*
 4156 *Commonwealth solely because the collateral is associated with a licensed marijuana establishment.*

4157 *H. Proceeds derived from a transaction involving a licensed marijuana establishment shall not be*
 4158 *considered proceeds of unlawful activity under the laws of the Commonwealth solely because the transaction*
 4159 *involves a licensed marijuana establishment.*

4160 *I. The protections provided by this section apply where a bank or credit union has exercised reasonable*
 4161 *due diligence to confirm that the marijuana establishment is duly licensed and operating in compliance with*
 4162 *applicable Virginia law.*

4163 *J. The protections of this section extend to financial services provided to a business associate of a licensed*
 4164 *marijuana establishment where such services are provided in connection with lawful marijuana-related*
 4165 *activities.*

4166 *K. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the Commission from performing its supervisory*
 4167 *duties pursuant to Chapters 8 (§ 6.2-800 et seq.) and 13 (§ 6.2-1300 et seq.) or taking any such action as it*
 4168 *deems necessary to protect depositors and the public interest.*

4169 **§ 9.1-1101. Powers and duties of the Department.**

4170 *A. It shall be the responsibility of the Department to provide forensic laboratory services upon request of*
 4171 *the Superintendent of State Police; the Chief Medical Examiner, the Assistant Chief Medical Examiners, and*
 4172 *local medical examiners; any attorney for the Commonwealth; any chief of police, sheriff, or sergeant*
 4173 *responsible for law enforcement in the jurisdiction served by him; any local fire department; the head of any*
 4174 *private police department that has been designated as a criminal justice agency by the Department of*
 4175 *Criminal Justice Services as defined by § 9.1-101; or any state agency in any criminal matter. The*
 4176 *Department shall provide such services to any federal investigatory agency within available resources.*

4177 *B. The Department shall:*

4178 *1. Provide forensic laboratory services to all law-enforcement agencies throughout the Commonwealth*
 4179 *and provide laboratory services, research, and scientific investigations for agencies of the Commonwealth as*
 4180 *needed;*

4181 *2. Establish and maintain a DNA testing program in accordance with Article 1.1 (§ 19.2-310.2 et seq.) of*
 4182 *Chapter 18 of Title 19.2 to determine identification characteristics specific to an individual; and*

4183 *3. Test the accuracy of equipment used to test the blood alcohol content of breath at least once every six*
 4184 *months. Only equipment found to be accurate shall be used to test the blood alcohol content of breath; and*

4185 *4. Determine the proper methods for detecting the concentration of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in*
 4186 *substances for the purposes of Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 4.1 and §§ 54.1-3401 and 54.1-3446.*

4187 *The testing methodology shall use post-decarboxylation testing or other equivalent method and shall consider*
 4188 *the potential conversion of tetrahydrocannabinol acid (THC-A) into THC. The test result shall include the*
 4189 *total available THC derived from the sum of the THC and THC-A content.*

4190 *C. The Department shall have the power and duty to:*

4191 *1. Receive, administer, and expend all funds and other assistance available for carrying out the purposes*
 4192 *of this chapter;*

4193 *2. Make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of its*
 4194 *duties and execution of its powers under this chapter including, but not limited to, contracts with the United*
 4195 *States, units of general local government or combinations thereof in Virginia or other states, and with*
 4196 *agencies and departments of the Commonwealth; and*

4197 *3. Perform such other acts as may be necessary or convenient for the effective performance of its duties.*

4198 *D. The Director may appoint and employ a deputy director and such other personnel as are needed to*
 4199 *carry out the duties and responsibilities conferred by this chapter.*

4200 **§ 16.1-69.40:1. Traffic infractions within authority of traffic violations clerk; schedule of fines;**
 4201 **prepayment of local ordinances.**

4202 *A. The Supreme Court shall by rule, which may from time to time be amended, supplemented or repealed,*
 4203 *but which shall be uniform in its application throughout the Commonwealth, designate the traffic infractions*
 4204 *for which a pretrial waiver of appearance, plea of guilty and fine payment may be accepted. Such designated*
 4205 *infractions shall include violations of §§ 46.2-830.1, 46.2-878.2 and 46.2-1242 or any parallel local*
 4206 *ordinances. Notwithstanding any rule of the Supreme Court, a person charged with a traffic offense that is*
 4207 *listed as prepayable in the Uniform Fine Schedule may prepay his fines and costs without court appearance*
 4208 *whether or not he was involved in an accident. The prepayable fine amount for a violation of § 46.2-878.2*
 4209 *shall be \$200 plus an amount per mile-per-hour in excess of posted speed limits, as authorized in*
 4210 *§ 46.2-878.3.*

4211 Such infractions shall not include:

4212 1. Indictable offenses;

4213 2. [Repealed.]

4214 3. Operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, *marijuana*, or a narcotic
4215 or habit-producing drug, or permitting another person, who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor,
4216 *marijuana*, or a narcotic or habit-producing drug, to operate a motor vehicle owned by the defendant or in his
4217 custody or control;

4218 4. Reckless driving;

4219 5. Leaving the scene of an accident;

4220 6. Driving while under suspension or revocation of driving privileges;

4221 7. Driving without being licensed to drive.

4222 8. [Repealed.]

4223 B. An appearance may be made in person or in writing by mail to a clerk of court or in person before a
4224 magistrate, prior to any date fixed for trial in court. Any person so appearing may enter a waiver of trial and a
4225 plea of guilty and pay the fine and any civil penalties established for the offense charged, with costs. He shall,
4226 prior to the plea, waiver, and payment, be informed of his right to stand trial, that his signature to a plea of
4227 guilty will have the same force and effect as a judgment of court, and that the record of conviction will be
4228 sent to the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

4229 C. The Supreme Court, upon the recommendation of the Committee on District Courts, shall establish a
4230 schedule, within the limits prescribed by law, of the amounts of fines and any civil penalties to be imposed,
4231 designating each infraction specifically. The schedule, which may from time to time be amended,
4232 supplemented or repealed, shall be uniform in its application throughout the Commonwealth. Such schedule
4233 shall not be construed or interpreted so as to limit the discretion of any trial judge trying individual cases at
4234 the time fixed for trial. The rule of the Supreme Court establishing the schedule shall be prominently posted
4235 in the place where the fines are paid. Fines and costs shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of this
4236 Code or any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder.

4237 D. Fines imposed under local traffic infraction ordinances that do not parallel provisions of state law and
4238 fulfill the criteria set out in subsection A may be prepayable in the manner set forth in subsection B if such
4239 ordinances appear in a schedule entered by order of the local circuit courts. The chief judge of each circuit
4240 may establish a schedule of the fines, within the limits prescribed by local ordinances, to be imposed for
4241 prepayment of local ordinances designating each offense specifically. Upon the entry of such order it shall be
4242 forwarded within 10 days to the Supreme Court of Virginia by the clerk of the local circuit court. The
4243 schedule, which from time to time may be amended, supplemented or repealed, shall be uniform in its
4244 application throughout the circuit. Such schedule shall not be construed or interpreted so as to limit the
4245 discretion of any trial judge trying individual cases at the time fixed for trial. This schedule shall be
4246 prominently posted in the place where fines are paid. Fines and costs shall be paid in accordance with the
4247 provisions of this Code or any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder.

4248 **§ 16.1-260. Intake; petition; investigation.**

4249 A. All matters alleged to be within the jurisdiction of the court shall be commenced by the filing of a
4250 petition, except as provided in subsection H and in § 16.1-259. The form and content of the petition shall be
4251 as provided in § 16.1-262. No individual shall be required to obtain support services from the Department of
4252 Social Services prior to filing a petition seeking support for a child. Complaints, requests, and the processing
4253 of petitions to initiate a case shall be the responsibility of the intake officer. However, (i) the attorney for the
4254 Commonwealth of the city or county may file a petition on his own motion with the clerk; (ii) designated
4255 nonattorney employees of the Department of Social Services may complete, sign, and file petitions and
4256 motions relating to the establishment, modification, or enforcement of support on forms approved by the
4257 Supreme Court of Virginia with the clerk; (iii) designated nonattorney employees of a local department of
4258 social services may complete, sign, and file with the clerk, on forms approved by the Supreme Court of
4259 Virginia, petitions for foster care review, petitions for permanency planning hearings, petitions to establish
4260 paternity, motions to establish or modify support, motions to amend or review an order, and motions for a
4261 rule to show cause; and (iv) any attorney may file petitions on behalf of his client with the clerk except
4262 petitions alleging that the subject of the petition is a child alleged to be in need of services, in need of
4263 supervision, or delinquent. Complaints alleging abuse or neglect of a child shall be referred initially to the
4264 local department of social services in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 15 (§ 63.2-1500 et seq.) of
4265 Title 63.2. Motions and other subsequent pleadings in a case shall be filed directly with the clerk. The intake
4266 officer or clerk with whom the petition or motion is filed shall inquire whether the petitioner is receiving
4267 child support services or public assistance. No individual who is receiving support services or public
4268 assistance shall be denied the right to file a petition or motion to establish, modify, or enforce an order for
4269 support of a child. If the petitioner is seeking or receiving child support services or public assistance, the
4270 clerk, upon issuance of process, shall forward a copy of the petition or motion, together with notice of the
4271 court date, to the Division of Child Support Enforcement. If a petitioner is seeking to establish child support,
4272 the intake officer shall provide the petitioner information on the possible availability of medical assistance

4273 through the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) plan or other government-sponsored
4274 coverage through the Department of Medical Assistance Services.

4275 B. The appearance of a child before an intake officer may be by (i) personal appearance before the intake
4276 officer or (ii) use of two-way electronic video and audio communication. If two-way electronic video and
4277 audio communication is used, an intake officer may exercise all powers conferred by law. All
4278 communications and proceedings shall be conducted in the same manner as if the appearance were in person,
4279 and any documents filed may be transmitted by facsimile process. The facsimile may be served or executed
4280 by the officer or person to whom sent, and returned in the same manner, and with the same force, effect,
4281 authority, and liability as an original document. All signatures thereon shall be treated as original signatures.
4282 Any two-way electronic video and audio communication system used for an appearance shall meet the
4283 standards as set forth in subsection B of § 19.2-3.1.

4284 When the court service unit of any court receives a complaint alleging facts which may be sufficient to
4285 invoke the jurisdiction of the court pursuant to § 16.1-241, the unit, through an intake officer, may proceed
4286 informally to make such adjustment as is practicable without the filing of a petition or may authorize a
4287 petition to be filed by any complainant having sufficient knowledge of the matter to establish probable cause
4288 for the issuance of the petition.

4289 An intake officer may proceed informally on a complaint alleging a child is in need of services, in need of
4290 supervision, or delinquent only if the juvenile (a) is not alleged to have committed a violent juvenile felony or
4291 (b) has not previously been proceeded against informally or adjudicated delinquent for an offense that would
4292 be a felony if committed by an adult. A petition alleging that a juvenile committed a violent juvenile felony
4293 shall be filed with the court. A petition alleging that a juvenile is delinquent for an offense that would be a
4294 felony if committed by an adult shall be filed with the court if the juvenile had previously been proceeded
4295 against informally by intake or had been adjudicated delinquent for an offense that would be a felony if
4296 committed by an adult.

4297 If a juvenile is alleged to be a truant pursuant to a complaint filed in accordance with § 22.1-258 and the
4298 attendance officer has provided documentation to the intake officer that the relevant school division has
4299 complied with the provisions of § 22.1-258, then the intake officer shall file a petition with the court. The
4300 intake officer may defer filing the petition and proceed informally by developing a truancy plan, provided
4301 that (1) the juvenile has not previously been proceeded against informally or adjudicated in need of
4302 supervision on more than two occasions for failure to comply with compulsory school attendance as provided
4303 in § 22.1-254 and (2) the immediately previous informal action or adjudication occurred at least three
4304 calendar years prior to the current complaint. The juvenile and his parent or parents, guardian, or other person
4305 standing in loco parentis must agree, in writing, for the development of a truancy plan. The truancy plan may
4306 include requirements that the juvenile and his parent or parents, guardian, or other person standing in loco
4307 parentis participate in such programs, cooperate in such treatment, or be subject to such conditions and
4308 limitations as necessary to ensure the juvenile's compliance with compulsory school attendance as provided
4309 in § 22.1-254. The intake officer may refer the juvenile to the appropriate public agency for the purpose of
4310 developing a truancy plan using an interagency interdisciplinary team approach. The team may include
4311 qualified personnel who are reasonably available from the appropriate department of social services,
4312 community services board, local school division, court service unit, and other appropriate and available
4313 public and private agencies and may be the family assessment and planning team established pursuant to
4314 § 2.2-5207. If at the end of the deferral period the juvenile has not successfully completed the truancy plan or
4315 the truancy program, then the intake officer shall file the petition.

4316 Whenever informal action is taken as provided in this subsection on a complaint alleging that a child is in
4317 need of services, in need of supervision, or delinquent, the intake officer shall (A) develop a plan for the
4318 juvenile, which may include restitution, the performance of community service, or on a complaint alleging
4319 that a child has committed a delinquent act other than an act that would be a felony or a Class 1 misdemeanor
4320 if committed by an adult and with the consent of the juvenile's parent or legal guardian, referral to a youth
4321 justice diversion program established pursuant to § 16.1-309.11, based upon community resources and the
4322 circumstances which resulted in the complaint, (B) create an official record of the action taken by the intake
4323 officer and file such record in the juvenile's case file, and (C) advise the juvenile and the juvenile's parent,
4324 guardian, or other person standing in loco parentis and the complainant that any subsequent complaint
4325 alleging that the child is in need of supervision or delinquent based upon facts which may be sufficient to
4326 invoke the jurisdiction of the court pursuant to § 16.1-241, or in the case of a referral to a youth justice
4327 diversion program established pursuant to § 16.1-309.11, that any subsequent report from the youth justice
4328 diversion program alleging that the juvenile failed to comply with the youth justice diversion program's
4329 sentence within 180 days of the sentencing date, may result in the filing of a petition with the court.

4330 C. The intake officer shall accept and file a petition in which it is alleged that (i) the custody, visitation, or
4331 support of a child is the subject of controversy or requires determination, (ii) a person has deserted,
4332 abandoned, or failed to provide support for any person in violation of law, (iii) a child or such child's parent,
4333 guardian, legal custodian, or other person standing in loco parentis is entitled to treatment, rehabilitation, or
4334 other services which are required by law, (iv) family abuse has occurred and a protective order is being

4335 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
 4336 occurred, a protective order is being sought pursuant to § 19.2-152.8, 19.2-152.9, or 19.2-152.10, and either
 4337 the alleged victim or the respondent is a juvenile. If any such complainant does not file a petition, the intake
 4338 officer may file it. In cases in which a child is alleged to be abused, neglected, in need of services, in need of
 4339 supervision, or delinquent, if the intake officer believes that probable cause does not exist, or that the
 4340 authorization of a petition will not be in the best interest of the family or juvenile or that the matter may be
 4341 effectively dealt with by some agency other than the court, he may refuse to authorize the filing of a petition.
 4342 The intake officer shall provide to a person seeking a protective order pursuant to § 16.1-253.1, 16.1-253.4,
 4343 or 16.1-279.1 a written explanation of the conditions, procedures and time limits applicable to the issuance of
 4344 protective orders pursuant to § 16.1-253.1, 16.1-253.4, or 16.1-279.1. If the person is seeking a protective
 4345 order pursuant to § 19.2-152.8, 19.2-152.9, or 19.2-152.10, the intake officer shall provide a written
 4346 explanation of the conditions, procedures, and time limits applicable to the issuance of protective orders
 4347 pursuant to § 19.2-152.8, 19.2-152.9, or 19.2-152.10.

4348 D. Prior to the filing of any petition alleging that a child is in need of supervision, the matter shall be
 4349 reviewed by an intake officer who shall determine whether the petitioner and the child alleged to be in need
 4350 of supervision have utilized or attempted to utilize treatment and services available in the community and
 4351 have exhausted all appropriate nonjudicial remedies which are available to them. When the intake officer
 4352 determines that the parties have not attempted to utilize available treatment or services or have not exhausted
 4353 all appropriate nonjudicial remedies which are available, he shall refer the petitioner and the child alleged to
 4354 be in need of supervision to the appropriate agency, treatment facility, or individual to receive treatment or
 4355 services, and a petition shall not be filed. Only after the intake officer determines that the parties have made a
 4356 reasonable effort to utilize available community treatment or services may he permit the petition to be filed.

4357 E. If the intake officer refuses to authorize a petition relating to an offense that if committed by an adult
 4358 would be punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor or as a felony, when such refusal is based solely upon a
 4359 finding that no probable cause exists, the complainant shall be notified in writing at that time of the
 4360 complainant's right to apply to a magistrate for a warrant. The application for a warrant to the magistrate shall
 4361 be filed within 10 days of the issuance of the written notification. The written notification shall indicate that
 4362 the intake officer made a finding that no probable cause exists and shall provide notice that the complainant
 4363 has 10 days to apply for a warrant to the magistrate. The complainant shall provide the magistrate with a copy
 4364 of the written notification upon application to the magistrate. If a magistrate determines that probable cause
 4365 exists, he shall issue a warrant returnable to the juvenile and domestic relations district court. The warrant
 4366 shall be delivered forthwith to the juvenile court, and the intake officer shall accept and file a petition
 4367 founded upon the warrant. If the court is closed and the magistrate finds that the criteria for detention or
 4368 shelter care set forth in § 16.1-248.1 have been satisfied, the juvenile may be detained pursuant to the warrant
 4369 issued in accordance with this subsection. If the intake officer refuses to authorize a petition relating to a
 4370 child in need of services or in need of supervision, a status offense, or a misdemeanor other than Class 1, his
 4371 decision is final. If the intake officer refuses to authorize a petition relating to an offense that if committed by
 4372 an adult would be punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor or as a felony when such refusal is based upon a
 4373 finding that (i) probable cause exists, but that (ii) the matter is appropriate for diversion, his decision is final
 4374 and the complainant shall not have a right to apply to a magistrate for a warrant.

4375 Upon delivery to the juvenile court of a warrant issued pursuant to subdivision 2 of § 16.1-256, the intake
 4376 officer shall accept and file a petition founded upon the warrant.

4377 F. The intake officer shall notify the attorney for the Commonwealth of the filing of any petition which
 4378 alleges facts of an offense which would be a felony if committed by an adult.

4379 G. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 12 (§ 16.1-299 et seq.), the intake officer shall file a report
 4380 with the division superintendent of the school division in which any student who is the subject of a petition
 4381 alleging that such student who is a juvenile has committed an act, wherever committed, which would be a
 4382 crime if committed by an adult, or that such student who is an adult has committed a crime and is alleged to
 4383 be within the jurisdiction of the court. The report shall notify the division superintendent of the filing of the
 4384 petition and the nature of the offense, if the violation involves:

4385 1. A firearm offense pursuant to Article 4 (§ 18.2-279 et seq.), 5 (§ 18.2-288 et seq.), 6 (§ 18.2-299 et
 4386 seq.), 6.1 (§ 18.2-307.1 et seq.), or 7 (§ 18.2-308.1 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2;

4387 2. Homicide, pursuant to Article 1 (§ 18.2-30 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2;

4388 3. Felonious assault and bodily wounding, pursuant to Article 4 (§ 18.2-51 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title
 4389 18.2;

4390 4. Criminal sexual assault, pursuant to Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2;

4391 5. Manufacture, sale, gift, distribution or possession of Schedule I or II controlled substances, pursuant to
 4392 Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2;

4393 6. Manufacture, sale or distribution of marijuana pursuant to ~~Article 4~~ Chapter 11 (§ ~~18.2-247 4.1-1100~~ et
 4394 seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2 4.1;

4395 7. Arson and related crimes, pursuant to Article 1 (§ 18.2-77 et seq.) of Chapter 5 of Title 18.2;

4396 8. Burglary and related offenses, pursuant to §§ 18.2-89 through 18.2-93;

- 4397 9. Robbery pursuant to § 18.2-58;
 4398 10. Prohibited criminal street gang activity pursuant to § 18.2-46.2;
 4399 11. Recruitment of other juveniles for a criminal street gang activity pursuant to § 18.2-46.3;
 4400 12. An act of violence by a mob pursuant to § 18.2-42.1;
 4401 13. Abduction of any person pursuant to § 18.2-47 or 18.2-48; or
 4402 14. A threat pursuant to § 18.2-60.

4403 The failure to provide information regarding the school in which the student who is the subject of the
 4404 petition may be enrolled shall not be grounds for refusing to file a petition.

4405 The information provided to a division superintendent pursuant to this section may be disclosed only as
 4406 provided in § 16.1-305.2.

4407 H. The filing of a petition shall not be necessary:

4408 1. In the case of violations of the traffic laws, including offenses involving bicycles, hitchhiking and other
 4409 pedestrian offenses, game and fish laws, or a violation of the ordinance of any city regulating surfing or any
 4410 ordinance establishing curfew violations, animal control violations, or littering violations. In such cases the
 4411 court may proceed on a summons issued by the officer investigating the violation in the same manner as
 4412 provided by law for adults. Additionally, an officer investigating a motor vehicle accident may, at the scene
 4413 of the accident or at any other location where a juvenile who is involved in such an accident may be located,
 4414 proceed on a summons in lieu of filing a petition.

4415 2. In the case of seeking consent to apply for the issuance of a work permit pursuant to subsection H of
 4416 § 16.1-241.

4417 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
 4418 other alcohol-related offense, provided that the juvenile is released to the custody of a parent or legal
 4419 guardian pending the initial court date. The officer releasing a juvenile to the custody of a parent or legal
 4420 guardian shall issue a summons to the juvenile and shall also issue a summons requiring the parent or legal
 4421 guardian to appear before the court with the juvenile. Disposition of the charge shall be in the manner
 4422 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
 4423 § 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
 4424 samples of both blood and breath for chemical analysis pursuant to §§ 18.2-268.1 through 18.2-268.12 or
 4425 29.1-738.2, the provisions of these sections shall be followed except that the magistrate shall authorize
 4426 execution of the warrant as a summons. The summons shall be served on a parent or legal guardian and the
 4427 juvenile, and a copy of the summons shall be forwarded to the court in which the violation is to be tried.
 4428 When a violation of § 4.1-305 *or* 4.1-1105 is charged by summons, the juvenile shall be entitled to have the
 4429 charge referred to intake for consideration of informal proceedings pursuant to subsection B, provided that
 4430 such right is exercised by written notification to the clerk not later than 10 days prior to trial. At the time such
 4431 summons alleging a violation of § 4.1-305 *or* 4.1-1105 is served, the officer shall also serve upon the juvenile
 4432 written notice of the right to have the charge referred to intake on a form approved by the Supreme Court and
 4433 make return of such service to the court. If the officer fails to make such service or return, the court shall
 4434 dismiss the summons without prejudice.

4435 4. In the case of offenses, *other than marijuana-related offenses*, which, if committed by an adult, would
 4436 be punishable as a Class 3 or Class 4 misdemeanor. In such cases the court may direct that an intake officer
 4437 proceed as provided in § 16.1-237 on a summons issued by the officer investigating the violation in the same
 4438 manner as provided by law for adults provided that notice of the summons to appear is mailed by the
 4439 investigating officer within five days of the issuance of the summons to a parent or legal guardian of the
 4440 juvenile.

4441 I. Failure to comply with the procedures set forth in this section shall not divest the juvenile court of the
 4442 jurisdiction granted it in § 16.1-241.

4443 **§ 16.1-273. Court may require investigation of social history and preparation of victim impact**
 4444 **statement.**

4445 A. When a juvenile and domestic relations district court or circuit court has adjudicated any case
 4446 involving a child subject to the jurisdiction of the court hereunder, except for a traffic violation, a violation of
 4447 the game and fish law, or a violation of any city ordinance regulating surfing or establishing curfew
 4448 violations, the court before final disposition thereof may require an investigation, which (i) shall include a
 4449 drug screening and (ii) may, and for the purposes of subdivision A 14 or 17 of § 16.1-278.8 shall, include a
 4450 social history of the physical, mental, and social conditions, including an assessment of any affiliation with a
 4451 criminal street gang as defined in § 18.2-46.1, and personality of the child and the facts and circumstances
 4452 surrounding the violation of law. However, in the case of a juvenile adjudicated delinquent on the basis of an
 4453 act committed on or after January 1, 2000, which would be (a) a felony if committed by an adult, ~~or~~ (b) a
 4454 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
 4455 and such offense would be punishable as a Class 1 or Class 2 misdemeanor if committed by an adult, *or (c) a*
 4456 *violation of § 4.1-1105*, the court shall order the juvenile to undergo a drug screening. If the drug screening
 4457 indicates that the juvenile has a substance abuse or dependence problem, an assessment shall be completed by
 4458 a certified substance abuse counselor as defined in § 54.1-3500 employed by the Department of Juvenile

4459 Justice or by a locally operated court services unit or by an individual employed by or currently under
 4460 contract to such agencies and who is specifically trained to conduct such assessments under the supervision
 4461 of such counselor.

4462 B. The court also shall, on motion of the attorney for the Commonwealth with the consent of the victim,
 4463 or may in its discretion, require the preparation of a victim impact statement in accordance with the
 4464 provisions of § 19.2-299.1 if the court determines that the victim may have suffered significant physical,
 4465 psychological, or economic injury as a result of the violation of law.

4466 **§ 16.1-278.9. Delinquent children; loss of driving privileges for alcohol, firearm, and drug offenses;
 4467 truancy.**

4468 A. If a court has found facts which would justify a finding that a child at least 13 years of age at the time
 4469 of the offense is delinquent and such finding involves (i) a violation of § 18.2-266 or of a similar ordinance of
 4470 any county, city, or town; (ii) a refusal to take a breath test in violation of § 18.2-268.2; (iii) a felony violation
 4471 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
 4472 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*
 4473 *of § 4.1-1105*; (v) the unlawful purchase, possession, or consumption of alcohol in violation of § 4.1-305 or
 4474 the unlawful drinking or possession of alcoholic beverages in or on public school grounds in violation of
 4475 § 4.1-309; (vi) public intoxication in violation of § 18.2-388 or a similar ordinance of a county, city, or town;
 4476 (vii) the unlawful use or possession of a handgun or possession of a "streetsweeper" as defined below; or
 4477 (viii) a violation of § 18.2-83, the court shall order, in addition to any other penalty that it may impose as
 4478 provided by law for the offense, that the child be denied a driver's license. In addition to any other penalty
 4479 authorized by this section, if the offense involves a violation designated under clause (i) and the child was
 4480 transporting a person 17 years of age or younger, the court shall impose the additional fine and order
 4481 community service as provided in § 18.2-270. If the offense involves a violation designated under clause (i),
 4482 (ii), (iii), or (viii), the denial of a driver's license shall be for a period of one year or until the juvenile reaches
 4483 the age of 17, whichever is longer, for a first such offense or for a period of one year or until the juvenile
 4484 reaches the age of 18, whichever is longer, for a second or subsequent such offense. If the offense involves a
 4485 violation designated under clause (iv), (v), or (vi) the denial of driving privileges shall be for a period of six
 4486 months unless the offense is committed by a child under the age of 16 years and three months, in which case
 4487 the child's ability to apply for a driver's license shall be delayed for a period of six months following the date
 4488 he reaches the age of 16 and three months. If the offense involves a first violation designated under clause (v)
 4489 or (vi), the court shall impose the license sanction and may enter a judgment of guilt or, without entering a
 4490 judgment of guilt, may defer disposition of the delinquency charge until such time as the court disposes of the
 4491 case pursuant to subsection F. If the offense involves a violation designated under clause (iii) or (iv), the
 4492 court shall impose the license sanction and shall dispose of the delinquency charge pursuant to the provisions
 4493 of this chapter or § 18.2-251. If the offense involves a violation designated under clause (vii), the denial of
 4494 driving privileges shall be for a period of not less than 30 days, except when the offense involves possession
 4495 of a concealed handgun or a striker 12, commonly called a "streetsweeper," or any semi-automatic folding
 4496 stock shotgun of like kind with a spring tension drum magazine capable of holding 12 shotgun shells, in
 4497 which case the denial of driving privileges shall be for a period of two years unless the offense is committed
 4498 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
 4499 license shall be delayed for a period of two years following the date he reaches the age of 16 and three
 4500 months.

4501 A1. If a court finds that a child at least 13 years of age has failed to comply with school attendance and
 4502 meeting requirements as provided in § 22.1-258, the court shall order the denial of the child's driving
 4503 privileges for a period of not less than 30 days. If such failure to comply involves a child under the age of 16
 4504 years and three months, the child's ability to apply for a driver's license shall be delayed for a period of not
 4505 less than 30 days following the date he reaches the age of 16 and three months.

4506 If the court finds a second or subsequent such offense, it may order the denial of a driver's license for a
 4507 period of one year or until the juvenile reaches the age of 18, whichever is longer, or delay the child's ability
 4508 to apply for a driver's license for a period of one year following the date he reaches the age of 16 and three
 4509 months, as may be appropriate.

4510 A2. If a court finds that a child at least 13 years of age has refused to take a blood test in violation of
 4511 § 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
 4512 the juvenile reaches the age of 17, whichever is longer, for a first such offense or for a period of one year or
 4513 until the juvenile reaches the age of 18, whichever is longer, for a second or subsequent such offense.

4514 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
 4515 provided in subsection A1 or A2 shall be ordered to surrender his driver's license, which shall be held in the
 4516 physical custody of the court during any period of license denial.

4517 C. The court shall report any order issued under this section to the Department of Motor Vehicles, which
 4518 shall preserve a record thereof. The report and the record shall include a statement as to whether the child was
 4519 represented by or waived counsel or whether the order was issued pursuant to subsection A1 or A2.
 4520 Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 12 (§ 16.1-299 et seq.) or the provisions of Title 46.2, this record

4521 shall be available only to all law-enforcement officers, attorneys for the Commonwealth and courts. No other
 4522 record of the proceeding shall be forwarded to the Department of Motor Vehicles unless the proceeding
 4523 results in an adjudication of guilt pursuant to subsection F.

4524 The Department of Motor Vehicles shall refuse to issue a driver's license to any child denied a driver's
 4525 license until such time as is stipulated in the court order or until notification by the court of withdrawal of the
 4526 order of denial under subsection E.

4527 D. If the finding as to the child involves a violation designated under clause (i), (ii), (iii) or (vi) of
 4528 subsection A or a violation designated under subsection A2, the child may be referred to a certified alcohol
 4529 safety action program in accordance with § 18.2-271.1 upon such terms and conditions as the court may set
 4530 forth. If the finding as to such child involves a violation designated under clause (iii), (iv), (v), (vii) or (viii)
 4531 of subsection A, such child may be referred to appropriate rehabilitative or educational services upon such
 4532 terms and conditions as the court may set forth.

4533 The court, in its discretion and upon a demonstration of hardship, may authorize the use of a restricted
 4534 permit to operate a motor vehicle by any child who has a driver's license at the time of the offense or at the
 4535 time of the court's finding as provided in subsection A1 or A2 for any of the purposes set forth in subsection
 4536 E of § 18.2-271.1 or for travel to and from school, except that no restricted license shall be issued for travel to
 4537 and from home and school when school-provided transportation is available and no restricted license shall be
 4538 issued if the finding as to such child involves a violation designated under clause (iii) or (iv) of subsection A,
 4539 or if it involves a second or subsequent violation of any offense designated in subsection A, a second finding
 4540 by the court of failure to comply with school attendance and meeting requirements as provided in subsection
 4541 A1, or a second or subsequent finding by the court of a refusal to take a blood test as provided in subsection
 4542 A2. The issuance of the restricted permit shall be set forth within the court order, a copy of which shall be
 4543 provided to the child, and shall specifically enumerate the restrictions imposed and contain such information
 4544 regarding the child as is reasonably necessary to identify him. The child may operate a motor vehicle under
 4545 the court order in accordance with its terms. Any child who operates a motor vehicle in violation of any
 4546 restrictions imposed pursuant to this section is guilty of a violation of § 46.2-301.

4547 E. Upon petition made at least 90 days after issuance of the order, the court may review and withdraw any
 4548 order of denial of a driver's license if for a first such offense or finding as provided in subsection A1 or A2.
 4549 For a second or subsequent such offense or finding, the order may not be reviewed and withdrawn until one
 4550 year after its issuance.

4551 F. If the finding as to such child involves a first violation designated under clause (vii) of subsection A,
 4552 upon fulfillment of the terms and conditions prescribed by the court and after the child's driver's license has
 4553 been restored, the court shall or, in the event the violation resulted in the injury or death of any person or if
 4554 the finding involves a violation designated under clause (i), (ii), (v), or (vi) of subsection A, may discharge
 4555 the child and dismiss the proceedings against him. Discharge and dismissal under these provisions shall be
 4556 without an adjudication of guilt but a record of the proceeding shall be retained for the purpose of applying
 4557 this section in subsequent proceedings. Failure of the child to fulfill such terms and conditions shall result in
 4558 an adjudication of guilt. If the finding as to such child involves a violation designated under clause (iii) or (iv)
 4559 of subsection A, the charge shall not be dismissed pursuant to this subsection but shall be disposed of
 4560 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or § 18.2-251. If the finding as to such child involves a second
 4561 violation under clause (v), (vi) or (vii) of subsection A, the charge shall not be dismissed pursuant to this
 4562 subsection but shall be disposed of under § 16.1-278.8.

4563 **§ 18.2-46.1. Definitions.**

4564 As used in this article, unless the context requires a different meaning:

4565 "Act of violence" means those felony offenses described in subsection C of § 17.1-805 or subsection A of
 4566 § 19.2-297.1.

4567 "Criminal street gang" means any ongoing organization, association, or group of three or more persons,
 4568 whether formal or informal, (i) which has as one of its primary objectives or activities the commission of one
 4569 or more criminal activities; (ii) which has an identifiable name or identifying sign or symbol; and (iii) whose
 4570 members individually or collectively have engaged in the commission of, attempt to commit, conspiracy to
 4571 commit, or solicitation of two or more predicate criminal acts, at least one of which is an act of violence,
 4572 provided such acts were not part of a common act or transaction.

4573 "Predicate criminal act" means (i) an act of violence; (ii) any violation of § 18.2-42, 18.2-46.3, 18.2-56.1,
 4574 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,
 4575 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,
 4576 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
 4577 § 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~~
 4578 ~~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
 4579 violation of a local ordinance adopted pursuant to § 15.2-1812.2; or (vi) any substantially similar offense
 4580 under the laws of another state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the United States.

4581 **§ 18.2-247. Use of terms "controlled substances," "Schedules I, II, III, IV, V, and VI," "imitation**
 4582 **controlled substance," and "counterfeit controlled substance" in Title 18.2.**

4583 A. Wherever the terms "controlled substances" and "Schedules I, II, III, IV, V, and VI" are used in Title
4584 18.2, such terms refer to those terms as they are used or defined in the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et
4585 seq.).

4586 B. The term "imitation controlled substance" when used in this article means (i) a counterfeit controlled
4587 substance or (ii) a pill, capsule, tablet, or substance in any form whatsoever ~~which~~ *that* is not a controlled
4588 substance subject to abuse, and:

4589 1. Which by overall dosage unit appearance, including color, shape, size, marking, and packaging or by
4590 representations made, would cause the likelihood that such a pill, capsule, tablet, or substance in any other
4591 form whatsoever will be mistaken for a controlled substance unless such substance was introduced into
4592 commerce prior to the initial introduction into commerce of the controlled substance which it is alleged to
4593 imitate; or

4594 2. Which by express or implied representations purports to act like a controlled substance as a stimulant or
4595 depressant of the central nervous system and which is not commonly used or recognized for use in that
4596 particular formulation for any purpose other than for such stimulant or depressant effect, unless marketed,
4597 promoted, or sold as permitted by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

4598 C. In determining whether a pill, capsule, tablet, or substance in any other form whatsoever, is an
4599 "imitation controlled substance," there shall be considered, in addition to all other relevant factors,
4600 comparisons with accepted methods of marketing for legitimate nonprescription drugs for medicinal purposes
4601 rather than for drug abuse or any similar nonmedicinal use, including consideration of the packaging of the
4602 drug and its appearance in overall finished dosage form, promotional materials or representations, oral or
4603 written, concerning the drug, and the methods of distribution of the drug and where and how it is sold to the
4604 public.

4605 D. The term "marijuana" when used in this article means any part of a plant of the genus *Cannabis*,
4606 whether growing or not, its seeds or resin; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or
4607 preparation of such plant, its seeds, its resin, or any extract containing one or more cannabinoids. "Marijuana"
4608 does not include (i) the mature stalks of such plant, fiber produced from such stalk, oil or cake made from the
4609 seed of such plant, unless such stalks, fiber, oil or cake is combined with other parts of plants of the genus
4610 *Cannabis*; (ii) industrial hemp, as defined in § 3.2-4112, that is possessed by a person registered pursuant to
4611 subsection A of § 3.2-4115 or his agent; (iii) industrial hemp, as defined in § 3.2-4112, that is possessed by a
4612 person who holds a hemp producer license issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture pursuant to 7 C.F.R.
4613 Part 990; (iv) a hemp product, as defined in § 3.2-4112; (v) an industrial hemp extract, as defined in
4614 § 3.2-5145.1; or (vi) any substance containing a tetrahydrocannabinol isomer, ester, ether, salt or salts of such
4615 isomer, ester, or ether that has been placed by the Board of Pharmacy into one of the schedules set forth in the
4616 Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) pursuant to § 54.1-3443.

4617 E. The term "counterfeit controlled substance" means a controlled substance that, without authorization,
4618 bears, is packaged in a container or wrapper that bears, or is otherwise labeled to bear, the trademark, trade
4619 name, or other identifying mark, imprint or device or any likeness thereof, of a drug manufacturer, processor,
4620 packer, or distributor other than the manufacturer, processor, packer, or distributor who did in fact so
4621 manufacture, process, pack or distribute such drug.

4622 F. E. The term "tetrahydrocannabinol" means any naturally occurring or synthetic tetrahydrocannabinol,
4623 including its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of
4624 isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation and any preparation, mixture, or substance
4625 containing, or mixed or infused with, any detectable amount of tetrahydrocannabinol. For the purposes of this
4626 definition, "isomer" means the optical, position, and geometric isomers.

4627 G. F. The term "total tetrahydrocannabinol" means the sum, after the application of any necessary
4628 conversion factor, of the percentage by weight of tetrahydrocannabinol and the percentage by weight of
4629 tetrahydrocannabinolic acid.

4630 H. G. The Department of Forensic Science shall determine the proper methods for detecting the
4631 concentration of tetrahydrocannabinol in substances for the purposes of this title, Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et
4632 seq.) of Title 4.1, and § 54.1-3401. The testing methodology shall use post-decarboxylation testing or other
4633 equivalent method and shall consider the potential conversion of tetrahydrocannabinolic acid into
4634 tetrahydrocannabinol.

4635 **§ 18.2-248. Manufacturing, selling, giving, distributing, or possessing with intent to manufacture,**
4636 **sell, give, or distribute a controlled substance or an imitation controlled substance prohibited;**
4637 **penalties.**

4638 A. Except as authorized in the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.), it ~~shall be~~ *is* unlawful for any
4639 person to manufacture, sell, give, distribute, or possess with intent to manufacture, sell, give or distribute a
4640 controlled substance or an imitation controlled substance.

4641 B. In determining whether any person intends to manufacture, sell, give or distribute an imitation
4642 controlled substance, the court may consider, in addition to all other relevant evidence, whether any
4643 distribution or attempted distribution of such pill, capsule, tablet or substance in any other form whatsoever
4644 included an exchange of or a demand for money or other property as consideration, and, if so, whether the

4645 amount of such consideration was substantially greater than the reasonable value of such pill, capsule, tablet
4646 or substance in any other form whatsoever, considering the actual chemical composition of such pill, capsule,
4647 tablet or substance in any other form whatsoever and, where applicable, the price at which over-the-counter
4648 substances of like chemical composition sell.

4649 C. Except as provided in subsection C1, any person who violates this section with respect to a controlled
4650 substance classified in Schedule I or II shall upon conviction be imprisoned for not less than five nor more
4651 than 40 years and fined not more than \$500,000. Upon a second conviction of such a violation, and it is
4652 alleged in the warrant, indictment, or information that the person has been before convicted of such an
4653 offense or of a substantially similar offense in any other jurisdiction, which offense would be a felony if
4654 committed in the Commonwealth, and such prior conviction occurred before the date of the offense alleged in
4655 the warrant, indictment, or information, any such person may, in the discretion of the court or jury imposing
4656 the sentence, be sentenced to imprisonment for life or for any period not less than five years, three years of
4657 which shall be a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment to be served consecutively with any other
4658 sentence, and he shall be fined not more than \$500,000.

4659 When a person is convicted of a third or subsequent offense under this subsection and it is alleged in the
4660 warrant, indictment or information that he has been before convicted of two or more such offenses or of
4661 substantially similar offenses in any other jurisdiction which offenses would be felonies if committed in the
4662 Commonwealth and such prior convictions occurred before the date of the offense alleged in the warrant,
4663 indictment, or information, he shall be sentenced to imprisonment for life or for a period of not less than 10
4664 years, 10 years of which shall be a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment to be served consecutively
4665 with any other sentence, and he shall be fined not more than \$500,000.

4666 Any person who manufactures, sells, gives, distributes or possesses with the intent to manufacture, sell,
4667 give, or distribute the following is guilty of a felony punishable by a fine of not more than \$1 million and
4668 imprisonment for five years to life, five years of which shall be a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment
4669 to be served consecutively with any other sentence:

- 4670 1. 100 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin;
- 4671 2. 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of:
 - 4672 a. Coca leaves, except coca leaves and extracts of coca leaves from which cocaine, ecgonine, and
4673 derivatives of ecgonine or their salts have been removed;
 - 4674 b. Cocaine, its salts, optical and geometric isomers, and salts of isomers;
 - 4675 c. Cocaine base;
 - 4676 d. Ecgonine, its derivatives, their salts, isomers, and salts of isomers; or
 - 4677 e. Any compound, mixture, or preparation that contains any quantity of any of the substances referred to
4678 in subdivisions 2a through 2d; or
- 4679 3. 10 grams or more of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, or salts of its isomers or 20 grams or more of
4680 a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, or salts of its
4681 isomers.

4682 The mandatory minimum term of imprisonment to be imposed for a violation of this subsection shall not
4683 be applicable if the court finds that:

- 4684 a. The person does not have a prior conviction for an offense listed in subsection C of § 17.1-805;
- 4685 b. The person did not use violence or credible threats of violence or possess a firearm or other dangerous
4686 weapon in connection with the offense or induce another participant in the offense to do so;
- 4687 c. The offense did not result in death or serious bodily injury to any person;
- 4688 d. The person was not an organizer, leader, manager, or supervisor of others in the offense, and was not
4689 engaged in a continuing criminal enterprise as defined in subsection I; and
- 4690 e. Not later than the time of the sentencing hearing, the person has truthfully provided to the
4691 Commonwealth all information and evidence the person has concerning the offense or offenses that were part
4692 of the same course of conduct or of a common scheme or plan, but the fact that the person has no relevant or
4693 useful other information to provide or that the Commonwealth already is aware of the information shall not
4694 preclude a determination by the court that the defendant has complied with this requirement.

4695 C1. Any person who violates this section with respect to the manufacturing of methamphetamine, its salts,
4696 isomers, or salts of its isomers or less than 200 grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable
4697 amount of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, or salts of its isomers shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned
4698 for not less than 10 nor more than 40 years and fined not more than \$500,000. Upon a second conviction of
4699 such a violation, any such person may, in the discretion of the court or jury imposing the sentence, be
4700 sentenced to imprisonment for life or for any period not less than 10 years, and be fined not more than
4701 \$500,000. When a person is convicted of a third or subsequent offense under this subsection and it is alleged
4702 in the warrant, indictment, or information that he has been previously convicted of two or more such offenses
4703 or of substantially similar offenses in any other jurisdiction, which offenses would be felonies if committed in
4704 the Commonwealth and such prior convictions occurred before the date of the offense alleged in the warrant,
4705 indictment, or information, he shall be sentenced to imprisonment for life or for a period not less than 10

4706 years, three years of which shall be a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment to be served consecutively
4707 with any other sentence and he shall be fined not more than \$500,000.

4708 Upon conviction, in addition to any other punishment, a person found guilty of this offense shall be
4709 ordered by the court to make restitution, as the court deems appropriate, to any innocent property owner
4710 whose property is damaged, destroyed, or otherwise rendered unusable as a result of such methamphetamine
4711 production. This restitution shall include the person's or his estate's estimated or actual expenses associated
4712 with cleanup, removal, or repair of the affected property. If the property that is damaged, destroyed, or
4713 otherwise rendered unusable as a result of such methamphetamine production is property owned in whole or
4714 in part by the person convicted, the court shall order the person to pay to the Methamphetamine Cleanup
4715 Fund authorized in § 18.2-248.04 the reasonable estimated or actual expenses associated with cleanup,
4716 removal, or repair of the affected property or, if actual or estimated expenses cannot be determined, the sum
4717 of \$10,000. The convicted person shall also pay the cost of certifying that any building that is cleaned up or
4718 repaired pursuant to this section is safe for human occupancy according to the guidelines established pursuant
4719 to § 32.1-11.7.

4720 D. If such person proves that he gave, distributed or possessed with intent to give or distribute a controlled
4721 substance classified in Schedule I or II only as an accommodation to another individual who is not an inmate
4722 in a community correctional facility, local correctional facility or state correctional facility as defined in
4723 § 53.1-1 or in the custody of an employee thereof, and not with intent to profit thereby from any
4724 consideration received or expected nor to induce the recipient or intended recipient of the controlled
4725 substance to use or become addicted to or dependent upon such controlled substance, he ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of a
4726 Class 5 felony.

4727 E. If the violation of the provisions of this article consists of the filling by a pharmacist of the prescription
4728 of a person authorized under this article to issue the same, which prescription has not been received in writing
4729 by the pharmacist prior to the filling thereof, and such written prescription is in fact received by the
4730 pharmacist within one week of the time of filling the same, or if such violation consists of a request by such
4731 authorized person for the filling by a pharmacist of a prescription which has not been received in writing by
4732 the pharmacist and such prescription is, in fact, written at the time of such request and delivered to the
4733 pharmacist within one week thereof, either such offense shall constitute a Class 4 misdemeanor.

4734 E1. Any person who violates this section with respect to a controlled substance classified in Schedule III
4735 except for an anabolic steroid classified in Schedule III, constituting a violation of § 18.2-248.5, ~~shall be~~ *is*
4736 guilty of a Class 5 felony.

4737 E2. Any person who violates this section with respect to a controlled substance classified in Schedule IV
4738 ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of a Class 6 felony.

4739 E3. Any person who proves that he gave, distributed or possessed with the intent to give or distribute a
4740 controlled substance classified in Schedule III or IV, except for an anabolic steroid classified in Schedule III,
4741 constituting a violation of § 18.2-248.5, only as an accommodation to another individual who is not an inmate
4742 in a community correctional facility, local correctional facility or state correctional facility as defined in
4743 § 53.1-1 or in the custody of an employee thereof, and not with the intent to profit thereby from any
4744 consideration received or expected nor to induce the recipient or intended recipient of the controlled
4745 substance to use or become addicted to or dependent upon such controlled substance, is guilty of a Class 1
4746 misdemeanor.

4747 F. Any person who violates this section with respect to a controlled substance classified in Schedule V or
4748 Schedule VI or an imitation controlled substance ~~which that~~ imitates a controlled substance classified in
4749 Schedule V or Schedule VI, ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

4750 G. Any person who violates this section with respect to an imitation controlled substance ~~which that~~
4751 imitates a controlled substance classified in Schedule I, II, III, or IV ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of a Class 6 felony. In
4752 any prosecution brought under this subsection, it is not a defense to a violation of this subsection that the
4753 defendant believed the imitation controlled substance to actually be a controlled substance.

4754 H. Any person who manufactures, sells, gives, distributes or possesses with the intent to manufacture, sell,
4755 give or distribute the following:

- 4756 1. 1.0 kilograms or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin;
- 4757 2. 5.0 kilograms or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of:
 - 4758 a. Coca leaves, except coca leaves and extracts of coca leaves from which cocaine, ecgonine, and
 - 4759 derivatives of ecgonine or their salts have been removed;
 - 4760 b. Cocaine, its salts, optical and geometric isomers, and salts of isomers;
 - 4761 c. Cocaine base;
 - 4762 d. Ecgonine, its derivatives, their salts, isomers, and salts of isomers; or
 - 4763 e. Any compound, mixture, or preparation ~~which that~~ contains any quantity of any of the substances
 - 4764 referred to in subdivisions a through d; *or*
 - 4765 3. ~~100 kilograms or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of marijuana; or~~
 - 4766 4. 100 grams or more of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, or salts of its isomers or 200 grams or more
 - 4767 of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, or salts of

4768 its isomers ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of a felony punishable by a fine of not more than \$1 million and imprisonment
 4769 for 20 years to life, 20 years of which shall be a mandatory minimum sentence. Such mandatory minimum
 4770 sentence shall not be applicable if the court finds that (i) the person does not have a prior conviction for an
 4771 offense listed in subsection C of § 17.1-805; (ii) the person did not use violence or credible threats of
 4772 violence or possess a firearm or other dangerous weapon in connection with the offense or induce another
 4773 participant in the offense to do so; (iii) the offense did not result in death or serious bodily injury to any
 4774 person; (iv) the person was not an organizer, leader, manager, or supervisor of others in the offense, and was
 4775 not engaged in a continuing criminal enterprise as defined in subsection I ~~of this section~~; and (v) not later
 4776 than the time of the sentencing hearing, the person has truthfully provided to the Commonwealth all
 4777 information and evidence the person has concerning the offense or offenses that were part of the same course
 4778 of conduct or of a common scheme or plan, but the fact that the person has no relevant or useful other
 4779 information to provide or that the Commonwealth already is aware of the information shall not preclude a
 4780 determination by the court that the defendant has complied with this requirement.

4781 H1. Any person who was the principal or one of several principal administrators, organizers or leaders of
 4782 a continuing criminal enterprise ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of a felony if (i) the enterprise received at least \$100,000
 4783 but less than \$250,000 in gross receipts during any 12-month period of its existence from the manufacture,
 4784 importation, or distribution of heroin or cocaine or ecgonine or methamphetamine or the derivatives, salts,
 4785 isomers, or salts of isomers thereof ~~or marijuana~~ or (ii) the person engaged in the enterprise to manufacture,
 4786 sell, give, distribute or possess with the intent to manufacture, sell, give or distribute the following during any
 4787 12-month period of its existence:

4788 1. At least 1.0 kilograms but less than 5.0 kilograms of a mixture or substance containing a detectable
 4789 amount of heroin;

4790 2. At least 5.0 kilograms but less than 10 kilograms of a mixture or substance containing a detectable
 4791 amount of:

4792 a. Coca leaves, except coca leaves and extracts of coca leaves from which cocaine, ecgonine, and
 4793 derivatives of ecgonine or their salts have been removed;

4794 b. Cocaine, its salts, optical and geometric isomers, and salts of isomers;

4795 c. Cocaine base;

4796 d. Ecgonine, its derivatives, their salts, isomers, and salts of isomers; or

4797 e. Any compound, mixture, or preparation ~~which~~ *that* contains any quantity of any of the substances
 4798 referred to in subdivisions a through d; *or*

4799 3. ~~At least 100 kilograms but less than 250 kilograms of a mixture or substance containing a detectable
 4800 amount of marijuana; or~~

4801 4. At least 100 grams but less than 250 grams of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, or salts of its
 4802 isomers or at least 200 grams but less than 1.0 kilograms of a mixture or substance containing a detectable
 4803 amount of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, or salts of its isomers.

4804 A conviction under this section shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$1 million and
 4805 imprisonment for 20 years to life, 20 years of which shall be a mandatory minimum sentence.

4806 H2. Any person who was the principal or one of several principal administrators, organizers or leaders of
 4807 a continuing criminal enterprise if (i) the enterprise received \$250,000 or more in gross receipts during any
 4808 12-month period of its existence from the manufacture, importation, or distribution of heroin or cocaine or
 4809 ecgonine or methamphetamine or the derivatives, salts, isomers, or salts of isomers thereof ~~or marijuana~~ or
 4810 (ii) the person engaged in the enterprise to manufacture, sell, give, distribute or possess with the intent to
 4811 manufacture, sell, give or distribute the following during any 12-month period of its existence:

4812 1. At least 5.0 kilograms of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin;

4813 2. At least 10 kilograms of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of:

4814 a. Coca leaves, except coca leaves and extracts of coca leaves from which cocaine, ecgonine, and
 4815 derivatives of ecgonine or their salts have been removed;

4816 b. Cocaine, its salts, optical and geometric isomers, and salts of isomers;

4817 c. Cocaine base;

4818 d. Ecgonine, its derivatives, their salts, isomers, and salts of isomers; or

4819 e. Any compound, mixture, or preparation ~~which~~ *that* contains any quantity of any of the substances
 4820 referred to in subdivisions a through d; *or*

4821 3. ~~At least 250 kilograms of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of marijuana; or~~

4822 4. At least 250 grams of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, or salts of its isomers or at least 1.0
 4823 kilograms of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers,
 4824 or salts of its isomers ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of a felony punishable by a fine of not more than \$1 million and

4825 imprisonment for life, which shall be served with no suspension in whole or in part. Such punishment shall be
 4826 made to run consecutively with any other sentence. However, the court may impose a mandatory minimum
 4827 sentence of 40 years if the court finds that the defendant substantially cooperated with law-enforcement
 4828 authorities.

4829 I. For purposes of this section, a person is engaged in a continuing criminal enterprise if (i) he violates any

4830 provision of this section, the punishment for which is a felony and either (ii) such violation is a part of a
 4831 continuing series of violations of this section which are undertaken by such person in concert with five or
 4832 more other persons with respect to whom such person occupies a position of organizer, a supervisory
 4833 position, or any other position of management, and from which such person obtains substantial income or
 4834 resources or (iii) such violation is committed, with respect to methamphetamine or other controlled substance
 4835 classified in Schedule I or II, for the benefit of, at the direction of, or in association with any criminal street
 4836 gang as defined in § 18.2-46.1.

4837 J. Except as authorized in the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.), any person who possesses any two
 4838 or more different substances listed below with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine, methcathinone,
 4839 or amphetamine is guilty of a Class 6 felony: liquefied ammonia gas, ammonium nitrate, ether,
 4840 hypophosphorus acid solutions, hypophosphite salts, hydrochloric acid, iodine crystals or tincture of iodine,
 4841 phenylacetone, phenylacetic acid, red phosphorus, methylamine, methyl formamide, lithium, sodium metal,
 4842 sulfuric acid, sodium hydroxide, potassium dichromate, sodium dichromate, potassium permanganate,
 4843 chromium trioxide, methylbenzene, methamphetamine precursor drugs, trichloroethane, or 2-propanone.

4844 K. The term "methamphetamine precursor drug," when used in this article, means a drug or product
 4845 containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine or any of their salts, optical isomers, or salts
 4846 of optical isomers.

4847 **§ 18.2-248.01. Transporting controlled substances into the Commonwealth; penalty.**

4848 Except as authorized in the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) it is unlawful for any person to
 4849 transport into the Commonwealth by any means with intent to sell or distribute one ounce or more of cocaine,
 4850 coca leaves or any salt, compound, derivative or preparation thereof as described in Schedule II of the Drug
 4851 Control Act or one ounce or more of any other Schedule I or II controlled substance ~~or five or more pounds~~
 4852 ~~of marijuana~~. A violation of this section shall constitute a separate and distinct felony. Upon conviction, the
 4853 person shall be sentenced to not less than five years nor more than 40 years imprisonment, three years of
 4854 which shall be a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment, and a fine not to exceed ~~\$1,000,000~~ *\$1 million*.
 4855 A second or subsequent conviction hereunder shall be punishable by a mandatory minimum term of
 4856 imprisonment of 10 years, which shall be served consecutively with any other sentence.

4857 **§ 18.2-251. Persons charged with first offense may be placed on probation; conditions; substance**
 4858 **abuse screening, assessment treatment and education programs or services; drug tests; costs and fees;**
 4859 **violations; discharge.**

4860 Whenever any person who has not previously been convicted of any criminal offense under this article or
 4861 under any statute of the United States or of any state relating to narcotic drugs, ~~marijuana~~, or stimulant,
 4862 depressant, or hallucinogenic drugs, ~~with the exception of any misdemeanor conviction for possession of~~
 4863 ~~marijuana~~, or has not previously had a proceeding against him for violation of such an offense dismissed as
 4864 provided in this section, ~~except a dismissal of a misdemeanor offense for possession of marijuana~~, pleads
 4865 guilty to or enters a plea of not guilty to possession of a controlled substance under § 18.2-250, the court,
 4866 upon such plea if the facts found by the court would justify a finding of guilt, without entering a judgment of
 4867 guilt and with the consent of the accused, may defer further proceedings and place him on probation upon
 4868 terms and conditions. If the court defers further proceedings, at that time the court shall determine whether
 4869 the clerk of court has been provided with the fingerprint identification information or fingerprints of the
 4870 person, taken by a law-enforcement officer pursuant to § 19.2-390, and, if not, shall order that the fingerprints
 4871 and photograph of the person be taken by a law-enforcement officer.

4872 As a term or condition, the court shall require the accused to undergo a substance abuse assessment
 4873 pursuant to § 18.2-251.01 or 19.2-299.2, as appropriate, and enter treatment and/or education program or
 4874 services, if available, such as, in the opinion of the court, may be best suited to the needs of the accused based
 4875 upon consideration of the substance abuse assessment. The program or services may be located in the judicial
 4876 district in which the charge is brought or in any other judicial district as the court may provide. The services
 4877 shall be provided by (i) a program licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental
 4878 Services, by a similar program which is made available through the Department of Corrections, (ii) a local
 4879 community-based probation services agency established pursuant to § 9.1-174, or (iii) an ASAP program
 4880 certified by the Commission on VASAP.

4881 The court shall require the person entering such program under the provisions of this section to pay all or
 4882 part of the costs of the program, including the costs of the screening, assessment, testing, and treatment,
 4883 based upon the accused's ability to pay unless the person is determined by the court to be indigent.

4884 As a condition of probation, the court shall require the accused (a) to successfully complete treatment or
 4885 education program or services, (b) to remain drug and alcohol free during the period of probation and submit
 4886 to such tests during that period as may be necessary and appropriate to determine if the accused is drug and
 4887 alcohol free, (c) to make reasonable efforts to secure and maintain employment, and (d) to comply with a
 4888 plan of at least 100 hours of community service for a felony and up to 24 hours of community service for a
 4889 misdemeanor. Such testing shall be conducted by personnel of the supervising probation agency or personnel
 4890 of any program or agency approved by the supervising probation agency.

4891 Upon violation of a term or condition, the court may enter an adjudication of guilt and proceed as

4892 otherwise provided. Upon fulfillment of the terms and conditions, and upon determining that the clerk of
 4893 court has been provided with the fingerprint identification information or fingerprints of such person, the
 4894 court shall discharge the person and dismiss the proceedings against him. Discharge and dismissal under this
 4895 section shall be without adjudication of guilt and is a conviction only for the purposes of applying this section
 4896 in subsequent proceedings.

4897 Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, whenever a court places an individual on probation
 4898 upon terms and conditions pursuant to this section, such action shall be treated as a conviction for purposes of
 4899 § 22.1-315. The provisions of this paragraph shall not be applicable to any offense for which a juvenile has
 4900 had his license suspended or denied pursuant to § 16.1-278.9 for the same offense.

4901 **§ 18.2-251.03. Arrest and prosecution when experiencing or reporting an overdose or act of sexual**
 4902 **violence.**

4903 A. For purposes of this section:

4904 "Act of sexual violence" means an alleged violation of § 18.2-361, 18.2-370, or 18.2-370.1 or the laws
 4905 pertaining to criminal sexual assault pursuant to Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of Chapter 4.

4906 "Overdose" means a life-threatening condition resulting from the consumption or use of a controlled
 4907 substance, alcohol, or any combination of such substances.

4908 B. No individual shall be subject to arrest or prosecution for the unlawful purchase, possession, or
 4909 consumption of alcohol pursuant to § 4.1-305, unlawful purchase, possession, or consumption of marijuana
 4910 pursuant to § ~~4.1-1105.1~~ 4.1-1105, involuntary manslaughter pursuant to § 18.2-36.3, possession of a
 4911 controlled substance pursuant to § 18.2-250, intoxication in public pursuant to § 18.2-388, or possession of
 4912 controlled paraphernalia pursuant to § 54.1-3466 if:

4913 1. Such individual (i) in good faith, seeks or obtains emergency medical attention (a) for himself, if he is
 4914 experiencing an overdose, or (b) for another individual, if such other individual is experiencing an overdose;
 4915 (ii) is experiencing an overdose and another individual, in good faith, seeks or obtains emergency medical
 4916 attention for such individual, by contemporaneously reporting such overdose to a firefighter, as defined in
 4917 § 65.2-102, emergency medical services personnel, as defined in § 32.1-111.1, a law-enforcement officer, as
 4918 defined in § 9.1-101, or an emergency 911 system; or (iii) in good faith, renders emergency care or
 4919 assistance, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or the administration of naloxone or other opioid
 4920 antagonist for overdose reversal, to an individual experiencing an overdose while another individual seeks or
 4921 obtains emergency medical attention in accordance with this subdivision;

4922 2. Such individual remains at the scene of the overdose or at any alternative location to which he or the
 4923 person requiring emergency medical attention has been transported until a law-enforcement officer responds
 4924 to the report of an overdose. If no law-enforcement officer is present at the scene of the overdose or at the
 4925 alternative location, then such individual shall cooperate with law enforcement as otherwise set forth herein;

4926 3. Such individual identifies himself to the law-enforcement officer who responds to the report of the
 4927 overdose; and

4928 4. The evidence for the prosecution of an offense enumerated in this subsection was obtained as a result of
 4929 the individual seeking or obtaining emergency medical attention or rendering emergency care or assistance.

4930 C. No individual shall be subject to arrest or prosecution for the unlawful purchase, possession, or
 4931 consumption of alcohol pursuant to § 4.1-305, unlawful purchase, possession, or consumption of marijuana
 4932 pursuant to § ~~4.1-1105.1~~ 4.1-1105, possession of a controlled substance pursuant to § 18.2-250, intoxication
 4933 in public pursuant to § 18.2-388, or possession of controlled paraphernalia pursuant to § 54.1-3466 if:

4934 1. Such individual, in good faith, seeks or obtains assistance for himself or another individual from
 4935 emergency medical services personnel, as defined in § 32.1-111.1, a health care provider, as defined in
 4936 § 8.01-581.1, or a law-enforcement officer, as defined in § 9.1-101, and seeks to report an act of sexual
 4937 violence committed against himself or another individual;

4938 2. Such individual identifies himself to the law-enforcement officer who responds to the report of the act
 4939 of sexual violence; and

4940 3. The evidence for the prosecution of an offense enumerated in this subsection was obtained as a result of
 4941 the individual seeking or obtaining medical attention, rendering care or assistance, or reporting to law
 4942 enforcement.

4943 This subsection shall not apply to an individual who is alleged to have committed the act of sexual
 4944 violence.

4945 D. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any person who seeks or obtains emergency medical
 4946 attention for himself or another individual, to a person experiencing an overdose or who has experienced an
 4947 act of sexual violence when another individual seeks or obtains emergency medical attention for him, or to a
 4948 person who renders emergency care or assistance to an individual experiencing an overdose or who has
 4949 experienced an act of sexual violence while another person seeks or obtains emergency medical attention
 4950 during the execution of a search warrant or during the conduct of a lawful search or a lawful arrest.

4951 E. This section does not establish protection from arrest or prosecution for any individual or offense other
 4952 than those listed in subsection B or C. However, any individual immune to arrest or prosecution under this
 4953 section shall not have his bail, probation, furlough, supervised release, suspended sentence, or parole revoked

4954 for the behavior immune from arrest or prosecution under the provisions of this section.

4955 F. No law-enforcement officer acting in good faith shall be found liable for false arrest if it is later
4956 determined that the person arrested was immune from prosecution under this section.

4957 **§ 18.2-251.1:1. Possession or distribution of cannabis oil; public schools.**

4958 No school nurse employed by a local school board, person employed by a local health department who is
4959 assigned to the public school pursuant to an agreement between the local health department and the school
4960 board, or other person employed by or contracted with a local school board to deliver health-related services
4961 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
4962 18.2-255 for the possession or distribution of cannabis oil for storing, dispensing, or administering cannabis
4963 oil, in accordance with a policy adopted by the local school board, to a student who has been issued a valid
4964 written certification for the use of cannabis oil in accordance with § 4.1-1601.

4965 **§ 18.2-251.1:2. Possession or distribution of cannabis oil; nursing homes and certified nursing
4966 facilities; hospice and hospice facilities; assisted living facilities.**

4967 No person employed by a nursing home, hospice, hospice facility, or assisted living facility and
4968 authorized to possess, distribute, or administer medications to patients or residents shall be prosecuted under
4969 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
4970 distribution of cannabis oil for the purposes of storing, dispensing, or administering cannabis oil to a patient
4971 or resident who has been issued a valid written certification for the use of cannabis oil in accordance with
4972 § 4.1-1601.

4973 **§ 18.2-251.1:3. Possession or distribution of cannabis oil, or industrial hemp; laboratories;
4974 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Department of Law employees.**

4975 A. No person employed by an analytical laboratory to retrieve, deliver, or possess cannabis oil or
4976 industrial hemp samples from a permitted pharmaceutical processor, a registered industrial hemp grower, a
4977 federally licensed hemp producer, or a registered industrial hemp processor for the purpose of performing
4978 required testing shall be prosecuted under Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 4.1 or § 18.2-248,
4979 ~~18.2-248.1~~, 18.2-250, or 18.2-255 for the possession or distribution of cannabis oil or industrial hemp or for
4980 storing cannabis oil or industrial hemp for testing purposes in accordance with regulations promulgated by
4981 the Board of ~~Pharmacy~~ *of Directors of the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority* and the Board of Agriculture
4982 and Consumer Services.

4983 B. No employee of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services or of the Department of Law
4984 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,
4985 ~~18.2-248.1~~, or 18.2-250 for the possession or distribution of industrial hemp or any substance containing
4986 tetrahydrocannabinol when possession of industrial hemp or any substance containing tetrahydrocannabinol
4987 is necessary in the performance of his duties.

4988 **§ 18.2-252. Suspended sentence conditioned upon substance abuse screening, assessment, testing,
4989 and treatment or education.**

4990 The trial judge or court trying the case of any person found guilty of a criminal violation of any law
4991 concerning the use, in any manner, of drugs, controlled substances, narcotics, ~~marijuana~~, noxious chemical
4992 substances and like substances shall condition any suspended sentence by first requiring such person to agree
4993 to undergo a substance abuse screening pursuant to § 18.2-251.01 and to submit to such periodic substance
4994 abuse testing, to include alcohol testing, as may be directed by the court. Such testing shall be conducted by
4995 the supervising probation agency or by personnel of any program or agency approved by the supervising
4996 probation agency. The cost of such testing ordered by the court shall be paid by the Commonwealth and taxed
4997 as a part of the costs of such proceedings. The judge or court shall order the person, as a condition of any
4998 suspended sentence, to undergo such treatment or education for substance abuse, if available, as the judge or
4999 court deems appropriate based upon consideration of the substance abuse assessment. The treatment or
5000 education shall be provided by a program or agency licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and
5001 Developmental Services, by a similar program or services available through the Department of Corrections if
5002 the court imposes a sentence of one year or more or, if the court imposes a sentence of 12 months or less, by a
5003 similar program or services available through a local or regional jail, a local community-based probation
5004 services agency established pursuant to § 9.1-174, or an ASAP program certified by the Commission on
5005 VASAP.

5006 **§ 18.2-254. Commitment of convicted person for treatment for substance abuse.**

5007 A. Whenever any person who has not previously been convicted of any criminal offense under this article
5008 or under any statute of the United States or of any state relating to narcotic drugs, ~~marijuana~~, or stimulant,
5009 depressant, or hallucinogenic drugs or has not previously had a proceeding against him for violation of such
5010 an offense dismissed as provided in § 18.2-251 is found guilty of violating any law concerning the use, in any
5011 manner, of drugs, controlled substances, narcotics, ~~marijuana~~, noxious chemical substances, and like
5012 substances, the judge or court shall require such person to undergo a substance abuse screening pursuant to
5013 § 18.2-251.01 and to submit to such periodic substance abuse testing, to include alcohol testing, as may be
5014 directed by the court. The cost of such testing ordered by the court shall be paid by the Commonwealth and
5015 taxed as a part of the costs of the criminal proceedings. The judge or court shall also order the person to

5016 undergo such treatment or education for substance abuse, if available, as the judge or court deems appropriate
 5017 based upon consideration of the substance abuse assessment. The treatment or education shall be provided by
 5018 a program or agency licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services or by a
 5019 similar program or services available through the Department of Corrections if the court imposes a sentence
 5020 of one year or more or, if the court imposes a sentence of 12 months or less, by a similar program or services
 5021 available through a local or regional jail, a local community-based probation services agency established
 5022 pursuant to § 9.1-174, or an ASAP program certified by the Commission on VASAP.

5023 B. The court trying the case of any person alleged to have committed any criminal offense designated by
 5024 this article or by the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) or in any other criminal case in which the
 5025 commission of the offense was motivated by or closely related to the use of drugs and determined by the
 5026 court, pursuant to a substance abuse screening and assessment, to be in need of treatment for the use of drugs
 5027 may commit, based upon a consideration of the substance abuse assessment, such person, upon his
 5028 conviction, to any facility for the treatment of persons with substance abuse, licensed by the Department of
 5029 Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, if space is available in such facility, for a period of time not
 5030 in excess of the maximum term of imprisonment specified as the penalty for conviction of such offense or, if
 5031 sentence was determined by a jury, not in excess of the term of imprisonment as set by such jury.
 5032 Confinement under such commitment shall be, in all regards, treated as confinement in a penal institution and
 5033 the person so committed may be convicted of escape if he leaves the place of commitment without authority.
 5034 A charge of escape may be prosecuted in either the jurisdiction where the treatment facility is located or the
 5035 jurisdiction where the person was sentenced to commitment. The court may revoke such commitment at any
 5036 time and transfer the person to an appropriate state or local correctional facility. Upon presentation of a
 5037 certified statement from the director of the treatment facility to the effect that the confined person has
 5038 successfully responded to treatment, the court may release such confined person prior to the termination of
 5039 the period of time for which such person was confined and may suspend the remainder of the term upon such
 5040 conditions as the court may prescribe.

5041 C. The court trying a case in which commission of the criminal offense was related to the defendant's
 5042 habitual abuse of alcohol and in which the court determines, pursuant to a substance abuse screening and
 5043 assessment, that such defendant is in need of treatment, may commit, based upon a consideration of the
 5044 substance abuse assessment, such person, upon his conviction, to any facility for the treatment of persons
 5045 with substance abuse licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, if space
 5046 is available in such facility, for a period of time not in excess of the maximum term of imprisonment
 5047 specified as the penalty for conviction. Confinement under such commitment shall be, in all regards, treated
 5048 as confinement in a penal institution and the person so committed may be convicted of escape if he leaves the
 5049 place of commitment without authority. The court may revoke such commitment at any time and transfer the
 5050 person to an appropriate state or local correctional facility. Upon presentation of a certified statement from
 5051 the director of the treatment facility to the effect that the confined person has successfully responded to
 5052 treatment, the court may release such confined person prior to the termination of the period of time for which
 5053 such person was confined and may suspend the remainder of the term upon such conditions as the court may
 5054 prescribe.

5055 **§ 18.2-255. Distribution of certain drugs to persons under 18 prohibited; penalty.**

5056 A. Except as authorized in the Drug Control Act, ~~Chapter 34~~ (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) ~~of Title 54.1, it shall be~~
 5057 ~~is~~ unlawful for any person who is at least 18 years of age to knowingly or intentionally (i) distribute any drug
 5058 classified in Schedule I, II, III, or IV ~~or marijuana~~ to any person under 18 years of age who is at least three
 5059 years his junior or (ii) cause any person under 18 years of age to assist in such distribution of any drug
 5060 classified in Schedule I, II, III, or IV ~~or marijuana~~. Any person violating this provision shall upon conviction
 5061 be imprisoned in a state correctional facility for a period not less than 10 nor more than 50 years, and fined
 5062 not more than \$100,000. Five years of the sentence imposed for a conviction under this section involving a
 5063 Schedule I or II controlled substance ~~or one ounce or more of marijuana~~ shall be a mandatory minimum
 5064 sentence. ~~Two years of the sentence imposed for a conviction under this section involving less than one~~
 5065 ~~ounce of marijuana shall be a mandatory minimum sentence.~~

5066 B. It ~~shall be~~ ~~is~~ unlawful for any person who is at least 18 years of age to knowingly or intentionally (i)
 5067 distribute any imitation controlled substance to a person under 18 years of age who is at least three years his
 5068 junior or (ii) cause any person under 18 years of age to assist in such distribution of any imitation controlled
 5069 substance. Any person violating this provision ~~shall be~~ ~~is~~ guilty of a Class 6 felony.

5070 **§ 18.2-255.1. Distribution, sale or display of printed material advertising instruments for use in**
 5071 **administering controlled substances to minors; penalty.**

5072 It ~~shall be~~ ~~is~~ a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person knowingly to sell, distribute, or display for sale to a
 5073 minor any book, pamphlet, periodical, or other printed matter ~~which~~ ~~that~~ he knows advertises for sale any
 5074 instrument, device, article, or contrivance for advertised use in unlawfully ingesting, smoking, administering,
 5075 preparing, or growing ~~marijuana~~ or a controlled substance.

5076 **§ 18.2-255.2. Prohibiting the sale or manufacture of drugs on or near certain properties; penalty.**

5077 A. It ~~shall be~~ ~~is~~ unlawful for any person to manufacture, sell, or distribute or possess with intent to sell,

5078 give, or distribute any controlled substance, *or* imitation controlled substance, ~~or marijuana~~ while:

5079 1. Upon the property, including buildings and grounds, of any public or private elementary or secondary
5080 school, any institution of higher education, or any clearly marked licensed child day center as defined in
5081 § 22.1-289.02;

5082 2. Upon public property or any property open to public use within 1,000 feet of the property described in
5083 subdivision 1;

5084 3. On any school bus as defined in § 46.2-100;

5085 4. Upon a designated school bus stop, or upon either public property or any property open to public use
5086 which is within 1,000 feet of such school bus stop, during the time when school children are waiting to be
5087 picked up and transported to or are being dropped off from school or a school-sponsored activity;

5088 5. Upon the property, including buildings and grounds, of any publicly owned or publicly operated
5089 recreation or community center facility or any public library; or

5090 6. Upon the property of any state facility as defined in § 37.2-100 or upon public property or property
5091 open to public use within 1,000 feet of such ~~an institution~~ facility. It is a violation of the provisions of this
5092 section if the person possessed the controlled substance, *or* imitation controlled substance, ~~or marijuana~~ on
5093 the property described in subdivisions 1 through 6, regardless of where the person intended to sell, give, or
5094 distribute the controlled substance, *or* imitation controlled substance, ~~or marijuana~~. Nothing in this section
5095 shall prohibit the authorized distribution of controlled substances.

5096 B. Violation of this section shall constitute a separate and distinct felony. Any person violating the
5097 provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned for a term of not less than one year nor more
5098 than five years and fined not more than \$100,000. A second or subsequent conviction hereunder for an
5099 offense involving a controlled substance classified in Schedule I, II, or III of the Drug Control Act
5100 (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) ~~or more than one-half ounce of marijuana~~ shall be punished by a mandatory minimum
5101 term of imprisonment of one year to be served consecutively with any other sentence. However, if such
5102 person proves that he sold such controlled substance ~~or marijuana~~ only as an accommodation to another
5103 individual and not with intent to profit thereby from any consideration received or expected nor to induce the
5104 recipient or intended recipient of the controlled substance ~~or marijuana~~ to use or become addicted to or
5105 dependent upon such controlled substance ~~or marijuana~~, he is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

5106 C. If a person commits an act violating the provisions of this section, and the same act also violates
5107 another provision of law that provides for penalties greater than those provided for by this section, then
5108 nothing in this section shall prohibit or bar any prosecution or proceeding under that other provision of law or
5109 the imposition of any penalties provided for thereby.

5110 **§ 18.2-258. Certain premises deemed common nuisance; penalty.**

5111 Any office, store, shop, restaurant, dance hall, theater, poolroom, clubhouse, storehouse, warehouse,
5112 dwelling house, apartment, building of any kind, vehicle, vessel, boat, or aircraft, which with the knowledge
5113 of the owner, lessor, agent of any such lessor, manager, chief executive officer, operator, or tenant thereof, is
5114 frequented by persons under the influence of illegally obtained controlled substances ~~or marijuana~~, as defined
5115 in § 54.1-3401, or for the purpose of illegally obtaining possession of, manufacturing, or distributing
5116 controlled substances ~~or marijuana~~, or is used for the illegal possession, manufacture, or distribution of
5117 controlled substances ~~or marijuana~~ shall be deemed a common nuisance. Any such owner, lessor, agent of
5118 any such lessor, manager, chief executive officer, operator, or tenant who knowingly permits, establishes,
5119 keeps or maintains such a common nuisance is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor and, for a second or
5120 subsequent offense, a Class 6 felony.

5121 **§ 18.2-258.02. Maintaining a fortified drug house; penalty.**

5122 Any office, store, shop, restaurant, dance hall, theater, poolroom, clubhouse, storehouse, warehouse,
5123 dwelling house, apartment or building or structure of any kind ~~which that~~ is (i) substantially altered from its
5124 original status by means of reinforcement with the intent to impede, deter or delay lawful entry by a
5125 law-enforcement officer into such structure, (ii) being used for the purpose of manufacturing or distributing
5126 controlled substances ~~or marijuana~~, and (iii) the object of a valid search warrant, shall be considered a
5127 fortified drug house. Any person who maintains or operates a fortified drug house is guilty of a Class 5
5128 felony.

5129 **§ 18.2-258.1. Obtaining drugs, procuring administration of controlled substances, etc., by fraud,
5130 deceit or forgery.**

5131 A. It ~~shall be~~ *is* unlawful for any person to obtain or attempt to obtain any drug or procure or attempt to
5132 procure the administration of any controlled substance ~~or marijuana~~: (i) by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation,
5133 embezzlement, or subterfuge; (ii) by the forgery or alteration of a prescription or of any written order; (iii) by
5134 the concealment of a material fact; or (iv) by the use of a false name or the giving of a false address.

5135 B. It ~~shall be~~ *is* unlawful for any person to furnish false or fraudulent information in or omit any
5136 information from, or willfully make a false statement in, any prescription, order, report, record, or other
5137 document required by ~~Chapter 34 the Drug Control Act~~ (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) ~~of Title 54-1.~~

5138 C. It ~~shall be~~ *is* unlawful for any person to use in the course of the manufacture or distribution of a
5139 controlled substance ~~or marijuana~~ a license number ~~which that~~ is fictitious, revoked, suspended, or issued to

5140 another person.

5141 D. It ~~shall be~~ is unlawful for any person, for the purpose of obtaining any controlled substance ~~or~~
 5142 ~~marijuana~~, to falsely assume the title of, or represent himself to be, a manufacturer, wholesaler, pharmacist,
 5143 physician, dentist, veterinarian, or other authorized person.

5144 E. It ~~shall be~~ is unlawful for any person to make or utter any false or forged prescription or false or forged
 5145 written order.

5146 F. It ~~shall be~~ is unlawful for any person to affix any false or forged label to a package or receptacle
 5147 containing any controlled substance.

5148 G. This section shall not apply to officers and employees of the United States, of this Commonwealth or
 5149 of a political subdivision of this Commonwealth acting in the course of their employment, who obtain such
 5150 drugs for investigative, research or analytical purposes, or to the agents or duly authorized representatives of
 5151 any pharmaceutical manufacturer who obtain such drugs for investigative, research or analytical purposes and
 5152 who are acting in the course of their employment; provided that such manufacturer is licensed under the
 5153 provisions of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act; and provided further, that such pharmaceutical
 5154 manufacturer, its agents and duly authorized representatives file with the Board such information as the
 5155 Board may deem appropriate.

5156 H. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, any person who shall violate any provision herein
 5157 ~~shall be~~ is guilty of a Class 6 felony.

5158 Whenever any person who has not previously been convicted of any offense under this article or under
 5159 any statute of the United States or of any state relating to narcotic drugs, ~~marijuana~~, or stimulant, depressant,
 5160 or hallucinogenic drugs, or has not previously had a proceeding against him for violation of such an offense
 5161 dismissed, or reduced as provided in this section, pleads guilty to or enters a plea of not guilty to the court for
 5162 violating this section, upon such plea if the facts found by the court would justify a finding of guilt, the court
 5163 may place him on probation upon terms and conditions.

5164 As a term or condition, the court shall require the accused to be evaluated and enter a treatment and/or
 5165 education program, if available, such as, in the opinion of the court, may be best suited to the needs of the
 5166 accused. This program may be located in the judicial circuit in which the charge is brought or in any other
 5167 judicial circuit as the court may provide. The services shall be provided by a program certified or licensed by
 5168 the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. The court shall require the person entering
 5169 such program under the provisions of this section to pay all or part of the costs of the program, including the
 5170 costs of the screening, evaluation, testing and education, based upon the person's ability to pay unless the
 5171 person is determined by the court to be indigent.

5172 As a condition of supervised probation, the court shall require the accused to remain drug free during the
 5173 period of probation and submit to such tests during that period as may be necessary and appropriate to
 5174 determine if the accused is drug free. Such testing may be conducted by the personnel of any screening,
 5175 evaluation, and education program to which the person is referred or by the supervising agency.

5176 Unless the accused was fingerprinted at the time of arrest, the court shall order the accused to report to the
 5177 original arresting law-enforcement agency to submit to fingerprinting.

5178 Upon violation of a term or condition, the court may enter an adjudication of guilt upon the felony and
 5179 proceed as otherwise provided. Upon fulfillment of the terms and conditions of probation, the court shall find
 5180 the defendant guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

5181 **§ 18.2-265.1. Definition.**

5182 As used in this article, "drug paraphernalia" means all equipment, products, and materials of any kind
 5183 which are either designed for use or which are intended by the person charged with violating § 18.2-265.3 for
 5184 use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting,
 5185 producing, processing, preparing, strength testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing,
 5186 concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing into the human body ~~marijuana~~ or a
 5187 controlled substance. "Drug paraphernalia" includes:

5188 1. Kits intended for use or designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, or harvesting
 5189 ~~marijuana~~ or any species of plant which is a controlled substance or from which a controlled substance can be
 5190 derived;

5191 2. Kits intended for use or designed for use in manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing,
 5192 processing, or preparing ~~marijuana~~ or controlled substances;

5193 3. Isomerization devices intended for use or designed for use in increasing the potency of ~~marijuana~~ or
 5194 any species of plant ~~which that~~ is a controlled substance;

5195 4. Testing equipment intended for use or designed for use in identifying or in analyzing the strength or
 5196 effectiveness of ~~marijuana~~ or controlled substances, other than drug checking products used to determine the
 5197 presence or concentration of a contaminant that can cause physical harm or death;

5198 5. Scales and balances intended for use or designed for use in weighing or measuring ~~marijuana~~ or
 5199 controlled substances;

5200 6. Diluents and adulterants, such as quinine hydrochloride, mannitol, or mannite, intended for use or
 5201 designed for use in cutting controlled substances;

5202 7. Separation gins and sifters intended for use or designed for use in removing twigs and seeds from, or in
5203 otherwise cleaning or refining, marijuana;

5204 8. Blenders, bowls, containers, spoons, and mixing devices intended for use or designed for use in
5205 compounding controlled substances;

5206 9. 8. Capsules, balloons, envelopes, and other containers intended for use or designed for use in packaging
5207 small quantities of marijuana or controlled substances;

5208 ~~10. 9. Containers and other objects intended for use or designed for use in storing or concealing marijuana~~
5209 ~~or controlled substances;~~

5210 ~~11. 10. Hypodermic syringes, needles, and other objects intended for use or designed for use in~~
5211 ~~parenterally injecting controlled substances into the human body;~~

5212 ~~12. 11. Objects intended for use or designed for use in ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing~~
5213 ~~marijuana, cocaine, hashish, or hashish oil into the human body, such as:~~

5214 a. Metal, wooden, acrylic, glass, stone, plastic, or ceramic pipes with or without screens, permanent
5215 screens, hashish heads, or punctured metal bowls;

5216 b. Water pipes;

5217 c. Carburetion tubes and devices;

5218 d. Smoking and carburetion masks;

5219 e. Roach clips, meaning objects used to hold burning material, such as a marijuana cigarette, that has
5220 become too small or too short to be held in the hand;

5221 f. Miniature cocaine spoons, and cocaine vials;

5222 g. Chamber pipes;

5223 h. Carburetor pipes;

5224 i. Electric pipes;

5225 j. Air-driven pipes;

5226 k. Chillums;

5227 l. Bongs;

5228 m. Ice pipes or chillers.

5229 **§ 18.2-265.2. Evidence to be considered in cases under this article.**

5230 In determining whether an object is drug paraphernalia, the court may consider, in addition to all other
5231 relevant evidence, the following:

5232 1. Constitutionally admissible statements by the accused concerning the use of the object;

5233 2. The proximity of the object to marijuana or controlled substances, which proximity is actually known to
5234 the accused;

5235 3. Instructions, oral or written, provided with the object concerning its use;

5236 4. Descriptive materials accompanying the object which that explain or depict its use;

5237 5. National and local advertising within the actual knowledge of the accused concerning its use;

5238 6. The manner in which the object is displayed for sale;

5239 7. Whether the accused is a legitimate supplier of like or related items to the community, such as a
5240 licensed distributor or dealer of tobacco products;

5241 8. Evidence of the ratio of sales of the objects defined in § 18.2-265.1 to the total sales of the business
5242 enterprise;

5243 9. The existence and scope of legitimate uses for the object in the community;

5244 10. Expert testimony concerning its use or the purpose for which it was designed; *and*

5245 11. Relevant evidence of the intent of the accused to deliver it to persons who he knows, or should
5246 reasonably know, intend to use the object with an illegal drug. The innocence of an owner, or of anyone in
5247 control of the object, as to a direct violation of this article shall not prevent a finding that the object is
5248 intended for use or designed for use as drug paraphernalia.

5249 **§ 18.2-265.3. Penalties for sale, etc., of drug paraphernalia.**

5250 A. Any person who sells or possesses with intent to sell drug paraphernalia, knowing, or under
5251 circumstances where one reasonably should know, that it is either designed for use or intended by such
5252 person for use to illegally plant, propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, manufacture, compound, convert,
5253 produce, process, prepare, test, analyze, pack, repack, store, contain, conceal, inject, ingest, inhale, or
5254 otherwise introduce into the human body marijuana or a controlled substance, shall be is guilty of a Class 1
5255 misdemeanor.

5256 B. Any person ~~eighteen~~ 18 years of age or older who violates subsection A hereof by selling drug
5257 paraphernalia to a minor who is at least three years junior to the accused in age shall be is guilty of a Class 6
5258 felony.

5259 C. Any person ~~eighteen~~ 18 years of age or older who distributes drug paraphernalia to a minor shall be is
5260 guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

5261 **§ 18.2-287.2. Wearing of body armor while committing a crime; penalty.**

5262 Any person who, while committing a crime of violence as defined in § 18.2-288 (2) or a felony violation
5263 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

5264 body armor designed to diminish the effect of the impact of a bullet or projectile ~~shall be~~ is guilty of a Class 4
5265 felony.

5266 **§ 18.2-308.012. Prohibited conduct.**

5267 A. Any person permitted to carry a concealed handgun who is under the influence of alcohol, *marijuana*,
5268 or illegal drugs while carrying such handgun in a public place is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. Conviction
5269 of any of the following offenses shall be prima facie evidence, subject to rebuttal, that the person is "under
5270 the influence" for purposes of this section: manslaughter in violation of § 18.2-36.1, maiming in violation of
5271 § 18.2-51.4, driving while intoxicated in violation of § 18.2-266, public intoxication in violation of
5272 § 18.2-388, or driving while intoxicated in violation of § 46.2-341.24. Upon such conviction that court shall
5273 revoke the person's permit for a concealed handgun and promptly notify the issuing circuit court. A person
5274 convicted of a violation of this subsection shall be ineligible to apply for a concealed handgun permit for a
5275 period of five years.

5276 B. No person who carries a concealed handgun onto the premises of any restaurant or club as defined in
5277 § 4.1-100 for which a license to sell and serve alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption has been
5278 granted by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority under Title 4.1 may consume an alcoholic
5279 beverage while on the premises. A person who carries a concealed handgun onto the premises of such a
5280 restaurant or club and consumes alcoholic beverages is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. However, nothing in
5281 this subsection shall apply to a federal, state, or local law-enforcement officer.

5282 **§ 18.2-308.4. Possession of firearms while in possession of certain substances.**

5283 A. It ~~shall be~~ is unlawful for any person unlawfully in possession of a controlled substance classified in
5284 Schedule I or II of the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) of Title 54.1 to simultaneously with knowledge
5285 and intent possess any firearm. A violation of this subsection is a Class 6 felony and constitutes a separate
5286 and distinct felony.

5287 B. It ~~shall be~~ is unlawful for any person unlawfully in possession of a controlled substance classified in
5288 Schedule I or II of the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) to simultaneously with knowledge and intent
5289 possess any firearm on or about his person. A violation of this subsection is a Class 6 felony and constitutes a
5290 separate and distinct felony and any person convicted hereunder shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum
5291 term of imprisonment of two years. Such punishment shall be separate and apart from, and shall be made to
5292 run consecutively with, any punishment received for the commission of the primary felony.

5293 C. It ~~shall be~~ is unlawful for any person to possess, use, or attempt to use any pistol, shotgun, rifle, or
5294 other firearm or display such weapon in a threatening manner while committing or attempting to commit the
5295 illegal manufacture, sale, distribution, or the possession with the intent to manufacture, sell, or distribute a
5296 controlled substance classified in Schedule I or Schedule II of the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) ~~or~~
5297 ~~more than one pound of marijuana~~. A violation of this subsection is a Class 6 felony, and constitutes a
5298 separate and distinct felony and any person convicted hereunder shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum
5299 term of imprisonment of five years. Such punishment shall be separate and apart from, and shall be made to
5300 run consecutively with, any punishment received for the commission of the primary felony.

5301 **§ 18.2-460. Obstructing justice; resisting arrest; fleeing from a law-enforcement officer; penalties.**

5302 A. If any person without just cause knowingly obstructs a judge, magistrate, justice, juror, attorney for the
5303 Commonwealth, witness, any law-enforcement officer, or animal control officer employed pursuant to
5304 § 3.2-6555 in the performance of his duties as such or fails or refuses without just cause to cease such
5305 obstruction when requested to do so by such judge, magistrate, justice, juror, attorney for the Commonwealth,
5306 witness, law-enforcement officer, or animal control officer employed pursuant to § 3.2-6555, he is guilty of a
5307 Class 1 misdemeanor.

5308 B. Except as provided in subsection C, any person who, by threats or force, knowingly attempts to
5309 intimidate or impede a judge, magistrate, justice, juror, attorney for the Commonwealth, witness, any
5310 law-enforcement officer, or an animal control officer employed pursuant to § 3.2-6555 lawfully engaged in
5311 his duties as such, or to obstruct or impede the administration of justice in any court, is guilty of a Class 1
5312 misdemeanor.

5313 C. If any person by threats of bodily harm or force knowingly attempts to intimidate or impede a judge,
5314 magistrate, justice, juror, attorney for the Commonwealth, witness, ~~any~~ or law-enforcement officer, lawfully
5315 engaged in the discharge of his duty, or to obstruct or impede the administration of justice in any court
5316 relating to a violation of or conspiracy to violate § 18.2-248 ~~or subdivision (a)(3), (b) or (c) of § 18.2-248.1,~~
5317 ~~or~~ § 18.2-46.2, or § 18.2-46.3, or relating to the violation of or conspiracy to violate any violent felony
5318 offense listed in subsection C of § 17.1-805, he is guilty of a Class 5 felony.

5319 D. Any person who knowingly and willfully makes any materially false statement or representation to a
5320 law-enforcement officer or an animal control officer employed pursuant to § 3.2-6555 who is in the course of
5321 conducting an investigation of a crime by another is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

5322 E. Any person who intentionally prevents or attempts to prevent a law-enforcement officer from lawfully
5323 arresting him, with or without a warrant, is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. For purposes of this subsection,
5324 intentionally preventing or attempting to prevent a lawful arrest means fleeing from a law-enforcement
5325 officer when (i) the officer applies physical force to the person, or (ii) the officer communicates to the person

5326 that he is under arrest and (a) the officer has the legal authority and the immediate physical ability to place
 5327 the person under arrest, and (b) a reasonable person who receives such communication knows or should know
 5328 that he is not free to leave.

5329 **§ 18.2-474.1. Delivery of drugs, firearms, explosives, etc., to prisoners or committed persons.**

5330 Notwithstanding the provisions of § 18.2-474, any person who shall willfully in any manner deliver,
 5331 attempt to deliver, or conspire with another to deliver to any prisoner confined under authority of the
 5332 Commonwealth of Virginia, or of any political subdivision thereof, or to any person committed to the
 5333 Department of Juvenile Justice in any juvenile correctional center, any drug ~~which~~ *that* is a controlled
 5334 substance regulated by the Drug Control Act in Chapter 34 (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) of Title 54.1 or marijuana is
 5335 guilty of a Class 5 felony. Any person who shall willfully in any manner so deliver or attempt to deliver or
 5336 conspire to deliver to any such prisoner or confined or committed person, firearms, ammunitions, or
 5337 explosives of any nature is guilty of a Class 3 felony.

5338 Nothing herein contained shall be construed to repeal or amend § 18.2-473.

5339 **§ 19.2-66. When Attorney General or Chief Deputy Attorney General may apply for order**
 5340 **authorizing interception of communications.**

5341 A. The Attorney General or Chief Deputy Attorney General, if the Attorney General so designates in
 5342 writing, in any case where the Attorney General is authorized by law to prosecute or pursuant to a request in
 5343 his official capacity of an attorney for the Commonwealth in any city or county, may apply to a judge of
 5344 competent jurisdiction for an order authorizing the interception of wire, electronic or oral communications by
 5345 the Department of State Police, when such interception may reasonably be expected to provide evidence of
 5346 the commission of a felonious offense of extortion, bribery, kidnapping, murder, any felony violation of
 5347 § 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
 5348 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.),
 5349 Article 5 (§ 18.2-58 et seq.), Article 6 (§ 18.2-59 et seq.) or any felonies that are not Class 6 felonies in
 5350 Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2, or any conspiracy to commit any of the foregoing
 5351 offenses. The Attorney General or Chief Deputy Attorney General may apply for authorization for the
 5352 observation or monitoring of the interception by a police department of a county or city, by a sheriff's office,
 5353 or by law-enforcement officers of the United States. Such application shall be made, and such order may be
 5354 granted, in conformity with the provisions of § 19.2-68.

5355 B. The application for an order under subsection B of § 19.2-68 shall be made as follows:

5356 1. In the case of an application for a wire or electronic interception, a judge of competent jurisdiction shall
 5357 have the authority to issue an order under subsection B of § 19.2-68 if there is probable cause to believe that
 5358 an offense was committed, is being committed, or will be committed or the person or persons whose
 5359 communications are to be intercepted live, work, subscribe to a wire or electronic communication system,
 5360 maintain an address or a post office box, or are making the communication within the territorial jurisdiction
 5361 of the court.

5362 2. In the case of an application for an oral intercept, a judge of competent jurisdiction shall have the
 5363 authority to issue an order under subsection B of § 19.2-68 if there is probable cause to believe that an
 5364 offense was committed, is being committed, or will be committed or the physical location of the oral
 5365 communication to be intercepted is within the territorial jurisdiction of the court.

5366 C. For the purposes of an order entered pursuant to subsection B of § 19.2-68 for the interception of a wire
 5367 or electronic communication, such communication shall be deemed to be intercepted in the jurisdiction where
 5368 the order is entered, regardless of the physical location or the method by which the communication is
 5369 captured or routed to the monitoring location.

5370 **§ 19.2-81. Arrest without warrant authorized in certain cases.**

5371 A. The following officers shall have the powers of arrest as provided in this section:

- 5372 1. Members of the State Police force of the Commonwealth;
- 5373 2. Sheriffs of the various counties and cities, and their deputies;
- 5374 3. Members of any county police force or any duly constituted police force of any city or town of the
 5375 Commonwealth;
- 5376 4. The Commissioner, members and employees of the Marine Resources Commission granted the power
 5377 of arrest pursuant to § 28.2-900;
- 5378 5. Regular conservation police officers appointed pursuant to § 29.1-200;
- 5379 6. United States Coast Guard and United States Coast Guard Reserve commissioned, warrant, and petty
 5380 officers authorized under § 29.1-205 to make arrests;
- 5381 7. Conservation officers appointed pursuant to § 10.1-115;
- 5382 8. Full-time sworn members of the enforcement division of the Department of Motor Vehicles appointed
 5383 pursuant to § 46.2-217;
- 5384 9. Special agents of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority *or the Virginia Cannabis Control*
 5385 *Authority*;
- 5386 10. Campus police officers appointed under Article 3 (§ 23.1-809 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 23.1; and
 5387 11. Members of the Division of Capitol Police.

5388 B. Such officers may arrest without a warrant any person who commits any crime in the presence of the
 5389 officer and any person whom he has reasonable grounds or probable cause to suspect of having committed a
 5390 felony not in his presence.

5391 Such officers may arrest without a warrant any person whom the officer has probable cause to suspect of
 5392 operating any watercraft or motorboat while (i) intoxicated in violation of subsection B of § 29.1-738 or a
 5393 substantially similar ordinance of any county, city, or town in the Commonwealth or (ii) in violation of an
 5394 order issued pursuant to § 29.1-738.4 and may thereafter transfer custody of the person arrested to another
 5395 officer, who may obtain a warrant based upon statements made to him by the arresting officer.

5396 C. Any such officer may, at the scene of any accident involving a motor vehicle, watercraft as defined in
 5397 § 29.1-733.2 or motorboat, or at any hospital or medical facility to which any person involved in such
 5398 accident has been transported, or in the apprehension of any person charged with the theft of any motor
 5399 vehicle, on any of the highways or waters of the Commonwealth, upon reasonable grounds to believe, based
 5400 upon personal investigation, including information obtained from eyewitnesses, that a crime has been
 5401 committed by any person then and there present, apprehend such person without a warrant of arrest. For
 5402 purposes of this section, "the scene of any accident" shall include a reasonable location where a vehicle or
 5403 person involved in an accident has been moved at the direction of a law-enforcement officer to facilitate the
 5404 clearing of the highway or to ensure the safety of the motoring public.

5405 D. Such officers may, within three hours of the alleged offense, arrest without a warrant at any location
 5406 any person whom the officer has probable cause to suspect of driving or operating a motor vehicle, watercraft
 5407 or motorboat while intoxicated in violation of § 18.2-266, 18.2-266.1, 46.2-341.24, or subsection B of
 5408 § 29.1-738; or a substantially similar ordinance of any county, city, or town in the Commonwealth, whether
 5409 or not the offense was committed in such officer's presence. Such officers may, within three hours of the
 5410 alleged offense, arrest without a warrant at any location any person whom the officer has probable cause to
 5411 suspect of operating a watercraft or motorboat in violation of an order issued pursuant to § 29.1-738.4,
 5412 whether or not the offense was committed in such officer's presence.

5413 E. Such officers may arrest, without a warrant or a *capias*, persons duly charged with a crime in another
 5414 jurisdiction upon receipt of a photocopy of a warrant or a *capias*, telegram, computer printout, facsimile
 5415 printout, a radio, telephone or teletype message, in which photocopy of a warrant, telegram, computer
 5416 printout, facsimile printout, radio, telephone or teletype message shall be given the name or a reasonably
 5417 accurate description of such person wanted and the crime alleged.

5418 F. Such officers may arrest, without a warrant or a *capias*, for an alleged misdemeanor not committed in
 5419 his presence when the officer receives a radio message from his department or other law-enforcement agency
 5420 within the Commonwealth that a warrant or *capias* for such offense is on file.

5421 G. Such officers may also arrest without a warrant for an alleged misdemeanor not committed in their
 5422 presence involving (i) shoplifting in violation of § 18.2-96 or 18.2-103 or a similar local ordinance, (ii)
 5423 carrying a weapon on school property in violation of § 18.2-308.1, (iii) assault and battery, (iv) brandishing a
 5424 firearm in violation of § 18.2-282, or (v) destruction of property in violation of § 18.2-137, when such
 5425 property is located on premises used for business or commercial purposes, or a similar local ordinance, when
 5426 any such arrest is based on probable cause upon reasonable complaint of the person who observed the alleged
 5427 offense. The arresting officer may issue a summons to any person arrested under this section for a
 5428 misdemeanor violation involving shoplifting.

5429 **§ 19.2-81.1. Arrest without warrant by correctional officers in certain cases.**

5430 Any correctional officer, as defined in § 53.1-1, may arrest, in the same manner as provided in § 19.2-81,
 5431 persons for crimes involving:

- 5432 (a) 1. The escape of an inmate from a correctional institution, as defined in § 53.1-1;
- 5433 (b) 2. Assisting an inmate to escape from a correctional institution, as defined in § 53.1-1;
- 5434 (c) 3. The delivery of contraband to an inmate in violation of § 4.1-1117, 18.2-474, or § 18.2-474.1; and
- 5435 (d) 4. Any other criminal offense ~~which~~ *that* may contribute to the disruption of the safety, welfare, or
 5436 security of the population of a correctional institution.

5437 **§ 19.2-83.1. Report of arrest of school employees and adult students for certain offenses.**

5438 A. Every state official or agency and every sheriff, police officer, or other local law-enforcement officer
 5439 or conservator of the peace having the power to arrest for a felony, upon arresting a person who is known or
 5440 discovered by the arresting official to be a full-time, part-time, permanent, or temporary teacher or any other
 5441 employee in any local school division in the Commonwealth for a felony or a Class 1 misdemeanor or an
 5442 equivalent offense in another state, shall file a report of such arrest with the division safety official designated
 5443 pursuant to subsection F of § 22.1-279.8 in the school division in which such person is employed as soon as
 5444 practicable but no later than 48 hours after such arrest. The contents of the report required pursuant to this
 5445 subsection shall be utilized by the local school division solely to implement the provisions of subsection B of
 5446 § 22.1-296.2 and § 22.1-315.

5447 B. The report required pursuant to subsection A shall be transmitted to the division safety official (i) via
 5448 certified mail, return receipt requested, to the mailing address identified by the division superintendent
 5449 pursuant to subsection F of § 22.1-279.8 or (ii) via email to the email address identified by the division

5450 superintendent pursuant to subsection F of § 22.1-279.8. Any certified mail return receipt shall be retained in
5451 the case file.

5452 C. (Expires July 1, 2027) In the event that the law-enforcement agency has existing access to Virginia
5453 Employment Commission records, each arresting official shall request in writing that the Virginia
5454 Employment Commission provide the name of the current employer of each person arrested for an offense set
5455 forth in § 9.1-902 for purposes of determining whether a report is required pursuant to subsection A.

5456 D. Every state official or agency and every sheriff, police officer, or other local law-enforcement officer
5457 or conservator of the peace having the power to arrest for a felony shall file a report, as soon as practicable,
5458 with the division superintendent of the school division in which the student is enrolled upon arresting a
5459 person who is known or discovered by the arresting official to be a student age 18 or older in any local school
5460 division in the Commonwealth for:

5461 1. A firearm offense pursuant to Article 4 (§ 18.2-279 et seq.), 5 (§ 18.2-288 et seq.), 6 (§ 18.2-299 et
5462 seq.), 6.1 (§ 18.2-307.1 et seq.), or 7 (§ 18.2-308.1 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2;

5463 2. Homicide, pursuant to Article 1 (§ 18.2-30 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2;

5464 3. Felonious assault and bodily wounding, pursuant to Article 4 (§ 18.2-51 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title
5465 18.2;

5466 4. Criminal sexual assault, pursuant to Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2;

5467 5. Manufacture, sale, gift, distribution or possession of Schedule I or II controlled substances, pursuant to
5468 Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2;

5469 6. Manufacture, sale or distribution of marijuana pursuant to ~~Article 4~~ *Chapter 11* (§ ~~18.2-247 4.1-1100~~ et
5470 seq.) of ~~Chapter 7~~ of Title ~~18.2 4.1~~;

5471 7. Arson and related crimes, pursuant to Article 1 (§ 18.2-77 et seq.) of Chapter 5 of Title 18.2;

5472 8. Burglary and related offenses, pursuant to §§ 18.2-89 through 18.2-93;

5473 9. Robbery pursuant to § 18.2-58;

5474 10. Prohibited criminal street gang activity pursuant to § 18.2-46.2;

5475 11. Recruitment of juveniles for criminal street gang pursuant to § 18.2-46.3;

5476 12. An act of violence by a mob pursuant to § 18.2-42.1; or

5477 13. Abduction of any person pursuant to § 18.2-47 or 18.2-48.

5478 **§ 19.2-188.1. Testimony regarding identification of controlled substances.**

5479 A. In any preliminary hearing on a violation of Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 4.1, Article 1
5480 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2, or subdivision 6 of § 53.1-203, any law-enforcement officer
5481 shall be permitted to testify as to the results of field tests that have been approved by the Department of
5482 Forensic Science pursuant to regulations adopted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act
5483 (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.), regarding whether or not any substance the identity of which is at issue in such hearing is
5484 a controlled substance, *or* imitation controlled substance, *as defined in § 18.2-247*, or marijuana, as defined in
5485 ~~§ 18.2-247 4.1-600~~.

5486 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
5487 permitted to testify as to the results of any marijuana field test approved as accurate and reliable by the
5488 Department of Forensic Science pursuant to regulations adopted in accordance with the Administrative
5489 Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.), regarding whether or not any plant material, the identity of which is at issue,
5490 is marijuana provided the defendant has been given written notice of his right to request a full chemical
5491 analysis. Such notice shall be on a form approved by the Supreme Court and shall be provided to the
5492 defendant prior to trial.

5493 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
5494 attorney of record for the accused, desires a full chemical analysis of the alleged plant material, he may, by
5495 motion prior to trial before the court in which the charge is pending, request such a chemical analysis. Upon
5496 such motion, the court shall order that the analysis be performed by the Department of Forensic Science in
5497 accordance with the provisions of ~~§ 18.2-247 9.1-1101~~ and shall prescribe in its order the method of custody,
5498 transfer, and return of evidence submitted for chemical analysis.

5499 **§ 19.2-303.01. Reduction of sentence; substantial assistance to prosecution.**

5500 Notwithstanding any other provision of law or rule of court, upon motion of the attorney for the
5501 Commonwealth, the sentencing court may reduce the defendant's sentence if the defendant, after entry of the
5502 final judgment order, provided substantial assistance in investigating or prosecuting another person for (i) an
5503 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
5504 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,
5505 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
5506 similar offense in any other jurisdiction, which offense would be a felony if committed in the
5507 Commonwealth; (ii) a conspiracy to commit any of the offenses listed in clause (i); or (iii) violations as a
5508 principal in the second degree or accessory before the fact of any of the offenses listed in clause (i). In
5509 determining whether the defendant has provided substantial assistance pursuant to the provisions of this
5510 section, the court shall consider (a) the court's evaluation of the significance and usefulness of the defendant's
5511 assistance, taking into consideration the Commonwealth's evaluation of the assistance rendered; (b) the

5512 truthfulness, completeness, and reliability of any information or testimony provided by the defendant; (c) the
 5513 nature and extent of the defendant's assistance; (d) any injury suffered or any danger or risk of injury to the
 5514 defendant or his family resulting from his assistance; and (e) the timeliness of the defendant's assistance. If
 5515 the motion is made more than one year after entry of the final judgment order, the court may reduce a
 5516 sentence only if the defendant's substantial assistance involved (1) information not known to the defendant
 5517 until more than one year after entry of the final judgment order, (2) information provided by the defendant
 5518 within one year of entry of the final judgment order but that did not become useful to the Commonwealth
 5519 until more than one year after entry of the final judgment order, or (3) information the usefulness of which
 5520 could not reasonably have been anticipated by the defendant until more than one year after entry of the final
 5521 judgment order and which was promptly provided to the Commonwealth by the defendant after its usefulness
 5522 was reasonably apparent.

5523 **§ 19.2-386.22. Seizure of property used in connection with or derived from illegal drug transactions.**

5524 A. The following property shall be subject to lawful seizure by any officer charged with enforcing the
 5525 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*
 5526 *Title 18.2: (i) all money, medical equipment, office equipment, laboratory equipment, motor vehicles, and all*
 5527 *other personal and real property of any kind or character, used in substantial connection with (a) the illegal*
 5528 *manufacture, sale or distribution of controlled substances or possession with intent to sell or distribute*
 5529 *controlled substances in violation of § 18.2-248, (b) the sale or distribution of marijuana or possession with*
 5530 *intent to distribute marijuana in violation of subdivisions (a)(2), (a)(3) and (e) of § 18.2-248.1 § 4.1-1103, or*
 5531 *(c) a drug-related offense in violation of § 4.1-1117 or 18.2-474.1; (ii) everything of value furnished, or*
 5532 *intended to be furnished, in exchange for a controlled substance in violation of § 18.2-248 or for marijuana in*
 5533 *violation of § 18.2-248.1 4.1-1103 or for a controlled substance or marijuana in violation of § 4.1-1117 or*
 5534 *18.2-474.1; and (iii) all moneys or other property, real or personal, traceable to such an exchange, together*
 5535 *with any interest or profits derived from the investment of such money or other property. Under the*
 5536 *provisions of clause (i), real property shall not be subject to lawful seizure unless the minimum prescribed*
 5537 *punishment for the violation is a term of not less than five years.*

5538 B. All seizures and forfeitures under this section shall be governed by the procedures contained in Chapter
 5539 22.1 (§ 19.2-386.1 et seq.).

5540 **§ 19.2-386.23. Disposal of seized controlled substances, marijuana, and paraphernalia.**

5541 A. All controlled substances, imitation controlled substances, marijuana, or paraphernalia, the lawful
 5542 possession of which is not established or the title to which cannot be ascertained, which have come into the
 5543 custody of a peace officer or have been seized in connection with violations of *Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et*
 5544 *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:*

5545 1. Upon written application by (i) the Department of Forensic Science, (ii) the Department of State Police,
 5546 or (iii) any police department or sheriff's office in a locality, the court may order the forfeiture of any such
 5547 substance or paraphernalia to the Department of Forensic Science, the Department of State Police, or to such
 5548 police department or sheriff's office for research and training purposes and for destruction pursuant to
 5549 regulations of the United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration and of the Board of
 5550 Pharmacy once these purposes have been fulfilled.

5551 2. In the event no application is made under subdivision 1, the court shall order the destruction of all such
 5552 substances or paraphernalia, which order shall state the existence and nature of the substance or
 5553 paraphernalia, the quantity thereof, the location where seized, the person or persons from whom the substance
 5554 or paraphernalia was seized, if known, and the manner whereby such item shall be destroyed. However, the
 5555 court may order that paraphernalia identified in subdivision 5 of § 18.2-265.1 not be destroyed and that it be
 5556 given to a person or entity that makes a showing to the court of sufficient need for the property and an ability
 5557 to put the property to a lawful and publicly beneficial use. A return under oath, reporting the time, place and
 5558 manner of destruction shall be made to the court by the officer to whom the order is directed. A copy of the
 5559 order and affidavit shall be made a part of the record of any criminal prosecution in which the substance or
 5560 paraphernalia was used as evidence and shall, thereafter, be prima facie evidence of its contents. In the event
 5561 a law-enforcement agency recovers, seizes, finds, is given or otherwise comes into possession of any such
 5562 substances or paraphernalia that are not evidence in a trial in the Commonwealth, the chief law-enforcement
 5563 officer of the agency or his designee may, with the written consent of the appropriate attorney for the
 5564 Commonwealth, order destruction of same; provided that a statement under oath, reporting a description of
 5565 the substances and paraphernalia destroyed and the time, place and manner of destruction, is made to the
 5566 chief law-enforcement officer by the officer to whom the order is directed.

5567 B. No such substance or paraphernalia used or to be used in a criminal prosecution under *Chapter 11*
 5568 *(§ 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*
 5569 *provided by this section until all rights of appeal have been exhausted, except as provided in § 19.2-386.24.*

5570 C. The amount of any specific controlled substance, or imitation controlled substance, retained by any
 5571 law-enforcement agency pursuant to a court order issued under this section shall not exceed five pounds, or
 5572 25 pounds in the case of marijuana. Any written application to the court for controlled substances, imitation
 5573 controlled substances, or marijuana, shall certify that the amount requested shall not result in the requesting

5574 agency's exceeding the limits allowed by this subsection.

5575 D. A law-enforcement agency that retains any controlled substance, imitation controlled substance, or
5576 marijuana, pursuant to a court order issued under this section shall (i) be required to conduct an inventory of
5577 such substance on a monthly basis, which shall include a description and weight of the substance, and (ii)
5578 destroy such substance pursuant to subdivision A 1 when no longer needed for research and training
5579 purposes. A written report outlining the details of the inventory shall be made to the chief law-enforcement
5580 officer of the agency within 10 days of the completion of the inventory, and the agency shall detail the
5581 substances that were used for research and training pursuant to a court order in the immediately preceding
5582 fiscal year. Destruction of such substance shall be certified to the court along with a statement prepared under
5583 oath, reporting a description of the substance destroyed, and the time, place, and manner of destruction.

5584 **§ 19.2-386.24. Destruction of seized controlled substances or marijuana prior to trial.**

5585 Where seizures of controlled substances or marijuana are made in excess of 10 pounds in connection with
5586 any prosecution or investigation under *Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 4.1 or Chapter 7 (§ 18.2-247 et*
5587 *seq.) of Title 18.2*, the appropriate law-enforcement agency may retain 10 pounds of the substance randomly
5588 selected from the seized substance for representative purposes as evidence and destroy the remainder of the
5589 seized substance.

5590 Before any destruction is carried out under this section, the law-enforcement agency shall cause the
5591 material seized to be photographed with identification case numbers or other means of identification and shall
5592 prepare a report identifying the seized material. It shall also notify the accused, or other interested party, if
5593 known, or his attorney, at least five days in advance that the photography will take place and that they may be
5594 present. Prior to any destruction under this section, the law-enforcement agency shall also notify the accused
5595 or other interested party, if known, and his attorney at least seven days prior to the destruction of the time and
5596 place the destruction will occur. Any notice required under the provisions of this section shall be by first-
5597 class mail to the last known address of the person required to be notified. In addition to the substance retained
5598 for representative purposes as evidence, all photographs and records made under this section and properly
5599 identified shall be admissible in any court proceeding for any purposes for which the seized substance itself
5600 would have been admissible.

5601 **§ 19.2-386.25. Judge may order law-enforcement agency to maintain custody of controlled**
5602 **substances, etc.**

5603 Upon request of the clerk of any court, a judge of the court may order a law-enforcement agency to take
5604 into its custody or to maintain custody of substantial quantities of any controlled substances, imitation
5605 controlled substances, chemicals, marijuana, or paraphernalia used or to be used in a criminal prosecution
5606 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
5607 its order may make provision for ensuring integrity of these items until further order of the court.

5608 **§ 19.2-389. (Effective until July 1, 2026) Dissemination of criminal history record information.**

5609 A. Criminal history record information shall be disseminated, whether directly or through an intermediary,
5610 only to:

5611 1. Authorized officers or employees of criminal justice agencies, as defined by § 9.1-101, for purposes of
5612 the administration of criminal justice and the screening of an employment application or review of
5613 employment by a criminal justice agency with respect to its own employees or applicants, and dissemination
5614 to the Virginia Parole Board, pursuant to this subdivision, of such information on all state-responsible
5615 inmates for the purpose of making parole determinations pursuant to subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 of
5616 § 53.1-136 shall include collective dissemination by electronic means every 30 days. For purposes of this
5617 subdivision, criminal history record information includes information sent to the Central Criminal Records
5618 Exchange pursuant to §§ 37.2-819 and 64.2-2014 when disseminated to any full-time or part-time employee
5619 of the State Police, a police department or sheriff's office that is a part of or administered by the
5620 Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof, and who is responsible for the prevention and detection
5621 of crime and the enforcement of the penal, traffic or highway laws of the Commonwealth for the purposes of
5622 the administration of criminal justice;

5623 2. Such other individuals and agencies that require criminal history record information to implement a
5624 state or federal statute or executive order of the President of the United States or Governor that expressly
5625 refers to criminal conduct and contains requirements or exclusions expressly based upon such conduct, except
5626 that information concerning the arrest of an individual may not be disseminated to a noncriminal justice
5627 agency or individual if an interval of one year has elapsed from the date of the arrest and no disposition of the
5628 charge has been recorded and no active prosecution of the charge is pending;

5629 3. Individuals and agencies pursuant to a specific agreement with a criminal justice agency to provide
5630 services required for the administration of criminal justice pursuant to that agreement which shall specifically
5631 authorize access to data, limit the use of data to purposes for which given, and ensure the security and
5632 confidentiality of the data;

5633 4. Individuals and agencies for the express purpose of research, evaluative, or statistical activities pursuant
5634 to an agreement with a criminal justice agency that shall specifically authorize access to data, limit the use of
5635 data to research, evaluative, or statistical purposes, and ensure the confidentiality and security of the data;

- 5636 5. Agencies of state or federal government that are authorized by state or federal statute or executive order
5637 of the President of the United States or Governor to conduct investigations determining employment
5638 suitability or eligibility for security clearances allowing access to classified information;
- 5639 6. Individuals and agencies where authorized by court order or court rule;
- 5640 7. Agencies of any political subdivision of the Commonwealth, public transportation companies owned,
5641 operated or controlled by any political subdivision, and any public service corporation that operates a public
5642 transit system owned by a local government for the conduct of investigations of applicants for employment,
5643 permit, or license whenever, in the interest of public welfare or safety, it is necessary to determine under a
5644 duly enacted ordinance if the past criminal conduct of a person with a conviction record would be compatible
5645 with the nature of the employment, permit, or license under consideration;
- 5646 7a. Commissions created pursuant to the Transportation District Act of 1964 (§ 33.2-1900 et seq.) of Title
5647 33.2 and their contractors, for the conduct of investigations of individuals who have been offered a position
5648 of employment whenever, in the interest of public welfare or safety and as authorized in the Transportation
5649 District Act of 1964, it is necessary to determine if the past criminal conduct of a person with a conviction
5650 record would be compatible with the nature of the employment under consideration;
- 5651 8. Public or private agencies when authorized or required by federal or state law or interstate compact to
5652 investigate (i) applicants for foster or adoptive parenthood or (ii) any individual, and the adult members of
5653 that individual's household, with whom the agency is considering placing a child or from whom the agency is
5654 considering removing a child due to abuse or neglect, on an emergency, temporary, or permanent basis
5655 pursuant to §§ 63.2-901.1 and 63.2-1505, subject to the restriction that the data shall not be further
5656 disseminated to any party other than a federal or state authority or court as may be required to comply with an
5657 express requirement of law;
- 5658 9. To the extent permitted by federal law or regulation, public service companies as defined in § 56-1, for
5659 the conduct of investigations of applicants for employment when such employment involves personal contact
5660 with the public or when past criminal conduct of an applicant would be incompatible with the nature of the
5661 employment under consideration;
- 5662 10. The appropriate authority for purposes of granting citizenship and for purposes of international travel,
5663 including, but not limited to, issuing visas and passports;
- 5664 11. A person requesting a copy of his own criminal history record information as defined in § 9.1-101 at
5665 his cost, except that criminal history record information shall be supplied at no charge to a person who has
5666 applied to be a volunteer with (i) a Virginia affiliate of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America; (ii) a volunteer
5667 fire company; (iii) the Volunteer Emergency Families for Children; (iv) any affiliate of Prevent Child Abuse,
5668 Virginia; (v) any Virginia affiliate of Compeer; or (vi) any board member or any individual who has been
5669 offered membership on the board of a Crime Stoppers, Crime Solvers or Crime Line program as defined in
5670 § 15.2-1713.1;
- 5671 12. Administrators and board presidents of and applicants for licensure or registration as a child welfare
5672 agency as defined in § 63.2-100 for dissemination to the Commissioner of Social Services' representative
5673 pursuant to § 63.2-1702 for the conduct of investigations with respect to employees of and volunteers at such
5674 facilities, caretakers, and foster and adoptive parent applicants of private child-placing agencies, pursuant to
5675 §§ 63.2-1719, 63.2-1720, and 63.2-1721, subject to the restriction that the data shall not be further
5676 disseminated by the facility or agency to any party other than the data subject, the Commissioner of Social
5677 Services' representative or a federal or state authority or court as may be required to comply with an express
5678 requirement of law for such further dissemination; however, nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to
5679 prohibit the Commissioner of Social Services' representative from issuing written certifications regarding the
5680 results of a background check that was conducted before July 1, 2021, in accordance with subsection J of
5681 § 22.1-289.035 or § 22.1-289.039;
- 5682 13. The Department of Social Services for the purpose of screening individuals as a condition of licensure,
5683 employment, volunteering, or providing services on a regular basis in a licensed child welfare agency
5684 pursuant to §§ 63.2-1721 and 63.2-1726 or foster or adoptive home approved by a child-placing agency
5685 pursuant to § 63.2-901.1;
- 5686 14. The school boards of the Commonwealth for the purpose of screening individuals who are offered or
5687 who accept public school employment and those current school board employees for whom a report of arrest
5688 has been made pursuant to § 19.2-83.1;
- 5689 15. The Virginia Lottery for the conduct of investigations as set forth in the Virginia Lottery Law
5690 (§ 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
5691 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the conduct of investigations as set forth in Article
5692 1.1:1 (§ 18.2-340.15 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2;
- 5693 16. Licensed nursing homes, hospitals and home care organizations for the conduct of investigations of
5694 applicants for compensated employment in licensed nursing homes pursuant to § 32.1-126.01, hospital
5695 pharmacies pursuant to § 32.1-126.02, and home care organizations pursuant to § 32.1-162.9:1, subject to the
5696 limitations set out in subsection E;
- 5697 17. Licensed assisted living facilities and licensed adult day centers for the conduct of investigations of

5698 applicants for compensated employment in licensed assisted living facilities and licensed adult day centers
5699 pursuant to § 63.2-1720, subject to the limitations set out in subsection F;

5700 18. The Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority for the conduct of investigations as set forth in
5701 § 4.1-103.1 or the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority for the conduct of investigations as set forth in
5702 § 4.1-622;

5703 19. The State Board of Elections and authorized officers and employees thereof and general registrars
5704 appointed pursuant to § 24.2-110 in the course of conducting necessary investigations with respect to voter
5705 registration, limited to any record of felony convictions;

5706 20. The Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (the Commissioner) or his
5707 designees for individuals who are committed to the custody of or being evaluated by the Commissioner
5708 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,
5709 19.2-182.8, and 19.2-182.9 where such information may be beneficial for the purpose of placement,
5710 evaluation, treatment, or discharge planning;

5711 21. Any alcohol safety action program certified by the Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action
5712 Program for (i) interventions with first offenders under § 18.2-251 or (ii) services to offenders under
5713 § 18.2-51.4, 18.2-266, or 18.2-266.1;

5714 22. Residential facilities for juveniles regulated or operated by the Department of Social Services, the
5715 Department of Education, or the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for the
5716 purpose of determining applicants' fitness for employment or for providing volunteer or contractual services;

5717 23. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and facilities operated by the
5718 Department for the purpose of determining an individual's fitness for employment pursuant to departmental
5719 instructions;

5720 24. Pursuant to § 22.1-296.3, the governing boards or administrators of private elementary or secondary
5721 schools which are accredited pursuant to § 22.1-19 or a private organization coordinating such records
5722 information on behalf of such governing boards or administrators pursuant to a written agreement with the
5723 Department of State Police;

5724 25. Public institutions of higher education and nonprofit private institutions of higher education for the
5725 purpose of screening individuals who are offered or accept employment;

5726 26. Members of a threat assessment team established by a local school board pursuant to § 22.1-79.4, by a
5727 public institution of higher education pursuant to § 23.1-805, or by a private nonprofit institution of higher
5728 education, for the purpose of assessing or intervening with an individual whose behavior may present a threat
5729 to safety; however, no member of a threat assessment team shall redisclose any criminal history record
5730 information obtained pursuant to this section or otherwise use any record of an individual beyond the purpose
5731 that such disclosure was made to the threat assessment team;

5732 27. Executive directors of community services boards or the personnel director serving the community
5733 services board for the purpose of determining an individual's fitness for employment, approval as a sponsored
5734 residential service provider, permission to enter into a shared living arrangement with a person receiving
5735 medical assistance services pursuant to a waiver, or permission for any person under contract with the
5736 community services board to serve in a direct care position on behalf of the community services board
5737 pursuant to §§ 37.2-506, 37.2-506.1, and 37.2-607;

5738 28. Executive directors of behavioral health authorities as defined in § 37.2-600 for the purpose of
5739 determining an individual's fitness for employment, approval as a sponsored residential service provider,
5740 permission to enter into a shared living arrangement with a person receiving medical assistance services
5741 pursuant to a waiver, or permission for any person under contract with the behavioral health authority to
5742 serve in a direct care position on behalf of the behavioral health authority pursuant to §§ 37.2-506,
5743 37.2-506.1, and 37.2-607;

5744 29. The Commissioner of Social Services for the purpose of locating persons who owe child support or
5745 who are alleged in a pending paternity proceeding to be a putative father, provided that only the name,
5746 address, demographics and social security number of the data subject shall be released;

5747 30. Authorized officers or directors of agencies licensed pursuant to Article 2 (§ 37.2-403 et seq.) of
5748 Chapter 4 of Title 37.2 by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for the purpose
5749 of determining if any applicant who accepts employment in any direct care position or requests approval as a
5750 sponsored residential service provider, permission to enter into a shared living arrangement with a person
5751 receiving medical assistance services pursuant to a waiver, or permission for any person under contract with
5752 the provider to serve in a direct care position has been convicted of a crime that affects his fitness to have
5753 responsibility for the safety and well-being of individuals with mental illness, intellectual disability, or
5754 substance abuse pursuant to §§ 37.2-416, 37.2-416.1, 37.2-506, 37.2-506.1, and 37.2-607;

5755 31. The Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, for the purpose of evaluating applicants for
5756 and holders of a motor carrier certificate or license subject to the provisions of Chapters 20 (§ 46.2-2000 et
5757 seq.) and 21 (§ 46.2-2100 et seq.) of Title 46.2;

5758 32. The Chairman of the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice or the Chairman of the House Committee
5759 for Courts of Justice for the purpose of determining if any person being considered for election to any

5760 judgeship has been convicted of a crime;

5761 33. Heads of state agencies in which positions have been identified as sensitive for the purpose of
5762 determining an individual's fitness for employment in positions designated as sensitive under Department of
5763 Human Resource Management policies developed pursuant to § 2.2-1201.1;

5764 34. The Office of the Attorney General, for all criminal justice activities otherwise permitted under
5765 subdivision A 1 and for purposes of performing duties required by the Civil Commitment of Sexually Violent
5766 Predators Act (§ 37.2-900 et seq.);

5767 35. Shipyards, to the extent permitted by federal law or regulation, engaged in the design, construction,
5768 overhaul, or repair of nuclear vessels for the United States Navy, including their subsidiary companies, for
5769 the conduct of investigations of applications for employment or for access to facilities, by contractors, leased
5770 laborers, and other visitors;

5771 36. Any employer of individuals whose employment requires that they enter the homes of others, for the
5772 purpose of screening individuals who apply for, are offered, or have accepted such employment;

5773 37. Public agencies when and as required by federal or state law to investigate (i) applicants as providers
5774 of adult foster care and home-based services or (ii) any individual with whom the agency is considering
5775 placing an adult on an emergency, temporary, or permanent basis pursuant to § 63.2-1601.1, subject to the
5776 restriction that the data shall not be further disseminated by the agency to any party other than a federal or
5777 state authority or court as may be required to comply with an express requirement of law for such further
5778 dissemination, subject to limitations set out in subsection G;

5779 38. The Department of Medical Assistance Services, or its designee, for the purpose of screening
5780 individuals who, through contracts, subcontracts, or direct employment, volunteer, apply for, are offered, or
5781 have accepted a position related to the provision of transportation services to enrollees in the Medicaid
5782 Program or the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) Program, or any other program
5783 administered by the Department of Medical Assistance Services;

5784 39. The State Corporation Commission for the purpose of investigating individuals who are current or
5785 proposed members, senior officers, directors, and principals of an applicant or person licensed under Chapter
5786 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.
5787 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if an application is denied based in whole or in part on
5788 information obtained from the Central Criminal Records Exchange pursuant to Chapter 16, 19, or 26 of Title
5789 6.2, the Commissioner of Financial Institutions or his designee may disclose such information to the applicant
5790 or its designee;

5791 40. The Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation for the purpose of investigating
5792 individuals for initial licensure pursuant to § 54.1-2106.1;

5793 41. The Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services and the Department for the Blind and Vision
5794 Impaired for the purpose of evaluating an individual's fitness for various types of employment and for the
5795 purpose of delivering comprehensive vocational rehabilitation services pursuant to Article 11 (§ 51.5-170 et
5796 seq.) of Chapter 14 of Title 51.5 that will assist the individual in obtaining employment;

5797 42. Bail bondsmen, in accordance with the provisions of § 19.2-120;

5798 43. The State Treasurer for the purpose of determining whether a person receiving compensation for
5799 wrongful incarceration meets the conditions for continued compensation under § 8.01-195.12;

5800 44. The Department of Education or its agents or designees for the purpose of screening individuals
5801 seeking to enter into a contract with the Department of Education or its agents or designees for the provision
5802 of child care services for which child care subsidy payments may be provided;

5803 45. The Department of Juvenile Justice to investigate any parent, guardian, or other adult members of a
5804 juvenile's household when completing a predispositional or postdispositional report required by § 16.1-273 or
5805 a Board of Juvenile Justice regulation promulgated pursuant to § 16.1-233;

5806 46. The State Corporation Commission, for the purpose of screening applicants for insurance licensure
5807 under Chapter 18 (§ 38.2-1800 et seq.) of Title 38.2;

5808 47. Administrators and board presidents of and applicants for licensure or registration as a child day
5809 program or family day system, as such terms are defined in § 22.1-289.02, for dissemination to the
5810 Superintendent of Public Instruction's representative pursuant to § 22.1-289.013 for the conduct of
5811 investigations with respect to employees of and volunteers at such facilities pursuant to §§ 22.1-289.034
5812 through 22.1-289.037, subject to the restriction that the data shall not be further disseminated by the facility
5813 or agency to any party other than the data subject, the Superintendent of Public Instruction's representative, or
5814 a federal or state authority or court as may be required to comply with an express requirement of law for such
5815 further dissemination; however, nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit the Superintendent
5816 of Public Instruction's representative from issuing written certifications regarding the results of prior
5817 background checks in accordance with subsection J of § 22.1-289.035 or § 22.1-289.039;

5818 48. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children for the purpose of screening individuals who
5819 are offered or accept employment or will be providing volunteer or contractual services with the National
5820 Center for Missing and Exploited Children;

5821 49. The Executive Director or investigators of the Board of Accountancy for the purpose of the

5822 enforcement of laws relating to the Board of Accountancy in accordance with § 54.1-4407; and

5823 50. Other entities as otherwise provided by law.

5824 Upon an ex parte motion of a defendant in a felony case and upon the showing that the records requested
5825 may be relevant to such case, the court shall enter an order requiring the Central Criminal Records Exchange
5826 to furnish the defendant, as soon as practicable, copies of any records of persons designated in the order on
5827 whom a report has been made under the provisions of this chapter.

5828 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, upon a written request sworn to
5829 before an officer authorized to take acknowledgments, the Central Criminal Records Exchange, or the
5830 criminal justice agency in cases of offenses not required to be reported to the Exchange, shall furnish a copy
5831 of conviction data covering the person named in the request to the person making the request; however, such
5832 person on whom the data is being obtained shall consent in writing, under oath, to the making of such
5833 request. A person receiving a copy of his own conviction data may utilize or further disseminate that data as
5834 he deems appropriate. In the event no conviction data is maintained on the data subject, the person making
5835 the request shall be furnished at his cost a certification to that effect.

5836 B. Use of criminal history record information disseminated to noncriminal justice agencies under this
5837 section shall be limited to the purposes for which it was given and may not be disseminated further, except as
5838 otherwise provided in subdivision A 47.

5839 C. No criminal justice agency or person shall confirm the existence or nonexistence of criminal history
5840 record information for employment or licensing inquiries except as provided by law.

5841 D. Criminal justice agencies shall establish procedures to query the Central Criminal Records Exchange
5842 prior to dissemination of any criminal history record information on offenses required to be reported to the
5843 Central Criminal Records Exchange to ensure that the most up-to-date disposition data is being used.
5844 Inquiries of the Exchange shall be made prior to any dissemination except in those cases where time is of the
5845 essence and the normal response time of the Exchange would exceed the necessary time period. A criminal
5846 justice agency to whom a request has been made for the dissemination of criminal history record information
5847 that is required to be reported to the Central Criminal Records Exchange may direct the inquirer to the
5848 Central Criminal Records Exchange for such dissemination. Dissemination of information regarding offenses
5849 not required to be reported to the Exchange shall be made by the criminal justice agency maintaining the
5850 record as required by § 15.2-1722.

5851 E. Criminal history information provided to licensed nursing homes, hospitals and to home care
5852 organizations pursuant to subdivision A 16 shall be limited to the convictions on file with the Exchange for
5853 any offense specified in §§ 32.1-126.01, 32.1-126.02, and 32.1-162.9:1.

5854 F. Criminal history information provided to licensed assisted living facilities and licensed adult day
5855 centers pursuant to subdivision A 17 shall be limited to the convictions on file with the Exchange for any
5856 offense specified in § 63.2-1720.

5857 G. Criminal history information provided to public agencies pursuant to subdivision A 37 shall be limited
5858 to the convictions on file with the Exchange for any offense set forth in clause (i) of the definition of barrier
5859 crime in § 19.2-392.02.

5860 H. Upon receipt of a written request from an employer or prospective employer, the Central Criminal
5861 Records Exchange, or the criminal justice agency in cases of offenses not required to be reported to the
5862 Exchange, shall furnish at the employer's cost a copy of conviction data covering the person named in the
5863 request to the employer or prospective employer making the request, provided that the person on whom the
5864 data is being obtained has consented in writing to the making of such request and has presented a photo-
5865 identification to the employer or prospective employer. In the event no conviction data is maintained on the
5866 person named in the request, the requesting employer or prospective employer shall be furnished at his cost a
5867 certification to that effect. The criminal history record search shall be conducted on forms provided by the
5868 Exchange.

5869 I. The attorney for the Commonwealth shall provide a physical or electronic copy of a person's criminal
5870 history record information, including criminal history record information maintained in the National Crime
5871 Information Center (NCIC) and the Interstate Identification Index System (III System) that is in his
5872 possession, pursuant to the rules of court for obtaining discovery or for review by the court. No criminal
5873 history record information provided under this subsection shall be disseminated further.

5874 **§ 19.2-389. (Effective July 1, 2026) Dissemination of criminal history record information.**

5875 A. Criminal history record information shall be disseminated, whether directly or through an intermediary,
5876 only to:

5877 1. Authorized officers or employees of criminal justice agencies, as defined by § 9.1-101, for purposes of
5878 the administration of criminal justice and the screening of an employment application or review of
5879 employment by a criminal justice agency with respect to its own employees or applicants, and dissemination
5880 to the Virginia Parole Board, pursuant to this subdivision, of such information on all state-responsible
5881 inmates for the purpose of making parole determinations pursuant to subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 of
5882 § 53.1-136 shall include collective dissemination by electronic means every 30 days. For purposes of this
5883 subdivision, criminal history record information includes information sent to the Central Criminal Records

5884 Exchange pursuant to §§ 37.2-819 and 64.2-2014 when disseminated to any full-time or part-time employee
5885 of the State Police, a police department or sheriff's office that is a part of or administered by the
5886 Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof, and who is responsible for the prevention and detection
5887 of crime and the enforcement of the penal, traffic or highway laws of the Commonwealth for the purposes of
5888 the administration of criminal justice;

5889 2. Such other individuals and agencies that require criminal history record information to implement a
5890 state or federal statute or executive order of the President of the United States or Governor that expressly
5891 refers to criminal conduct and contains requirements or exclusions expressly based upon such conduct, except
5892 that information concerning the arrest of an individual may not be disseminated to a noncriminal justice
5893 agency or individual if an interval of one year has elapsed from the date of the arrest and no disposition of the
5894 charge has been recorded and no active prosecution of the charge is pending;

5895 3. Individuals and agencies pursuant to a specific agreement with a criminal justice agency to provide
5896 services required for the administration of criminal justice pursuant to that agreement which shall specifically
5897 authorize access to data, limit the use of data to purposes for which given, and ensure the security and
5898 confidentiality of the data;

5899 4. Individuals and agencies for the express purpose of research, evaluative, or statistical activities pursuant
5900 to an agreement with a criminal justice agency that shall specifically authorize access to data, limit the use of
5901 data to research, evaluative, or statistical purposes, and ensure the confidentiality and security of the data;

5902 5. Agencies of state or federal government that are authorized by state or federal statute or executive order
5903 of the President of the United States or Governor to conduct investigations determining employment
5904 suitability or eligibility for security clearances allowing access to classified information;

5905 6. Individuals and agencies where authorized by court order or court rule;

5906 7. Agencies of any political subdivision of the Commonwealth, public transportation companies owned,
5907 operated or controlled by any political subdivision, and any public service corporation that operates a public
5908 transit system owned by a local government for the conduct of investigations of applicants for employment,
5909 permit, or license whenever, in the interest of public welfare or safety, it is necessary to determine under a
5910 duly enacted ordinance if the past criminal conduct of a person with a conviction record would be compatible
5911 with the nature of the employment, permit, or license under consideration;

5912 7a. Commissions created pursuant to the Transportation District Act of 1964 (§ 33.2-1900 et seq.) of Title
5913 33-2 and their contractors, for the conduct of investigations of individuals who have been offered a position
5914 of employment whenever, in the interest of public welfare or safety and as authorized in the Transportation
5915 District Act of 1964, it is necessary to determine if the past criminal conduct of a person with a conviction
5916 record would be compatible with the nature of the employment under consideration;

5917 8. Public or private agencies when authorized or required by federal or state law or interstate compact to
5918 investigate (i) applicants for foster or adoptive parenthood or (ii) any individual, and the adult members of
5919 that individual's household, with whom the agency is considering placing a child or from whom the agency is
5920 considering removing a child due to abuse or neglect, on an emergency, temporary, or permanent basis
5921 pursuant to §§ 63.2-901.1 and 63.2-1505, subject to the restriction that the data shall not be further
5922 disseminated to any party other than a federal or state authority or court as may be required to comply with an
5923 express requirement of law;

5924 9. To the extent permitted by federal law or regulation, public service companies as defined in § 56-1, for
5925 the conduct of investigations of applicants for employment when such employment involves personal contact
5926 with the public or when past criminal conduct of an applicant would be incompatible with the nature of the
5927 employment under consideration;

5928 10. The appropriate authority for purposes of granting citizenship and for purposes of international travel,
5929 including, but not limited to, issuing visas and passports;

5930 11. A person requesting a copy of his own criminal history record information as defined in § 9.1-101 at
5931 his cost, except that criminal history record information shall be supplied at no charge to a person who has
5932 applied to be a volunteer with (i) a Virginia affiliate of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America; (ii) a volunteer
5933 fire company; (iii) the Volunteer Emergency Families for Children; (iv) any affiliate of Prevent Child Abuse,
5934 Virginia; (v) any Virginia affiliate of Compeer; or (vi) any board member or any individual who has been
5935 offered membership on the board of a Crime Stoppers, Crime Solvers or Crime Line program as defined in
5936 § 15.2-1713.1;

5937 12. Administrators and board presidents of and applicants for licensure or registration as a child welfare
5938 agency as defined in § 63.2-100 for dissemination to the Commissioner of Social Services' representative
5939 pursuant to § 63.2-1702 for the conduct of investigations with respect to employees of and volunteers at such
5940 facilities, caretakers, and foster and adoptive parent applicants of private child-placing agencies, pursuant to
5941 §§ 63.2-1719, 63.2-1720, and 63.2-1721, subject to the restriction that the data shall not be further
5942 disseminated by the facility or agency to any party other than the data subject, the Commissioner of Social
5943 Services' representative or a federal or state authority or court as may be required to comply with an express
5944 requirement of law for such further dissemination; however, nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to
5945 prohibit the Commissioner of Social Services' representative from issuing written certifications regarding the

5946 results of a background check that was conducted before July 1, 2021, in accordance with subsection J of
5947 § 22.1-289.035 or § 22.1-289.039;

5948 13. Administrators and board presidents of and applicants for licensure as a prescribed pediatric extended
5949 care center for dissemination to the State Health Commissioner's representative pursuant to
5950 §§ 32.1-162.15:1.5 and 32.1-162.15:1.10 for the conduct of investigations with respect to employees of and
5951 volunteers at such centers, pursuant to § 32.1-162.15:1.17, subject to the restriction that the data shall not be
5952 further disseminated by the center to any party other than the data subject, the State Health Commissioner's
5953 representative, or a federal or state authority or court as may be required to comply with an express
5954 requirement of law;

5955 14. The Department of Social Services for the purpose of screening individuals as a condition of licensure,
5956 employment, volunteering, or providing services on a regular basis in a licensed child welfare agency
5957 pursuant to §§ 63.2-1721 and 63.2-1726 or foster or adoptive home approved by a child-placing agency
5958 pursuant to § 63.2-901.1;

5959 15. The school boards of the Commonwealth for the purpose of screening individuals who are offered or
5960 who accept public school employment and those current school board employees for whom a report of arrest
5961 has been made pursuant to § 19.2-83.1;

5962 16. The Virginia Lottery for the conduct of investigations as set forth in the Virginia Lottery Law
5963 (§ 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
5964 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the conduct of investigations as set forth in Article
5965 1.1:1 (§ 18.2-340.15 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2;

5966 17. Licensed prescribed pediatric extended care centers for the conduct of investigations of applicants for
5967 compensated employment and volunteers in licensed prescribed pediatric extended care centers pursuant to
5968 § 32.1-162.15:1.17;

5969 18. Licensed nursing homes, hospitals and home care organizations for the conduct of investigations of
5970 applicants for compensated employment in licensed nursing homes pursuant to § 32.1-126.01, hospital
5971 pharmacies pursuant to § 32.1-126.02, and home care organizations pursuant to § 32.1-162.9:1, subject to the
5972 limitations set out in subsection E;

5973 19. Licensed assisted living facilities and licensed adult day centers for the conduct of investigations of
5974 applicants for compensated employment in licensed assisted living facilities and licensed adult day centers
5975 pursuant to § 63.2-1720, subject to the limitations set out in subsection F;

5976 20. The Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority for the conduct of investigations as set forth in
5977 § 4.1-103.1 *or the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority for the conduct of investigations as set forth in*
5978 *§ 4.1-622;*

5979 21. The State Board of Elections and authorized officers and employees thereof and general registrars
5980 appointed pursuant to § 24.2-110 in the course of conducting necessary investigations with respect to voter
5981 registration, limited to any record of felony convictions;

5982 22. The Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (the Commissioner) or his
5983 designees for individuals who are committed to the custody of or being evaluated by the Commissioner
5984 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,
5985 19.2-182.8, and 19.2-182.9 where such information may be beneficial for the purpose of placement,
5986 evaluation, treatment, or discharge planning;

5987 23. Any alcohol safety action program certified by the Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action
5988 Program for (i) interventions with first offenders under § 18.2-251 or (ii) services to offenders under
5989 § 18.2-51.4, 18.2-266, or 18.2-266.1;

5990 24. Residential facilities for juveniles regulated or operated by the Department of Social Services, the
5991 Department of Education, or the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for the
5992 purpose of determining applicants' fitness for employment or for providing volunteer or contractual services;

5993 25. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and facilities operated by the
5994 Department for the purpose of determining an individual's fitness for employment pursuant to departmental
5995 instructions;

5996 26. Pursuant to § 22.1-296.3, the governing boards or administrators of private elementary or secondary
5997 schools which are accredited pursuant to § 22.1-19 or a private organization coordinating such records
5998 information on behalf of such governing boards or administrators pursuant to a written agreement with the
5999 Department of State Police;

6000 27. Public institutions of higher education and nonprofit private institutions of higher education for the
6001 purpose of screening individuals who are offered or accept employment;

6002 28. Members of a threat assessment team established by a local school board pursuant to § 22.1-79.4, by a
6003 public institution of higher education pursuant to § 23.1-805, or by a private nonprofit institution of higher
6004 education, for the purpose of assessing or intervening with an individual whose behavior may present a threat
6005 to safety; however, no member of a threat assessment team shall redisclose any criminal history record
6006 information obtained pursuant to this section or otherwise use any record of an individual beyond the purpose
6007 that such disclosure was made to the threat assessment team;

6008 29. Executive directors of community services boards or the personnel director serving the community
6009 services board for the purpose of determining an individual's fitness for employment, approval as a sponsored
6010 residential service provider, permission to enter into a shared living arrangement with a person receiving
6011 medical assistance services pursuant to a waiver, or permission for any person under contract with the
6012 community services board to serve in a direct care position on behalf of the community services board
6013 pursuant to §§ 37.2-506, 37.2-506.1, and 37.2-607;

6014 30. Executive directors of behavioral health authorities as defined in § 37.2-600 for the purpose of
6015 determining an individual's fitness for employment, approval as a sponsored residential service provider,
6016 permission to enter into a shared living arrangement with a person receiving medical assistance services
6017 pursuant to a waiver, or permission for any person under contract with the behavioral health authority to
6018 serve in a direct care position on behalf of the behavioral health authority pursuant to §§ 37.2-506,
6019 37.2-506.1, and 37.2-607;

6020 31. The Commissioner of Social Services for the purpose of locating persons who owe child support or
6021 who are alleged in a pending paternity proceeding to be a putative father, provided that only the name,
6022 address, demographics and social security number of the data subject shall be released;

6023 32. Authorized officers or directors of agencies licensed pursuant to Article 2 (§ 37.2-403 et seq.) of
6024 Chapter 4 of Title 37.2 by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for the purpose
6025 of determining if any applicant who accepts employment in any direct care position or requests approval as a
6026 sponsored residential service provider, permission to enter into a shared living arrangement with a person
6027 receiving medical assistance services pursuant to a waiver, or permission for any person under contract with
6028 the provider to serve in a direct care position has been convicted of a crime that affects his fitness to have
6029 responsibility for the safety and well-being of individuals with mental illness, intellectual disability, or
6030 substance abuse pursuant to §§ 37.2-416, 37.2-416.1, 37.2-506, 37.2-506.1, and 37.2-607;

6031 33. The Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, for the purpose of evaluating applicants for
6032 and holders of a motor carrier certificate or license subject to the provisions of Chapters 20 (§ 46.2-2000 et
6033 seq.) and 21 (§ 46.2-2100 et seq.) of Title 46.2;

6034 34. The Chairman of the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice or the Chairman of the House Committee
6035 for Courts of Justice for the purpose of determining if any person being considered for election to any
6036 judgeship has been convicted of a crime;

6037 35. Heads of state agencies in which positions have been identified as sensitive for the purpose of
6038 determining an individual's fitness for employment in positions designated as sensitive under Department of
6039 Human Resource Management policies developed pursuant to § 2.2-1201.1;

6040 36. The Office of the Attorney General, for all criminal justice activities otherwise permitted under
6041 subdivision A 1 and for purposes of performing duties required by the Civil Commitment of Sexually Violent
6042 Predators Act (§ 37.2-900 et seq.);

6043 37. Shipyards, to the extent permitted by federal law or regulation, engaged in the design, construction,
6044 overhaul, or repair of nuclear vessels for the United States Navy, including their subsidiary companies, for
6045 the conduct of investigations of applications for employment or for access to facilities, by contractors, leased
6046 laborers, and other visitors;

6047 38. Any employer of individuals whose employment requires that they enter the homes of others, for the
6048 purpose of screening individuals who apply for, are offered, or have accepted such employment;

6049 39. Public agencies when and as required by federal or state law to investigate (i) applicants as providers
6050 of adult foster care and home-based services or (ii) any individual with whom the agency is considering
6051 placing an adult on an emergency, temporary, or permanent basis pursuant to § 63.2-1601.1, subject to the
6052 restriction that the data shall not be further disseminated by the agency to any party other than a federal or
6053 state authority or court as may be required to comply with an express requirement of law for such further
6054 dissemination, subject to limitations set out in subsection G;

6055 40. The Department of Medical Assistance Services, or its designee, for the purpose of screening
6056 individuals who, through contracts, subcontracts, or direct employment, volunteer, apply for, are offered, or
6057 have accepted a position related to the provision of transportation services to enrollees in the Medicaid
6058 Program or the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) Program, or any other program
6059 administered by the Department of Medical Assistance Services;

6060 41. The State Corporation Commission for the purpose of investigating individuals who are current or
6061 proposed members, senior officers, directors, and principals of an applicant or person licensed under Chapter
6062 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.
6063 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if an application is denied based in whole or in part on
6064 information obtained from the Central Criminal Records Exchange pursuant to Chapter 16, 19, or 26 of Title
6065 6.2, the Commissioner of Financial Institutions or his designee may disclose such information to the applicant
6066 or its designee;

6067 42. The Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation for the purpose of investigating
6068 individuals for initial licensure pursuant to § 54.1-2106.1;

6069 43. The Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services and the Department for the Blind and Vision

6070 Impaired for the purpose of evaluating an individual's fitness for various types of employment and for the
 6071 purpose of delivering comprehensive vocational rehabilitation services pursuant to Article 11 (§ 51.5-170 et
 6072 seq.) of Chapter 14 of Title 51.5 that will assist the individual in obtaining employment;

6073 44. Bail bondsmen, in accordance with the provisions of § 19.2-120;

6074 45. The State Treasurer for the purpose of determining whether a person receiving compensation for
 6075 wrongful incarceration meets the conditions for continued compensation under § 8.01-195.12;

6076 46. The Department of Education or its agents or designees for the purpose of screening individuals
 6077 seeking to enter into a contract with the Department of Education or its agents or designees for the provision
 6078 of child care services for which child care subsidy payments may be provided;

6079 47. The Department of Juvenile Justice to investigate any parent, guardian, or other adult members of a
 6080 juvenile's household when completing a predispositional or postdispositional report required by § 16.1-273 or
 6081 a Board of Juvenile Justice regulation promulgated pursuant to § 16.1-233;

6082 48. The State Corporation Commission, for the purpose of screening applicants for insurance licensure
 6083 under Chapter 18 (§ 38.2-1800 et seq.) of Title 38.2;

6084 49. Administrators and board presidents of and applicants for licensure or registration as a child day
 6085 program or family day system, as such terms are defined in § 22.1-289.02, for dissemination to the
 6086 Superintendent of Public Instruction's representative pursuant to § 22.1-289.013 for the conduct of
 6087 investigations with respect to employees of and volunteers at such facilities pursuant to §§ 22.1-289.034
 6088 through 22.1-289.037, subject to the restriction that the data shall not be further disseminated by the facility
 6089 or agency to any party other than the data subject, the Superintendent of Public Instruction's representative, or
 6090 a federal or state authority or court as may be required to comply with an express requirement of law for such
 6091 further dissemination; however, nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit the Superintendent
 6092 of Public Instruction's representative from issuing written certifications regarding the results of prior
 6093 background checks in accordance with subsection J of § 22.1-289.035 or § 22.1-289.039;

6094 50. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children for the purpose of screening individuals who
 6095 are offered or accept employment or will be providing volunteer or contractual services with the National
 6096 Center for Missing and Exploited Children;

6097 51. The Executive Director or investigators of the Board of Accountancy for the purpose of the
 6098 enforcement of laws relating to the Board of Accountancy in accordance with § 54.1-4407; and

6099 52. Other entities as otherwise provided by law.

6100 Upon an ex parte motion of a defendant in a felony case and upon the showing that the records requested
 6101 may be relevant to such case, the court shall enter an order requiring the Central Criminal Records Exchange
 6102 to furnish the defendant, as soon as practicable, copies of any records of persons designated in the order on
 6103 whom a report has been made under the provisions of this chapter.

6104 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, upon a written request sworn to
 6105 before an officer authorized to take acknowledgments, the Central Criminal Records Exchange, or the
 6106 criminal justice agency in cases of offenses not required to be reported to the Exchange, shall furnish a copy
 6107 of conviction data covering the person named in the request to the person making the request; however, such
 6108 person on whom the data is being obtained shall consent in writing, under oath, to the making of such
 6109 request. A person receiving a copy of his own conviction data may utilize or further disseminate that data as
 6110 he deems appropriate. In the event no conviction data is maintained on the data subject, the person making
 6111 the request shall be furnished at his cost a certification to that effect.

6112 B. Use of criminal history record information disseminated to noncriminal justice agencies under this
 6113 section shall be limited to the purposes for which it was given and may not be disseminated further, except as
 6114 otherwise provided in subdivision A 49.

6115 C. No criminal justice agency or person shall confirm the existence or nonexistence of criminal history
 6116 record information for employment or licensing inquiries except as provided by law.

6117 D. Criminal justice agencies shall establish procedures to query the Central Criminal Records Exchange
 6118 prior to dissemination of any criminal history record information on offenses required to be reported to the
 6119 Central Criminal Records Exchange to ensure that the most up-to-date disposition data is being used.
 6120 Inquiries of the Exchange shall be made prior to any dissemination except in those cases where time is of the
 6121 essence and the normal response time of the Exchange would exceed the necessary time period. A criminal
 6122 justice agency to whom a request has been made for the dissemination of criminal history record information
 6123 that is required to be reported to the Central Criminal Records Exchange may direct the inquirer to the
 6124 Central Criminal Records Exchange for such dissemination. Dissemination of information regarding offenses
 6125 not required to be reported to the Exchange shall be made by the criminal justice agency maintaining the
 6126 record as required by § 15.2-1722.

6127 E. Criminal history information provided to licensed nursing homes, hospitals and to home care
 6128 organizations pursuant to subdivision A 18 shall be limited to the convictions on file with the Exchange for
 6129 any offense specified in §§ 32.1-126.01, 32.1-126.02, and 32.1-162.9:1.

6130 F. Criminal history information provided to licensed assisted living facilities and licensed adult day
 6131 centers pursuant to subdivision A 19 shall be limited to the convictions on file with the Exchange for any

6132 offense specified in § 63.2-1720.

6133 G. Criminal history information provided to public agencies pursuant to subdivision A 39 shall be limited
6134 to the convictions on file with the Exchange for any offense set forth in clause (i) of the definition of barrier
6135 crime in § 19.2-392.02.

6136 H. Upon receipt of a written request from an employer or prospective employer, the Central Criminal
6137 Records Exchange, or the criminal justice agency in cases of offenses not required to be reported to the
6138 Exchange, shall furnish at the employer's cost a copy of conviction data covering the person named in the
6139 request to the employer or prospective employer making the request, provided that the person on whom the
6140 data is being obtained has consented in writing to the making of such request and has presented a photo-
6141 identification to the employer or prospective employer. In the event no conviction data is maintained on the
6142 person named in the request, the requesting employer or prospective employer shall be furnished at his cost a
6143 certification to that effect. The criminal history record search shall be conducted on forms provided by the
6144 Exchange.

6145 I. The attorney for the Commonwealth shall provide a physical or electronic copy of a person's criminal
6146 history record information, including criminal history record information maintained in the National Crime
6147 Information Center (NCIC) and the Interstate Identification Index System (III System) that is in his
6148 possession, pursuant to the rules of court for obtaining discovery or for review by the court. No criminal
6149 history record information provided under this subsection shall be disseminated further.

6150 **§ 19.2-389.3. (Repealed effective July 1, 2026) Marijuana possession; limits on dissemination of**
6151 **criminal history record information; prohibited practices by employers, educational institutions, and**
6152 **state and local governments; penalty.**

6153 A. Records relating to the arrest, criminal charge, or conviction of a person for a misdemeanor violation of
6154 *former* § 18.2-248.1 or a violation of *former* § 18.2-250.1, including any violation charged under §§ *former* §
6155 18.2-248.1 or *former* § 18.2-250.1 that was deferred and dismissed pursuant to § 18.2-251, maintained in the
6156 Central Criminal Records Exchange shall not be open for public inspection or otherwise disclosed, provided
6157 that such records may be disseminated (i) to make the determination as provided in § 18.2-308.2:2 of
6158 eligibility to possess or purchase a firearm; (ii) to aid in the preparation of a pretrial investigation report
6159 prepared by a local pretrial services agency established pursuant to Article 5 (§ 19.2-152.2 et seq.) of Chapter
6160 9, a pre-sentence or post-sentence investigation report pursuant to § 19.2-299 or in the preparation of the
6161 discretionary sentencing guidelines worksheets pursuant to subsection C of § 19.2-298.01; (iii) to aid local
6162 community-based probation services agencies established pursuant to the Comprehensive Community
6163 Corrections Act for Local-Responsible Offenders (§ 9.1-173 et seq.) with investigating or serving adult
6164 local-responsible offenders and all court service units serving juvenile delinquent offenders; (iv) for
6165 fingerprint comparison utilizing the fingerprints maintained in the Automated Fingerprint Information System
6166 computer; (v) to attorneys for the Commonwealth to secure information incidental to sentencing and to
6167 attorneys for the Commonwealth and probation officers to prepare the discretionary sentencing guidelines
6168 worksheets pursuant to subsection C of § 19.2-298.01; (vi) to any full-time or part-time employee of the State
6169 Police, a police department, or sheriff's office that is a part of or administered by the Commonwealth or any
6170 political subdivision thereof, and who is responsible for the prevention and detection of crime and the
6171 enforcement of the penal, traffic, or highway laws of the Commonwealth, for purposes of the administration
6172 of criminal justice as defined in § 9.1-101; (vii) to the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission for research
6173 purposes; (viii) to any full-time or part-time employee of the State Police or a police department or sheriff's
6174 office that is a part of or administered by the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof for the
6175 purpose of screening any person for full-time or part-time employment with the State Police or a police
6176 department or sheriff's office that is a part of or administered by the Commonwealth or any political
6177 subdivision thereof; (ix) to the State Health Commissioner or his designee for the purpose of screening any
6178 person who applies to be a volunteer with or an employee of an emergency medical services agency as
6179 provided in § 32.1-111.5; (x) to any full-time or part-time employee of the Department of Forensic Science
6180 for the purpose of screening any person for full-time or part-time employment with the Department of
6181 Forensic Science; (xi) to the chief law-enforcement officer of a locality, or his designee who shall be an
6182 individual employed as a public safety official of the locality, that has adopted an ordinance in accordance
6183 with §§ 15.2-1503.1 and 19.2-389 for the purpose of screening any person who applies to be a volunteer with
6184 or an employee of an emergency medical services agency as provided in § 32.1-111.5; and (xii) to any
6185 full-time or part-time employee of the Department of Motor Vehicles, any employer as defined in
6186 § 46.2-341.4, or any medical examiner as defined in 49 C.F.R. § 390.5 for the purpose of complying with the
6187 regulations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

6188 B. An employer or educational institution shall not, in any application, interview, or otherwise, require an
6189 applicant for employment or admission to disclose information concerning any arrest, criminal charge, or
6190 conviction against him when the record relating to such arrest, criminal charge, or conviction is not open for
6191 public inspection pursuant to subsection A. An applicant need not, in answer to any question concerning any
6192 arrest, criminal charge, or conviction, include a reference to or information concerning any arrest, criminal
6193 charge, or conviction when the record relating to such arrest, criminal charge, or conviction is not open for

6194 public inspection pursuant to subsection A.

6195 C. Agencies, officials, and employees of the state and local governments shall not, in any application,
6196 interview, or otherwise, require an applicant for a license, permit, registration, or governmental service to
6197 disclose information concerning any arrest, criminal charge, or conviction against him when the record
6198 relating to such arrest, criminal charge, or conviction is not open for public inspection pursuant to subsection
6199 A. An applicant need not, in answer to any question concerning any arrest, criminal charge, or conviction,
6200 include a reference to or information concerning any arrest, criminal charge, or conviction when the record
6201 relating to such arrest, criminal charge, or conviction is not open for public inspection pursuant to subsection
6202 A. Such an application may not be denied solely because of the applicant's refusal to disclose information
6203 concerning any such arrest, criminal charge, or conviction.

6204 D. A person who willfully violates subsection B or C is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor for each
6205 violation.

6206 **§ 19.2-392.02. National criminal background checks by businesses and organizations regarding**
6207 **employees or volunteers providing care to children or the elderly or disabled.**

6208 A. For purposes of this section:

6209 "Barrier crime" means (i) a felony violation of § 16.1-253.2; any violation of § 18.2-31, 18.2-32,
6210 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
6211 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
6212 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;
6213 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,
6214 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,
6215 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
6216 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,
6217 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,
6218 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
6219 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
6220 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
6221 § 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
6222 violation of subsection B of § 18.2-361; any violation of § 18.2-366, 18.2-369, 18.2-370, 18.2-370.1,
6223 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,
6224 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
6225 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,
6226 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,
6227 18.2-485, 37.2-917, or 53.1-203; or any substantially similar offense under the laws of another jurisdiction;
6228 (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
6229 offense under the laws of another jurisdiction; (iii) any felony violation of § 4.1-1101, 4.1-1114, 18.2-248,
6230 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,
6231 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
6232 another jurisdiction; (iv) any felony violation of § 18.2-250 or any substantially similar offense under the
6233 laws of another jurisdiction; (v) any offense set forth in § 9.1-902 that results in the person's requirement to
6234 register with the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry pursuant to § 9.1-901, including any
6235 finding that a person is not guilty by reason of insanity in accordance with Chapter 11.1 (§ 19.2-182.2 et seq.)
6236 of Title 19.2 of an offense set forth in § 9.1-902 that results in the person's requirement to register with the
6237 Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry pursuant to § 9.1-901; any substantially similar offense
6238 under the laws of another jurisdiction; or any offense for which registration in a sex offender and crimes
6239 against minors registry is required under the laws of the jurisdiction where the offender was convicted; or (vi)
6240 any other felony not included in clause (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), or (v) unless five years have elapsed from the date
6241 of the conviction.

6242 "Barrier crime information" means the following facts concerning a person who has been arrested for, or
6243 has been convicted of, a barrier crime, regardless of whether the person was a juvenile or adult at the time of
6244 the arrest or conviction: full name, race, sex, date of birth, height, weight, fingerprints, a brief description of
6245 the barrier crime or offenses for which the person has been arrested or has been convicted, the disposition of
6246 the charge, and any other information that may be useful in identifying persons arrested for or convicted of a
6247 barrier crime.

6248 "Care" means the provision of care, treatment, education, training, instruction, supervision, or recreation
6249 to children or the elderly or disabled.

6250 "Department" means the Department of State Police.

6251 "Employed by" means any person who is employed by, volunteers for, seeks to be employed by, or seeks
6252 to volunteer for a qualified entity.

6253 "Identification document" means a document made or issued by or under the authority of the United
6254 States government, a state, a political subdivision of a state, a foreign government, political subdivision of a
6255 foreign government, an international governmental or an international quasi-governmental organization that,

6256 when completed with information concerning a particular individual, is of a type intended or commonly
 6257 accepted for the purpose of identification of individuals.

6258 "Provider" means a person who (i) is employed by a qualified entity and has, seeks to have, or may have
 6259 unsupervised access to a child or to an elderly or disabled person to whom the qualified entity provides care;
 6260 (ii) is a volunteer of a qualified entity and has, seeks to have, or may have unsupervised access to a child to
 6261 whom the qualified entity provides care; or (iii) owns, operates, or seeks to own or operate a qualified entity.

6262 "Qualified entity" means a business or organization that provides care to children or the elderly or
 6263 disabled, whether governmental, private, for profit, nonprofit, or voluntary, except organizations exempt
 6264 pursuant to subdivision A 7 of § 22.1-289.030.

6265 B. A qualified entity may request the Department of State Police to conduct a national criminal
 6266 background check on any provider who is employed by such entity. No qualified entity may request a
 6267 national criminal background check on a provider until such provider has:

6268 1. Been fingerprinted; and

6269 2. Completed and signed a statement, furnished by the entity, that includes (i) his name, address, and date
 6270 of birth as it appears on a valid identification document; (ii) a disclosure of whether or not the provider has
 6271 ever been convicted of or is the subject of pending charges for a criminal offense within or outside the
 6272 Commonwealth, and if the provider has been convicted of a crime, a description of the crime and the
 6273 particulars of the conviction; (iii) a notice to the provider that the entity may request a background check; (iv)
 6274 a notice to the provider that he is entitled to obtain a copy of any background check report, to challenge the
 6275 accuracy and completeness of any information contained in any such report, and to obtain a prompt
 6276 determination as to the validity of such challenge before a final determination is made by the Department;
 6277 and (v) a notice to the provider that prior to the completion of the background check the qualified entity may
 6278 choose to deny the provider unsupervised access to children or the elderly or disabled for whom the qualified
 6279 entity provides care.

6280 C. Upon receipt of (i) a qualified entity's written request to conduct a background check on a provider, (ii)
 6281 the provider's fingerprints, and (iii) a completed, signed statement as described in subsection B, the
 6282 Department shall make a determination whether the provider has been convicted of or is the subject of
 6283 charges of a barrier crime. To conduct its determination regarding the provider's barrier crime information,
 6284 the Department shall access the national criminal history background check system, which is maintained by
 6285 the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is based on fingerprints and other methods of identification, and shall
 6286 access the Central Criminal Records Exchange maintained by the Department. If the Department receives a
 6287 background report lacking disposition data, the Department shall conduct research in whatever state and local
 6288 recordkeeping systems are available in order to obtain complete data. The Department shall make reasonable
 6289 efforts to respond to a qualified entity's inquiry within 15 business days.

6290 D. Any background check conducted pursuant to this section for a provider employed by a private entity
 6291 shall be screened by the Department of State Police. If the provider has been convicted of or is under
 6292 indictment for a barrier crime, the qualified entity shall be notified that the provider is not qualified to work
 6293 or volunteer in a position that involves unsupervised access to children or the elderly or disabled.

6294 E. Any background check conducted pursuant to this section for a provider employed by a governmental
 6295 entity shall be provided to that entity.

6296 F. In the case of a provider who desires to volunteer at a qualified entity and who is subject to a national
 6297 criminal background check, the Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation may each charge the
 6298 provider the lesser of \$18 or the actual cost to the entity of the background check conducted with the
 6299 fingerprints.

6300 G. The failure to request a criminal background check pursuant to subsection B shall not be considered
 6301 negligence per se in any civil action.

6302 **§ 19.2-392.6. (Effective July 1, 2026) Automatic sealing of offenses resulting in conviction.**

6303 A. If a person was convicted of a violation of any of the following sections with an offense date on or
 6304 after January 1, 1986, such conviction, including any records relating to such conviction, shall be ordered to
 6305 be automatically sealed in the manner set forth in § 19.2-392.7, subject to the provisions of subsections B and
 6306 C: a misdemeanor violation of § 18.2-96 or 18.2-103; § 18.2-119, 18.2-120, or 18.2-134; a misdemeanor
 6307 violation of *former* § 18.2-248.1; or § 18.2-415.

6308 B. Subject to the provisions of subsection C, any conviction listed under subsection A shall be ordered to
 6309 be automatically sealed if seven years have passed since the date of the conviction and the person convicted
 6310 of such offense has not been convicted of violating any law of the Commonwealth that requires a report to the
 6311 Central Criminal Records Exchange under subsection A of § 19.2-390 or any other state, the District of
 6312 Columbia, or the United States or any territory thereof, excluding traffic infractions under Title 46.2, during
 6313 that time period.

6314 C. No conviction listed under subsection A shall be automatically sealed if, on the date of the conviction,
 6315 the person was convicted of another offense that is not eligible for automatic sealing under subsection A.

6316 This section shall not be construed as prohibiting a person from seeking sealing in the circuit court
 6317 pursuant to the provisions of § 19.2-392.12 or 19.2-392.12:1.

6318 § 19.2-392.12:1. (Effective July 1, 2026) Sealing of charges and convictions related to automatic
6319 sealing; petition.

6320 A. A person who has been convicted of or had a charge deferred and dismissed for a violation of
6321 § 4.1-305; a misdemeanor violation of § 18.2-96 or 18.2-103; a violation of § 18.2-119, 18.2-120, or
6322 18.2-134; a misdemeanor violation of *former* § 18.2-248.1; a violation of subsection A of § 18.2-265.3; or a
6323 violation of § 18.2-415, where the offense date for any such offense was on or after January 1, 1986, may file
6324 a petition setting forth the relevant facts and requesting the sealing of the criminal history record information
6325 and court records relating to the charge or conviction. In addition to requesting the sealing of a charge or
6326 conviction, such petition may also request the sealing of any specifically identified ancillary matter related to
6327 such charge or conviction.

6328 B. A person who had a conviction or offense automatically sealed pursuant to § 19.2-392.7 or 19.2-392.11
6329 where the offense date for such conviction or offense was on or after January 1, 1986, or who had an offense
6330 sealed pursuant to § 19.2-392.6:1 regardless of the date of the offense, may file a petition setting forth the
6331 relevant facts and requesting sealing of the criminal history record information and court records of any
6332 specifically identified ancillary matter related to that charge or conviction.

6333 C. A person shall not be required to pay any court fees or costs for filing a petition pursuant to this
6334 section.

6335 D. The petition under subsection A or B, with a copy of the warrant, summons, or indictment, if
6336 reasonably available, shall be filed in the circuit court of the county or city in which the case was disposed of
6337 and shall contain, except when not reasonably available, (i) the date of arrest; (ii) the name of the arresting
6338 agency; (iii) the date of conviction, deferred dismissal, or final disposition of any ancillary matter; and (iv)
6339 the case number associated with each court record that is the subject of the petition. When this information is
6340 not reasonably available, the petition shall state the reason for such unavailability. The petition shall further
6341 state (a) the charge, conviction, or ancillary matter to be sealed; (b) the date of final disposition of the charge,
6342 conviction, or ancillary matter as set forth in the petition; (c) the petitioner's date of birth, sex, race, and social
6343 security number, if available; and (d) the full name used by the petitioner at the time of arrest or summons. A
6344 petition may request the sealing of the criminal history record information and court records for multiple
6345 charges, convictions, or ancillary matters as set forth in subsections A and B, provided that all such charges,
6346 convictions, and ancillary matters are eligible for sealing under this section. A petition may not request the
6347 sealing of the criminal history record information and court records where the charge, conviction, or ancillary
6348 matter was finalized on the same date as a conviction or deferred dismissal that is not eligible for sealing
6349 under this section.

6350 E. A petitioner is not limited in the number of petitions that may be granted pursuant to this section within
6351 his lifetime. Any petition granted pursuant to this section shall not be counted toward the lifetime maximum
6352 of two petitions set forth in § 19.2-392.12.

6353 F. The Commonwealth shall be made party to the proceeding. The petitioner shall provide a copy of the
6354 petition under subsection A or B by delivery or by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the attorney for the
6355 Commonwealth of the county or city in which the petition is filed. The attorney for the Commonwealth may
6356 file an objection or answer to the petition or may give written notice to the court that he does not object to the
6357 petition within 30 days after it is delivered to him or received in the mail.

6358 G. In addition to the filing of the petition under subsection D, the petitioner shall request that the Central
6359 Criminal Records Exchange (CCRE) electronically forward a copy of the petitioner's Virginia and national
6360 criminal history record to the circuit court in which the petition was filed. Upon receiving such request, the
6361 CCRE shall electronically forward such record to the circuit court; however, if the circuit court is unable to
6362 receive an electronic transmission, the CCRE shall forward a copy of such record to the circuit court which
6363 shall be maintained under seal by the clerk unless otherwise ordered by the court. Upon completion of the
6364 hearing, the court shall cause the criminal history record to be destroyed unless, within 30 days of the date of
6365 the entry of the final order in the matter, the petitioner or the attorney for the Commonwealth notes an appeal
6366 as provided by law in civil cases.

6367 H. After receiving the criminal history record of the petitioner, the court may conduct a hearing on the
6368 petition.

6369 I. For a petition filed pursuant to subsection A, the court shall enter an order requiring the sealing of the
6370 records related to the charge, conviction, or ancillary matter if the court finds that seven years have passed
6371 since the date of conviction or of dismissal of the deferred charge listed in subsection A and the petitioner has
6372 not been convicted of violating any law of the Commonwealth that requires a report to the Central Criminal
6373 Records Exchange under subsection A of § 19.2-390 or any other state, the District of Columbia, or the
6374 United States or any territory thereof, excluding traffic infractions under Title 46.2, during that time period.

6375 J. For a petition filed pursuant to subsection B, the court shall enter an order to seal the ancillary matter if
6376 the charge or conviction identified in the petition has been sealed pursuant to § 19.2-392.6:1, 19.2-392.7, or
6377 19.2-392.11.

6378 K. If the attorney for the Commonwealth of the county or city in which the petition is filed (i) gives
6379 written notice to the court pursuant to subsection F that he does not object to the petition and (ii) stipulates in

6380 such written notice that the petitioner is eligible to have such charge, conviction, or ancillary matter sealed,
6381 the court may enter an order of sealing without conducting a hearing.

6382 L. Any party aggrieved by the decision of the court may appeal, as provided by law in civil cases.

6383 M. Upon the entry of an order of sealing, the clerk of the court shall maintain a copy of such order under
6384 seal and shall cause an electronic notification of such order to be forwarded to the Department of State Police.
6385 Such electronic notification shall contain (i) the petitioner's full name, date of birth, sex, race, and social
6386 security number, if available; (ii) the full name used by the petitioner at the time of arrest or summons; (iii)
6387 the petitioner's state identification number from the criminal history record; (iv) the court case number of the
6388 charge, conviction, or ancillary matter to be sealed, if available; and (v) the document control number, if
6389 available. The Department of State Police shall validate the accuracy of any criminal history record ordered
6390 to be sealed pursuant to this section but shall not validate whether such record is eligible for sealing. Upon
6391 receipt of such electronic notification, the Department of State Police shall seal such records in accordance
6392 with § 19.2-392.13. The Department of State Police shall also electronically notify the Office of the
6393 Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court and any other agencies and individuals known to maintain or to
6394 have obtained such a record that such record has been ordered to be sealed and may only be disseminated in
6395 accordance with § 19.2-392.13.

6396 N. Any order entered where (i) the court or parties failed to strictly comply with the procedures set forth
6397 in this section or (ii) the court entered an order for the sealing of records contrary to law shall be voidable
6398 upon motion and notice made within two years of the entry of such order.

6399 O. A petition filed under this section and any responsive pleadings filed by the attorney for the
6400 Commonwealth shall be maintained under seal by the clerk unless otherwise ordered by the court. Any order
6401 to seal issued pursuant to this section shall be sealed and may only be disseminated for the purposes set forth
6402 in § 19.2-392.13.

6403 P. Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit the circuit court from entering an order to seal a charge,
6404 conviction, or ancillary matter under this section when such charge, conviction, or ancillary matter is eligible
6405 for sealing under some other section of this chapter.

6406 **§ 22.1-206. Instruction concerning drugs, alcohol, substance abuse, retail tobacco products, hemp**
6407 **products intended for smoking, and gambling.**

6408 A. Instruction concerning drugs and drug abuse shall be provided by the public schools as prescribed by
6409 the Board of Education.

6410 B. Instruction concerning the public safety hazards and dangers of alcohol abuse, underage drinking,
6411 *underage marijuana use*, and drunk driving shall be provided in the public schools. The Virginia Alcoholic
6412 Beverage Control Authority and the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority shall provide educational materials
6413 to the Department of Education. The Department of Education shall review and shall distribute such materials
6414 as are approved to the public schools.

6415 The Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth shall develop and the Department of Education shall
6416 distribute to each local school division educational materials concerning the health and safety risks of using
6417 retail tobacco products and hemp products intended for smoking, as such terms are defined in § 18.2-371.2.
6418 Instruction concerning the health and safety risks of using *retail* tobacco products and hemp products
6419 intended for smoking, as such terms are defined in § 18.2-371.2, shall be provided in each public elementary
6420 and secondary school in the Commonwealth, consistent with such educational materials.

6421 C. Instruction concerning gambling and the addictive potential thereof shall be provided by the public
6422 schools as prescribed by the Board.

6423 **§ 22.1-277.08. Expulsion of students for certain drug offenses.**

6424 A. School boards shall expel from school attendance any student whom such school board has
6425 determined, in accordance with the procedures set forth in this article, to have brought a controlled substance;
6426 *or imitation controlled substance; or marijuana as those terms are defined in § 18.2-247* onto school property
6427 or to a school-sponsored activity. A school administrator, pursuant to school board policy, or a school board
6428 may, however, determine, based on the facts of a particular situation, that special circumstances exist and no
6429 disciplinary action or another disciplinary action or another term of expulsion is appropriate. A school board
6430 may, by regulation, authorize the division superintendent or his designee to conduct a preliminary review of
6431 such cases to determine whether a disciplinary action other than expulsion is appropriate. Such regulations
6432 shall ensure that, if a determination is made that another disciplinary action is appropriate, any such
6433 subsequent disciplinary action is to be taken in accordance with the procedures set forth in this article.
6434 Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a student's expulsion regardless of the facts of the
6435 particular situation.

6436 B. Each school board shall revise its standards of student conduct to incorporate the requirements of this
6437 section no later than three months after the date on which this act becomes effective.

6438 **§ 23.1-1301. Governing boards; powers.**

6439 A. The board of visitors of each baccalaureate public institution of higher education or its designee may:

- 6440 1. Make regulations and policies concerning the institution;
- 6441 2. Manage the funds of the institution and approve an annual budget;

- 6442 3. Appoint the chief executive officer of the institution;
6443 4. Appoint professors and fix their salaries; and
6444 5. Fix the rates charged to students for tuition, mandatory fees, and other necessary charges.
6445 B. The governing board of each public institution of higher education or its designee may:
6446 1. In addition to the powers set forth in Restructured Higher Education Financial and Administrative
6447 Operations Act (§ 23.1-1000 et seq.), lease or sell and convey its interest in any real property that it has
6448 acquired by purchase, will, or deed of gift, subject to the prior approval of the Governor and any terms and
6449 conditions of the will or deed of gift, if applicable. The proceeds shall be held, used, and administered in the
6450 same manner as all other gifts and bequests;
6451 2. Grant easements for roads, streets, sewers, waterlines, electric and other utility lines, or other purposes
6452 on any property owned by the institution;
6453 3. Adopt regulations or institution policies for parking and traffic on property owned, leased, maintained,
6454 or controlled by the institution;
6455 4. Adopt regulations or institution policies for the employment and dismissal of professors, teachers,
6456 instructors, and other employees;
6457 5. Adopt regulations or institution policies for the acceptance and assistance of students in addition to the
6458 regulations or institution policies required pursuant to § 23.1-1303;
6459 6. Adopt regulations or institution policies for the conduct of students in attendance and for the rescission
6460 or restriction of financial aid, suspension, and dismissal of students who fail or refuse to abide by such
6461 regulations or policies;
6462 7. Establish programs, in cooperation with the Council and the Office of the Attorney General, to promote
6463 (i) student compliance with state laws on the use of alcoholic beverages *and marijuana* and (ii) the awareness
6464 and prevention of sexual crimes committed upon students;
6465 8. Establish guidelines for the initiation or induction of students into any social fraternity or sorority in
6466 accordance with the prohibition against hazing as defined in § 18.2-56;
6467 9. Assign any interest it possesses in intellectual property or in materials in which the institution claims an
6468 interest, provided such assignment is in accordance with the terms of the institution's intellectual property
6469 policies adopted pursuant to § 23.1-1303. The Governor's prior written approval is required for transfers of
6470 such property (i) developed wholly or predominantly through the use of state general funds, exclusive of
6471 capital assets and (ii)(a) developed by an employee of the institution acting within the scope of his assigned
6472 duties or (b) for which such transfer is made to an entity other than (1) the Innovation and Entrepreneurship
6473 Investment Authority, (2) an entity whose purpose is to manage intellectual properties on behalf of nonprofit
6474 organizations, colleges, and universities, or (3) an entity whose purpose is to benefit the respective
6475 institutions. The Governor may attach conditions to these transfers as he deems necessary. In the event the
6476 Governor does not approve such transfer, the materials shall remain the property of the respective institutions
6477 and may be used and developed in any manner permitted by law;
6478 10. Conduct closed meetings pursuant to §§ 2.2-3711 and 2.2-3712 and conduct business through
6479 electronic communication means pursuant to § 2.2-3708.3; and
6480 11. Adopt a resolution to require the governing body of a locality that is contiguous to the institution to
6481 enforce state statutes and local ordinances with respect to offenses occurring on the property of the
6482 institution. Upon receipt of such resolution, the governing body of such locality shall enforce statutes and
6483 local ordinances with respect to offenses occurring on the property of the institution.
6484 **§ 46.2-105.2. Obtaining documents from the Department when not entitled thereto; penalty.**
6485 A. It shall be unlawful for any person to obtain a Virginia driver's license, special identification card,
6486 vehicle registration, certificate of title, or other document issued by the Department if such person has not
6487 satisfied all legal and procedural requirements for the issuance thereof, or is otherwise not legally entitled
6488 thereto, including obtaining any document issued by the Department through the use of counterfeit, forged, or
6489 altered documents.
6490 B. It shall be unlawful to aid any person to obtain any driver's license, special identification card, vehicle
6491 registration, certificate of title, or other document in violation of the provisions of subsection A.
6492 C. It shall be unlawful to knowingly possess or use for any purpose any driver's license, special
6493 identification card, vehicle registration, certificate of title, or other document obtained in violation of the
6494 provisions of subsection A.
6495 D. A violation of any provision of this section shall constitute a Class 2 misdemeanor if a person is
6496 charged and convicted of a violation of this section that involved the unlawful obtaining or possession of any
6497 document issued by the Department for the purpose of engaging in any age-limited activity, including but not
6498 limited to obtaining, possessing, or consuming alcoholic beverages *or marijuana*. However, if a person is
6499 charged and convicted of any other violation of this section, such offense shall constitute a Class 6 felony.
6500 E. Whenever it appears to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that any driver's license, special
6501 identification card, vehicle registration, certificate of title, or other document issued by the Department has
6502 been obtained in violation of this section, it may be cancelled by the Commissioner, who shall mail notice of
6503 the cancellation to the address of record maintained by the Department.

6504 F. A violation of this section may be prosecuted in the jurisdiction (i) from which any person obtained any
 6505 document issued by the Department, (ii) where any person received or created any counterfeit, forged, or
 6506 altered document used to obtain any document issued by the Department, or (iii) where any counterfeit,
 6507 forged, or altered document has been filed with the Department.

6508 **§ 46.2-347. Fraudulent use of driver's license or Department of Motor Vehicles identification card**
 6509 **to obtain alcoholic beverages or marijuana; penalties.**

6510 Any underage person as specified in § 4.1-304 who knowingly uses or attempts to use a forged, deceptive
 6511 or otherwise nongenuine driver's license issued by any state, territory or possession of the United States, the
 6512 District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or any foreign country or government; United States
 6513 Armed Forces identification card; United States passport or foreign government visa; Virginia Department of
 6514 Motor Vehicles special identification card; official identification issued by any other federal, state or foreign
 6515 government agency; or official student identification card of an institution of higher education to obtain
 6516 alcoholic beverages ~~shall be~~ *or marijuana* is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor, and upon conviction of a
 6517 violation of this section, the court shall revoke such convicted person's driver's license or privilege to drive a
 6518 motor vehicle for a period of not less than 30 days nor more than one year.

6519 **§ 48-17.1. Temporary injunctions against alcoholic beverage sales or marijuana sales.**

6520 A. Any locality by or through its mayor, chief executive, or attorney may petition a circuit court to
 6521 temporarily enjoin the sale of alcohol *or marijuana* at any establishment licensed by the Virginia Alcoholic
 6522 Beverage Control Authority *or the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority*. The basis for such petition shall be
 6523 the operator of the establishment has allowed it to become a meeting place for persons committing serious
 6524 criminal violations of the law on or immediately adjacent to the premises so frequent and serious as to be
 6525 deemed a continuing threat to public safety, as represented in an affidavit by the chief law-enforcement
 6526 officer of the locality, supported by records of such criminal acts. The court shall, upon the presentation of
 6527 evidence at a hearing on the matter, grant a temporary injunction, without bond, enjoining the sale of alcohol
 6528 *or marijuana* at the establishment, if it appears to the satisfaction of the court that the threat to public safety
 6529 complained of exists and is likely to continue if such injunction is not granted. The court hearing on the
 6530 petition shall be held within 10 days of service upon the respondent. The respondent shall be served with
 6531 notice of the time and place of the hearing and copies of all documentary evidence to be relied upon by the
 6532 complainant at such hearing. Any injunction issued by the court shall be dissolved in the event the court later
 6533 finds that the threat to public safety that is the basis of the injunction has been abated by reason of a change
 6534 of ownership, management, or business operations at the establishment, or other change in circumstance.

6535 B. The Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority *or the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority* shall
 6536 be given notice of any hearing under this section. In the event an injunction is granted, the Virginia Alcoholic
 6537 Beverage Control Authority *or the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority* shall initiate an investigation into the
 6538 activities at the establishment complained of and conduct an administrative hearing. After the Virginia
 6539 Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority *or the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority* hearing and when a final
 6540 determination has been issued by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority *or the Virginia*
 6541 *Cannabis Control Authority*, regardless of disposition, any injunction issued hereunder shall be null, without
 6542 further action by the complainant, respondent, or the court.

6543 **§ 53.1-231.2. Restoration of the civil right to be eligible to register to vote to certain persons.**

6544 This section shall apply to any person who is not a qualified voter because of a felony conviction, who
 6545 seeks to have his right to register to vote restored and become eligible to register to vote, and who meets the
 6546 conditions and requirements set out in this section.

6547 Any person, other than a person (i) convicted of a violent felony as defined in § 19.2-297.1 or in
 6548 subsection C of § 17.1-805 and any crime ancillary thereto; (ii) convicted of a felony pursuant to § 4.1-1101,
 6549 *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
 6550 felony pursuant to § 24.2-1016, may petition the circuit court of the county or city in which he was convicted
 6551 of a felony, or the circuit court of the county or city in which he presently resides, for restoration of his civil
 6552 right to be eligible to register to vote through the process set out in this section. On such petition, the court
 6553 may approve the petition for restoration to the person of his right if the court is satisfied from the evidence
 6554 presented that the petitioner has completed, five or more years previously, service of any sentence and any
 6555 modification of sentence including probation, parole, and suspension of sentence; that the petitioner has
 6556 demonstrated civic responsibility through community or comparable service; and that the petitioner has been
 6557 free from criminal convictions, excluding traffic infractions, for the same period.

6558 If the court approves the petition, it shall so state in an order, provide a copy of the order to the petitioner,
 6559 and transmit its order to the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The order shall state that the petitioner's right to
 6560 be eligible to register to vote may be restored by the date that is 90 days after the date of the order, subject to
 6561 the approval or denial of restoration of that right by the Governor. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall
 6562 transmit the order to the Governor who may grant or deny the petition for restoration of the right to be
 6563 eligible to register to vote approved by the court order. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall send,
 6564 within 90 days of the date of the order, to the petitioner at the address stated on the court's order, a certificate
 6565 of restoration of that right or notice that the Governor has denied the restoration of that right. The Governor's

6566 denial of a petition for the restoration of voting rights shall be a final decision and the petitioner shall have no
6567 right of appeal. The Secretary shall notify the court and the State Board of Elections in each case of the
6568 restoration of the right or denial of restoration by the Governor.

6569 On receipt of the certificate of restoration of the right to register to vote from the Secretary of the
6570 Commonwealth, the petitioner, who is otherwise a qualified voter, shall become eligible to register to vote.

6571 **§ 54.1-2903. What constitutes practice; advertising in connection with medical practice.**

6572 A. Any person shall be regarded as practicing the healing arts who actually engages in such practice as
6573 defined in this chapter, or who opens an office for such purpose, or who advertises or announces to the public
6574 in any manner a readiness to practice or who uses in connection with his name the words or letters "Doctor,"
6575 "Dr.," "M.D.," "D.O.," "D.P.M.," "D.C.," "Healer," "N.P.," or any other title, word, letter or designation
6576 intending to designate or imply that he is a practitioner of the healing arts or that he is able to heal, cure or
6577 relieve those suffering from any injury, deformity or disease.

6578 Signing a birth or death certificate, or signing any statement certifying that the person so signing has
6579 rendered professional service to the sick or injured, or signing or issuing a prescription for drugs or other
6580 remedial agents, shall be prima facie evidence that the person signing or issuing such writing is practicing the
6581 healing arts within the meaning of this chapter except where persons other than physicians are required to
6582 sign birth certificates.

6583 B. No person regulated under this chapter shall use the title "Doctor" or the abbreviation "Dr." in writing
6584 or in advertising in connection with his practice unless he simultaneously uses words, initials, an abbreviation
6585 or designation, or other language that identifies the type of practice for which he is licensed. No person
6586 regulated under this chapter shall include in any advertisement a reference to marijuana, as defined in §
6587 ~~48.2-247~~ 54.1-3401, unless such advertisement is for the treatment of addiction or substance abuse. However,
6588 nothing in this subsection shall prevent a person from including in any advertisement that such person is
6589 registered with the Board of Directors of the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority to issue written
6590 certifications for the use of cannabis products, as defined in § 4.1-1600.

6591 **§ 54.1-3443. Board to administer article.**

6592 A. The Board shall administer this article and may add substances to or deschedule or reschedule all
6593 substances enumerated in the schedules in this article pursuant to the procedures of the Administrative
6594 Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.). In making a determination regarding a substance, the Board shall consider
6595 the following:

- 6596 1. The actual or relative potential for abuse;
- 6597 2. The scientific evidence of its pharmacological effect, if known;
- 6598 3. The state of current scientific knowledge regarding the substance;
- 6599 4. The history and current pattern of abuse;
- 6600 5. The scope, duration, and significance of abuse;
- 6601 6. The risk to the public health;
- 6602 7. The potential of the substance to produce psychic or physical dependence; and
- 6603 8. Whether the substance is an immediate precursor of a substance already controlled under this article.

6604 B. After considering the factors enumerated in subsection A, the Board shall make findings and issue a
6605 regulation controlling the substance if it finds the substance has a potential for abuse.

6606 C. If the Board designates a substance as an immediate precursor, substances which are precursors of the
6607 controlled precursor shall not be subject to control solely because they are precursors of the controlled
6608 precursor.

6609 D. If the Board, in consultation with the Department of Forensic Science, determines the substance shall
6610 be placed into Schedule I or II pursuant to § 54.1-3445 or 54.1-3447, the Board may amend its regulations
6611 pursuant to Article 2 (§ 2.2-4006 et seq.) of the Administrative Process Act. Prior to making such
6612 amendments, the Board shall conduct a public hearing. At least 30 days prior to conducting such hearing, it
6613 shall post notice of the hearing on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall and shall send notice of the hearing to
6614 any persons requesting to be notified of a regulatory action. In the notice, the Board shall include a list of all
6615 substances it intends to schedule by regulation. The Board shall notify the House and Senate Committees for
6616 Courts of Justice of any new substance added to Schedule I or II pursuant to this subsection. Any substance
6617 added to Schedule I or II pursuant to this subsection shall remain on Schedule I or II for a period of 18
6618 months. Upon expiration of such 18-month period, such substance shall be descheduled unless a general law
6619 is enacted adding such substance to Schedule I or II. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude the Board from
6620 adding substances to or descheduling or rescheduling all substances enumerated in the schedules pursuant to
6621 the provisions of subsections A, B, and E.

6622 E. If any substance is designated, rescheduled, or descheduled as a controlled substance under federal law
6623 and notice of such action is given to the Board, the Board may similarly control the substance under this
6624 chapter after the expiration of 30 days from publication in the Federal Register of a final or interim final order
6625 or rule designating a substance as a controlled substance or rescheduling or descheduling a substance by
6626 amending its regulations in accordance with the requirements of Article 2 (§ 2.2-4006 et seq.) of the
6627 Administrative Process Act. Prior to making such amendments, the Board shall post notice of the hearing on

6628 the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall and shall send notice of the hearing to any persons requesting to be
 6629 notified of a regulatory action. The Board shall include a list of all substances it intends to schedule by
 6630 regulation in such notice.

6631 F. Authority to control under this section does not extend to distilled spirits, wine, malt beverages, or
 6632 tobacco as those terms are defined or used in Title 4.1.

6633 G. The Board shall exempt any nonnarcotic substance from a schedule if such substance may, under the
 6634 provisions of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. § 301 et seq.) or state law, be lawfully
 6635 sold over the counter without a prescription.

6636 H. Any tetrahydrocannabinol isomer, ester, ether, salt, or salts of such isomer, ester, or ether scheduled
 6637 pursuant to this section shall not be included in the definition of marijuana set forth in § 4.1-600, ~~48.2-247~~, or
 6638 54.1-3401.

6639 **§ 54.1-4426. Accounting services for licensed marijuana establishments.**

6640 A. As used in this section, "licensed" and "marijuana establishment" have the same meanings as provided
 6641 in § 4.1-600.

6642 B. A CPA, CPA firm, or officer, director, or employee of a CPA or CPA firm that provides accounting
 6643 services to a licensed marijuana establishment shall not be held liable pursuant to any state law or regulation
 6644 solely for providing such accounting services.

6645 C. Nothing in this section shall require a CPA or CPA firm to provide accounting services to a licensed
 6646 marijuana establishment.

6647 **§ 58.1-301. Conformity to Internal Revenue Code.**

6648 A. Any term used in this chapter shall have the same meaning as when used in a comparable context in
 6649 the laws of the United States relating to federal income taxes, unless a different meaning is clearly required.

6650 B. Any reference in this chapter to the laws of the United States relating to federal income taxes shall
 6651 mean the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and amendments thereto, and other provisions of
 6652 the laws of the United States relating to federal income taxes, except for:

6653 1. The special depreciation allowance for certain property provided for under §§ 168(k), 168(l), 168(m),
 6654 1400L, and 1400N of the Internal Revenue Code;

6655 2. The carry-back of certain net operating losses for five years under § 172(b)(1)(H) of the Internal
 6656 Revenue Code;

6657 3. The original issue discount on applicable high yield discount obligations under § 163(e)(5)(F) of the
 6658 Internal Revenue Code;

6659 4. The deferral of certain income under § 108(i) of the Internal Revenue Code. For Virginia income tax
 6660 purposes, income from the discharge of indebtedness in connection with the reacquisition of an "applicable
 6661 debt instrument" (as defined under § 108(i) of the Internal Revenue Code) reacquired in the taxable year shall
 6662 be fully included in the taxpayer's Virginia taxable income for the taxable year, unless the taxpayer elects to
 6663 include such income in the taxpayer's Virginia taxable income ratably over a three-taxable-year period
 6664 beginning with taxable year 2009 for transactions completed in taxable year 2009, or over a three-taxable-
 6665 year period beginning with taxable year 2010 for transactions completed in taxable year 2010 on or before
 6666 April 21, 2010. For purposes of such election, all other provisions of § 108(i) of the Internal Revenue Code
 6667 shall apply mutatis mutandis. No other deferral shall be allowed for income from the discharge of
 6668 indebtedness in connection with the reacquisition of an "applicable debt instrument";

6669 5. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2019, the suspension of the overall limitation on
 6670 itemized deductions under § 68(f) of the Internal Revenue Code;

6671 6. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2017, but before January 1, 2018, and for taxable
 6672 years beginning on and after January 1, 2019, the 7.5 percent of federal adjusted gross income threshold set
 6673 forth in § 213(a) of the Internal Revenue Code that is used for purposes of computing the deduction allowed
 6674 for expenses for medical care pursuant to § 213 of the Internal Revenue Code. For such taxable years, the
 6675 threshold utilized for Virginia income tax purposes to compute the deduction allowed for expenses for
 6676 medical care pursuant to § 213 of the Internal Revenue Code shall be 10 percent of federal adjusted gross
 6677 income;

6678 7. The provisions of §§ 2303(a) and 2303(b) of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic
 6679 Security Act, P.L. 116-136 (2020), related to the net operating loss limitation and carryback;

6680 8. The provisions of § 2304(a) of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, P.L.
 6681 116-136 (2020), related to a loss limitation applicable to taxpayers other than corporations;

6682 9. The provisions of § 2306 of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, P.L.
 6683 116-136 (2020), related to the limitation on business interest;

6684 10. For taxable years beginning before January 1, 2021, the provisions of §§ 276(a), 276(b)(2), 276(b)(3),
 6685 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
 6686 Consolidated Appropriations Act, P.L. 116-260 (2020), and §§ 9672(2), 9672(3), 9673(2), and 9673(3) of the
 6687 federal American Rescue Plan Act, P.L. 117-2 (2021) related to deductions, tax attributes, and basis increases
 6688 for certain loan forgiveness and other business financial assistance; ~~and~~

6689 11. a. (1) Any amendment enacted on or after January 1, 2023, with a projected impact that would

6690 increase or decrease general fund revenues by greater than \$15 million in the fiscal year in which the
 6691 amendment was enacted or any of the succeeding four fiscal years. The provisions of this subdivision shall
 6692 not apply to any amendment to federal income tax law that is either subsequently adopted by the General
 6693 Assembly or a federal tax extender as defined in subdivision b.

6694 (2) All amendments enacted on or after January 1, 2023, and occurring between adjournment sine die of
 6695 the previous regular session of the General Assembly and the first day of the subsequent regular session of
 6696 the General Assembly if the cumulative projected impact of such amendments would increase or decrease
 6697 general fund revenues by greater than \$75 million in the fiscal year in which the amendments were enacted or
 6698 any of the succeeding four fiscal years. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to any amendment
 6699 to federal income tax law that is (i) subsequently adopted by the General Assembly, (ii) a federal tax extender
 6700 as defined in subdivision b, or (iii) enacted before the date on which the cumulative projected impact is met.
 6701 However, any amendment conformed to pursuant to clause (iii) shall be included in the calculation of the \$75
 6702 million threshold for purposes of determining whether such threshold has been met.

6703 (3) Beginning January 1, 2024, the threshold provided by subdivision (1) shall be adjusted annually based
 6704 on the preceding change in the Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U), as
 6705 published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the U.S. Department of Labor or any successor index for the
 6706 previous year.

6707 b. For purposes of this subdivision 11, "amendment" means a single amendment to federal income tax law
 6708 or a group of such amendments enacted in the same act of Congress that collectively surpass the threshold
 6709 impact, and "federal tax extender" means an amendment to federal tax law that extends the expiration date of
 6710 a federal tax provision to which Virginia conforms or has previously conformed.

6711 c. The Secretary of Finance, in consultation with the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Finance and
 6712 Appropriations and the House Committees on Appropriations and Finance, shall be responsible for
 6713 determining whether the criteria of subdivision a are met.

6714 d. The Secretary of Finance shall annually provide a report on or before November 15 of each year on the
 6715 fiscal impact of amendments to federal income tax law occurring since the adjournment sine die of the
 6716 preceding regular session of the General Assembly to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Finance and
 6717 Appropriations and the House Committees on Appropriations and Finance. The Secretary of Finance shall
 6718 also provide updates to the same Chairmen on any further amendments to federal income tax law occurring
 6719 between submission of the required report and the first day of the subsequent regular session of the General
 6720 Assembly; and

6721 *12. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2026, the prohibition on utilizing tax deductions*
 6722 *for ordinary and necessary expenditures made in connection with carrying on a trade or business licensed in*
 6723 *Virginia pursuant to the Cannabis Control Act (§ 4.1-600 et seq.) under § 280E of the Internal Revenue*
 6724 *Code.*

6725 C. The Department of Taxation is hereby authorized to develop procedures or guidelines for
 6726 implementation of the provisions of this section, which procedures or guidelines shall be exempt from the
 6727 provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.).

6728 **§ 59.1-200. Prohibited practices.**

6729 A. The following fraudulent acts or practices committed by a supplier in connection with a consumer
 6730 transaction are hereby declared unlawful:

- 6731 1. Misrepresenting goods or services as those of another;
- 6732 2. Misrepresenting the source, sponsorship, approval, or certification of goods or services;
- 6733 3. Misrepresenting the affiliation, connection, or association of the supplier, or of the goods or services,
 6734 with another;
- 6735 4. Misrepresenting geographic origin in connection with goods or services;
- 6736 5. Misrepresenting that goods or services have certain quantities, characteristics, ingredients, uses, or
 6737 benefits;
- 6738 6. Misrepresenting that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, grade, style, or model;
- 6739 7. Advertising or offering for sale goods that are used, secondhand, repossessed, defective, blemished,
 6740 deteriorated, or reconditioned, or that are "seconds," irregulars, imperfects, or "not first class," without clearly
 6741 and unequivocally indicating in the advertisement or offer for sale that the goods are used, secondhand,
 6742 repossessed, defective, blemished, deteriorated, reconditioned, or are "seconds," irregulars, imperfects, or
 6743 "not first class";
- 6744 8. Advertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised, or with intent not to sell at the
 6745 price or upon the terms advertised.

6746 In any action brought under this subdivision, the refusal by any person, or any employee, agent, or servant
 6747 thereof, to sell any goods or services advertised or offered for sale at the price or upon the terms advertised or
 6748 offered, shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this subdivision. This paragraph shall not apply when
 6749 it is clearly and conspicuously stated in the advertisement or offer by which such goods or services are
 6750 advertised or offered for sale, that the supplier or offeror has a limited quantity or amount of such goods or
 6751 services for sale, and the supplier or offeror at the time of such advertisement or offer did in fact have or

- 6752 reasonably expected to have at least such quantity or amount for sale;
- 6753 9. Making false or misleading statements of fact concerning the reasons for, existence of, or amounts of
6754 price reductions;
- 6755 10. Misrepresenting that repairs, alterations, modifications, or services have been performed or parts
6756 installed;
- 6757 11. Misrepresenting by the use of any written or documentary material that appears to be an invoice or bill
6758 for merchandise or services previously ordered;
- 6759 12. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, using in any manner the words "wholesale,"
6760 "wholesaler," "factory," or "manufacturer" in the supplier's name, or to describe the nature of the supplier's
6761 business, unless the supplier is actually engaged primarily in selling at wholesale or in manufacturing the
6762 goods or services advertised or offered for sale;
- 6763 13. Using in any contract or lease any liquidated damage clause, penalty clause, or waiver of defense, or
6764 attempting to collect any liquidated damages or penalties under any clause, waiver, damages, or penalties that
6765 are void or unenforceable under any otherwise applicable laws of the Commonwealth, or under federal
6766 statutes or regulations;
- 6767 13a. Failing to provide to a consumer, or failing to use or include in any written document or material
6768 provided to or executed by a consumer, in connection with a consumer transaction any statement, disclosure,
6769 notice, or other information however characterized when the supplier is required by 16 C.F.R. Part 433 to so
6770 provide, use, or include the statement, disclosure, notice, or other information in connection with the
6771 consumer transaction;
- 6772 14. Using any other deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise, or misrepresentation in connection
6773 with a consumer transaction;
- 6774 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,
6775 or 3.2-6519 is a violation of this chapter;
- 6776 16. Failing to disclose all conditions, charges, or fees relating to:
- 6777 a. The return of goods for refund, exchange, or credit. Such disclosure shall be by means of a sign
6778 attached to the goods, or placed in a conspicuous public area of the premises of the supplier, so as to be
6779 readily noticeable and readable by the person obtaining the goods from the supplier. If the supplier does not
6780 permit a refund, exchange, or credit for return, he shall so state on a similar sign. The provisions of this
6781 subdivision shall not apply to any retail merchant who has a policy of providing, for a period of not less than
6782 20 days after date of purchase, a cash refund or credit to the purchaser's credit card account for the return of
6783 defective, unused, or undamaged merchandise upon presentation of proof of purchase. In the case of
6784 merchandise paid for by check, the purchase shall be treated as a cash purchase and any refund may be
6785 delayed for a period of 10 banking days to allow for the check to clear. This subdivision does not apply to
6786 sale merchandise that is obviously distressed, out of date, post season, or otherwise reduced for clearance; nor
6787 does this subdivision apply to special order purchases where the purchaser has requested the supplier to order
6788 merchandise of a specific or unusual size, color, or brand not ordinarily carried in the store or the store's
6789 catalog; nor shall this subdivision apply in connection with a transaction for the sale or lease of motor
6790 vehicles, farm tractors, or motorcycles as defined in § 46.2-100;
- 6791 b. A layaway agreement. Such disclosure shall be furnished to the consumer (i) in writing at the time of
6792 the layaway agreement, or (ii) by means of a sign placed in a conspicuous public area of the premises of the
6793 supplier, so as to be readily noticeable and readable by the consumer, or (iii) on the bill of sale. Disclosure
6794 shall include the conditions, charges, or fees in the event that a consumer breaches the agreement;
- 6795 16a. Failing to provide written notice to a consumer of an existing open-end credit balance in excess of \$5
6796 (i) on an account maintained by the supplier and (ii) resulting from such consumer's overpayment on such
6797 account. Suppliers shall give consumers written notice of such credit balances within 60 days of receiving
6798 overpayments. If the credit balance information is incorporated into statements of account furnished
6799 consumers by suppliers within such 60-day period, no separate or additional notice is required;
- 6800 17. If a supplier enters into a written agreement with a consumer to resolve a dispute that arises in
6801 connection with a consumer transaction, failing to adhere to the terms and conditions of such an agreement;
- 6802 18. Violating any provision of the Virginia Health Club Act, Chapter 24 (§ 59.1-294 et seq.);
- 6803 19. Violating any provision of the Virginia Home Solicitation Sales Act, Chapter 2.1 (§ 59.1-21.1 et seq.);
- 6804 20. Violating any provision of the Automobile Repair Facilities Act, Chapter 17.1 (§ 59.1-207.1 et seq.);
- 6805 21. Violating any provision of the Virginia Lease-Purchase Agreement Act, Chapter 17.4 (§ 59.1-207.17
6806 et seq.);
- 6807 22. Violating any provision of the Prizes and Gifts Act, Chapter 31 (§ 59.1-415 et seq.);
- 6808 23. Violating any provision of the Virginia Public Telephone Information Act, Chapter 32 (§ 59.1-424 et
6809 seq.);
- 6810 24. Violating any provision of § 54.1-1505;
- 6811 25. Violating any provision of the Motor Vehicle Manufacturers' Warranty Adjustment Act, Chapter 17.6
6812 (§ 59.1-207.34 et seq.);
- 6813 26. Violating any provision of § 3.2-5627, relating to the pricing of merchandise;

- 6814 27. Violating any provision of the Pay-Per-Call Services Act, Chapter 33 (§ 59.1-429 et seq.);
- 6815 28. Violating any provision of the Extended Service Contract Act, Chapter 34 (§ 59.1-435 et seq.);
- 6816 29. Violating any provision of the Virginia Membership Camping Act, Chapter 25 (§ 59.1-311 et seq.);
- 6817 30. Violating any provision of the Comparison Price Advertising Act, Chapter 17.7 (§ 59.1-207.40 et
- 6818 seq.);
- 6819 31. Violating any provision of the Virginia Travel Club Act, Chapter 36 (§ 59.1-445 et seq.);
- 6820 32. Violating any provision of §§ 46.2-1231 and 46.2-1233.1;
- 6821 33. Violating any provision of Chapter 40 (§ 54.1-4000 et seq.) of Title 54.1;
- 6822 34. Violating any provision of Chapter 10.1 (§ 58.1-1031 et seq.) of Title 58.1;
- 6823 35. Using the consumer's social security number as the consumer's account number with the supplier, if
- 6824 the consumer has requested in writing that the supplier use an alternate number not associated with the
- 6825 consumer's social security number;
- 6826 36. Violating any provision of Chapter 18 (§ 6.2-1800 et seq.) of Title 6.2;
- 6827 37. Violating any provision of § 8.01-40.2;
- 6828 38. Violating any provision of Article 7 (§ 32.1-212 et seq.) of Chapter 6 of Title 32.1;
- 6829 39. Violating any provision of Chapter 34.1 (§ 59.1-441.1 et seq.);
- 6830 40. Violating any provision of Chapter 20 (§ 6.2-2000 et seq.) of Title 6.2;
- 6831 41. Violating any provision of the Virginia Post-Disaster Anti-Price Gouging Act, Chapter 46 (§ 59.1-525
- 6832 et seq.). For the purposes of this subdivision, "consumer transaction" has the same meaning as provided in
- 6833 § 59.1-526;
- 6834 42. Violating any provision of Chapter 47 (§ 59.1-530 et seq.);
- 6835 43. Violating any provision of § 59.1-443.2;
- 6836 44. Violating any provision of Chapter 48 (§ 59.1-533 et seq.);
- 6837 45. Violating any provision of Chapter 25 (§ 6.2-2500 et seq.) of Title 6.2;
- 6838 46. Violating the provisions of clause (i) of subsection B of § 54.1-1115;
- 6839 47. Violating any provision of § 18.2-239;
- 6840 48. Violating any provision of Chapter 26 (§ 59.1-336 et seq.);
- 6841 49. Selling, offering for sale, or manufacturing for sale a children's product the supplier knows or has
- 6842 reason to know was recalled by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. There is a rebuttable
- 6843 presumption that a supplier has reason to know a children's product was recalled if notice of the recall has
- 6844 been posted continuously at least 30 days before the sale, offer for sale, or manufacturing for sale on the
- 6845 website of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. This prohibition does not apply to children's
- 6846 products that are used, secondhand or "seconds";
- 6847 50. Violating any provision of Chapter 44.1 (§ 59.1-518.1 et seq.);
- 6848 51. Violating any provision of Chapter 22 (§ 6.2-2200 et seq.) of Title 6.2;
- 6849 52. Violating any provision of § 8.2-317.1;
- 6850 53. Violating subsection A of § 9.1-149.1;
- 6851 54. Selling, offering for sale, or using in the construction, remodeling, or repair of any residential dwelling
- 6852 in the Commonwealth, any drywall that the supplier knows or has reason to know is defective drywall. This
- 6853 subdivision shall not apply to the sale or offering for sale of any building or structure in which defective
- 6854 drywall has been permanently installed or affixed;
- 6855 55. Engaging in fraudulent or improper or dishonest conduct as defined in § 54.1-1118 while engaged in a
- 6856 transaction that was initiated (i) during a declared state of emergency as defined in § 44-146.16 or (ii) to
- 6857 repair damage resulting from the event that prompted the declaration of a state of emergency, regardless of
- 6858 whether the supplier is licensed as a contractor in the Commonwealth pursuant to Chapter 11 (§ 54.1-1100 et
- 6859 seq.) of Title 54.1;
- 6860 56. Violating any provision of Chapter 33.1 (§ 59.1-434.1 et seq.);
- 6861 57. Violating any provision of § 18.2-178, 18.2-178.1, or 18.2-200.1;
- 6862 58. Violating any provision of Chapter 17.8 (§ 59.1-207.45 et seq.). For the purposes of this subdivision,
- 6863 "consumer transaction" also includes transactions involving an automatic renewal or continuous service offer
- 6864 by a supplier to a small business, as those terms are defined in § 59.1-207.45;
- 6865 59. Violating any provision of subsection E of § 32.1-126;
- 6866 60. Violating any provision of § 54.1-111 relating to the unlicensed practice of a profession licensed under
- 6867 Chapter 11 (§ 54.1-1100 et seq.) or Chapter 21 (§ 54.1-2100 et seq.) of Title 54.1;
- 6868 61. Violating any provision of § 2.2-2001.5;
- 6869 62. Violating any provision of Chapter 5.2 (§ 54.1-526 et seq.) of Title 54.1;
- 6870 63. Violating any provision of § 6.2-312;
- 6871 64. Violating any provision of Chapter 20.1 (§ 6.2-2026 et seq.) of Title 6.2;
- 6872 65. Violating any provision of Chapter 26 (§ 6.2-2600 et seq.) of Title 6.2;
- 6873 66. Violating any provision of Chapter 54 (§ 59.1-586 et seq.);
- 6874 67. Knowingly violating any provision of § 8.01-27.5;
- 6875 68. Failing to, in accordance with § 59.1-207.46, (i) make available a conspicuous online option to cancel

6876 a recurring purchase of a good or service or (ii) with respect to a free trial lasting more than 30 days, notify a
 6877 consumer of his option to cancel such free trial within 30 days of the end of the trial period to avoid an
 6878 obligation to pay for the goods or services;

6879 69. Selling or offering for sale any substance intended for human consumption, orally or by inhalation,
 6880 that contains a synthetic derivative of tetrahydrocannabinol. As used in this subdivision, "synthetic
 6881 derivative" means a chemical compound produced by man through a chemical transformation to turn a
 6882 compound into a different compound by adding or subtracting molecules to or from the original compound.
 6883 This subdivision shall not (i) apply to products that are approved for marketing by the U.S. Food and Drug
 6884 Administration and scheduled in the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) or (ii) be construed to prohibit
 6885 any conduct permitted under ~~Chapter 16 (§ 4.1-1600 et seq.) of Title 4.1~~ *the Cannabis Control Act (§ 4.1-600*
 6886 *et seq.)*;

6887 70. Selling or offering for sale to a person younger than 21 years of age any substance intended for human
 6888 consumption, orally or by inhalation, that contains tetrahydrocannabinol. This subdivision shall not (i) apply
 6889 to products that are approved for marketing by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and scheduled in the
 6890 Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) or (ii) be construed to prohibit any conduct permitted under ~~Chapter~~
 6891 ~~16 (§ 4.1-1600 et seq.) of Title 4.1~~ *the Cannabis Control Act (§ 4.1-600 et seq.)*;

6892 71. Selling or offering for sale any substance intended for human consumption, orally or by inhalation,
 6893 that contains tetrahydrocannabinol, unless such substance is (i) contained in child-resistant packaging, as
 6894 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
 6895 inch, (a) that the substance contains tetrahydrocannabinol and may not be sold to persons younger than 21
 6896 years of age, (b) all ingredients contained in the substance, (c) the amount of such substance that constitutes a
 6897 single serving, and (d) the total percentage and milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol included in the substance
 6898 and the number of milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol that are contained in each serving; and (iii)
 6899 accompanied by a certificate of analysis, produced by ~~an independent laboratory that is accredited pursuant to~~
 6900 ~~standard ISO/IEC 17025 of the International Organization of Standardization by a third-party accrediting~~
 6901 ~~body~~ *a licensed marijuana testing facility*, that states the tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of the substance
 6902 or the tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of the batch from which the substance originates. This subdivision
 6903 shall not (i) apply to products that are approved for marketing by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and
 6904 scheduled in the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) or (ii) be construed to prohibit any conduct permitted
 6905 under ~~Chapter 16 (§ 4.1-1600 et seq.) of Title 4.1~~ *the Cannabis Control Act (§ 4.1-600 et seq.)*;

6906 72. Manufacturing, offering for sale at retail, or selling at retail an industrial hemp extract, as defined in
 6907 § 3.2-5145.1, a food containing an industrial hemp extract, or a substance containing tetrahydrocannabinol
 6908 that depicts or is in the shape of a human, animal, vehicle, or fruit;

6909 73. Selling or offering for sale any substance intended for human consumption, orally or by inhalation,
 6910 that contains tetrahydrocannabinol and, without authorization, bears, is packaged in a container or wrapper
 6911 that bears, or is otherwise labeled to bear the trademark, trade name, famous mark as defined in 15 U.S.C. §
 6912 1125, or other identifying mark, imprint, or device, or any likeness thereof, of a manufacturer, processor,
 6913 packer, or distributor of a product intended for human consumption other than the manufacturer, processor,
 6914 packer, or distributor that did in fact so manufacture, process, pack, or distribute such substance;

6915 74. Selling or offering for sale a topical hemp product, as defined in § 3.2-4112, that does not include a
 6916 label stating that the product is not intended for human consumption. This subdivision shall not (i) apply to
 6917 products that are approved for marketing by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and scheduled in the
 6918 Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.), (ii) be construed to prohibit any conduct permitted under Chapter 16
 6919 (§ 4.1-1600 et seq.) of Title 4.1, or (iii) apply to topical hemp products that were manufactured prior to July
 6920 1, 2023, provided that the person provides documentation of the date of manufacture if requested;

6921 75. Violating any provision of § 59.1-466.8;

6922 76. Violating subsection F of § 36-96.3:1;

6923 77. Selling or offering for sale (i) any kratom product to a person younger than 21 years of age or (ii) any
 6924 kratom product that does not include a label listing all ingredients and with the following guidance: "This
 6925 product may be harmful to your health, has not been evaluated by the FDA, and is not intended to diagnose,
 6926 treat, cure, or prevent any disease." As used in this subdivision, "kratom" means any part of the leaf of the
 6927 plant *Mitragyna speciosa* or any extract thereof;

6928 78. Advertising of any ignition interlock system in Virginia by an ignition interlock vendor not approved
 6929 by the Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program to operate in Virginia; targeted
 6930 advertising of any ignition interlock system to a person before determination of guilt; and any advertising,
 6931 whether before or after determination of guilt, without a conspicuous statement that such advertisement is not
 6932 affiliated with any government agency. For purposes of this subdivision, "ignition interlock system" has the
 6933 same meaning as ascribed to that term in § 18.2-270.1 and "targeted advertising" has the same meaning
 6934 ascribed to that term in § 59.1-575 and includes direct mailings to an individual. This provision shall not
 6935 apply to ignition interlock service vendor ads, pamphlets, or kiosk advertisements approved by the
 6936 Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program and provided at a Commission-approved
 6937 location;

6938 79. Failing to disclose the total cost of a good or continuous service, as defined in § 59.1-207.45, to a
6939 consumer, including any mandatory fees or charges, prior to entering into an agreement for the sale of any
6940 such good or provision of any such continuous service;

6941 80. Violating any provision of the Unfair Real Estate Service Agreement Act (§ 55.1-3200 et seq.);

6942 81. Selling or offering for sale services as a professional mold remediator to be performed upon any
6943 residential dwelling without holding a mold remediation certification from a nationally or internationally
6944 recognized certifying body for mold remediation, and failing to comply with (i) the U.S. Environmental
6945 Protection Agency's publication on Mold Remediation in Schools and Commercial Buildings, as revised; (ii)
6946 the ANSI/IICRC S520 Standard for Professional Mold Remediation, as revised; or (iii) any other equivalent
6947 ANSI-accredited mold remediation standard, when conducting or offering to conduct mold remediation in the
6948 Commonwealth;

6949 82. Willfully violating any provision of § 59.1-444.4;

6950 83. Violating any provision of Chapter 23.2 (§ 59.1-293.10 et seq.);

6951 84. Selling any food that is required by the FDA to have a nutrition label that does not meet the
6952 requirements of 21 C.F.R. Part 101;

6953 85. Obtaining, disclosing, selling, or disseminating any personally identifiable reproductive or sexual
6954 health information without the consent of the consumer;

6955 86. Violating any provision of Chapter 58 (§ 59.1-607 et seq.); and

6956 87. (Effective July 1, 2026) Violating any provision of the Medical Debt Protection Act (§ 59.1-611 et
6957 seq.).

6958 B. Nothing in this section shall be construed to invalidate or make unenforceable any contract or lease
6959 solely by reason of the failure of such contract or lease to comply with any other law of the Commonwealth
6960 or any federal statute or regulation, to the extent such other law, statute, or regulation provides that a violation
6961 of such law, statute, or regulation shall not invalidate or make unenforceable such contract or lease.

6962 **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.**

6963 **3. That the following provisions shall become effective on November 1, 2026: (i) §§ 2.2-2499.8, 3.2-4113,**
6964 **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,**
6965 **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,**
6966 **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,**
6967 **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,**
6968 **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,**
6969 **54.1-3443, and 59.1-200 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by this act; (ii) §§ 4.1-1102 through**
6970 **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**
6971 **4.1-1303 through 4.1-1309 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act; and (iii) §§ 4.1-1101.1,**
6972 **4.1-1105.1, 18.2-248.1, and 18.2-251.1 of the Code of Virginia, as repealed by this act.**

6973 **4. That by October 1, 2026, the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority (the Authority) shall issue up to**
6974 **100 microbusiness licenses pursuant to § 4.1-803 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act, to**
6975 **applicants that (i) (a) are industrial hemp processors or growers that (1) are registered with the**
6976 **Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services pursuant to Chapter 41.1 (§ 3.2-4112 et seq.) of**
6977 **Title 3.2 of the Code of Virginia, completed such registration prior to January 1, 2021, and are in good**
6978 **standing as of July 1, 2026 or (2) were previously registered with the Commissioner of Agriculture and**
6979 **Consumer Services pursuant to Chapter 41.1 (§ 3.2-4112 et seq.) of Title 3.2 of the Code of Virginia,**
6980 **completed such registration prior to January 1, 2021, were in good standing prior to forfeiting such**
6981 **registration or allowing such registration to expire, and have established the reason for the previous**
6982 **forfeiture or lapse of such registration and disclosed any violations, enforcement actions, or compliance**
6983 **issues related to the previous registration; (b) qualify as an impact license applicant pursuant to**
6984 **subdivision B 13 of § 4.1-606 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by this act; or (c) qualify as a farmer**
6985 **under the U.S. Department of Agriculture qualifications and (ii) meet any applicable licensing**
6986 **requirements and financial, security, and operational readiness criteria as established by the**
6987 **Authority. The Authority shall begin accepting applications for such microbusiness licenses no later**
6988 **than July 1, 2026.**

6989 **5. That a pharmaceutical processor issued a permit by the Board of Directors (the Board) of the**
6990 **Virginia Cannabis Control Authority (the Authority) pursuant to Chapter 16 (§ 4.1-1600 et seq.) of the**
6991 **Code of Virginia shall apply to the Board for dual-use privileges pursuant to § 4.1-1602.1 of the Code**
6992 **of Virginia, as created by this act, in a manner prescribed by the Board between July 1, 2026, and**
6993 **November 1, 2026. No later than July 1, 2026, the Authority shall create a streamlined application**
6994 **process for pharmaceutical processors to apply for such dual-use privileges which shall include a**
6995 **requirement that a pharmaceutical processor submit to and obtain approval from the Authority for a**
6996 **detailed medical cannabis program preservation plan describing how such processor will prioritize**
6997 **sales and access to medical cannabis products for qualifying patients, including a plan for managing**
6998 **customer traffic flow, preventing supply shortages, and ensuring appropriate staffing. Provided the**
6999 **applicable licensing requirements are met and upon (i) the payment in full of a one-time \$5 million fee**

7000 to the Authority by the pharmaceutical processor by November 1, 2026 or (ii) the pharmaceutical
7001 processor's entry, by November 1, 2026, into an installment payment plan approved by the Board for
7002 payment of such fee, the Board shall verify that such pharmaceutical processor and its cannabis
7003 dispensing facilities may exercise dual-use privileges. The Board shall allow a pharmaceutical
7004 processor to pay such fee in installments over a period not to exceed three years pursuant to terms and
7005 conditions established by the Board. On and after November 1, 2026, a pharmaceutical processor
7006 issued a permit pursuant to Chapter 16 (§ 4.1-1600 et seq.) of the Code of Virginia who has not applied
7007 for verification to exercise dual-use privileges and paid the conversion fee in full or entered into an
7008 approved installment payment plan shall not exercise such dual-use privileges or renew its permit.

7009 6. That by November 1, 2026, the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority (the Authority) shall issue up to
7010 20 licenses, consisting of no more than 10 marijuana cultivation facility licenses and no more than 10
7011 marijuana processing facility licenses, to applicants that are industrial processors or growers that (i)(a)
7012 are registered with the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services pursuant to Chapter 41.1
7013 (§ 3.2-4112 et seq.) of Title 3.2 of the Code of Virginia and completed such registration prior to
7014 January 1, 2021, or (b) (1) were previously registered with the Commissioner of Agriculture and
7015 Consumer Services pursuant to Chapter 41.1 (§ 3.2-4112 et seq.) of Title 3.2 of the Code of Virginia; (2)
7016 completed such registration prior to January 1, 2021; (3) were in good standing prior to forfeiting such
7017 registration or allowing such registration to expire; and (4) have established the reason for the previous
7018 forfeiture or lapse of such registration and disclosed any violations, enforcement actions, or compliance
7019 issues related to the previous registration; (ii) meet any applicable licensing requirements; and (iii) pay
7020 a one-time \$500,000 fee to the Authority. The Board shall allow such applicants to pay such \$500,000
7021 fee in installments over a period not to exceed three years pursuant to terms and conditions established
7022 by the Board. No later than July 1, 2026, the Authority shall create a streamlined application process
7023 for such industrial hemp processors or growers to apply for such licenses.

7024 7. That the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority (the Authority) may, on and after, July 1, 2026, begin
7025 accepting license applications from all applicants and issuing licenses pursuant to the provisions of
7026 § 4.1-1000 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act.

7027 8. That in addition to the 100 microbusiness licenses required to be issued by October 1, 2026, pursuant
7028 to the fourth enactment of this act, by November 1, 2026, the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority (the
7029 Authority) shall have (i) verified the pharmaceutical processors' dual-use privileges as required by the
7030 fifth enactment of this act; (ii) issued no more than 10 marijuana cultivation facility licenses and no
7031 more than 10 marijuana processing facility licenses to industrial hemp growers or processors as
7032 required by the sixth enactment of this act; and (iii) issued at least 55 additional licenses in total
7033 distributed among impact licensees, tier I marijuana cultivation facilities, and tier II marijuana
7034 cultivation facilities.

7035 9. Notwithstanding the third enactment of this act, any applicant issued a license by the Authority or
7036 pharmaceutical processor who the Board has verified may exercise dual-use privileges may operate in
7037 accordance with the provisions of this act prior to November 1, 2026; however, prior to November 1,
7038 2026, no licensee may engage in the retail sale of marijuana, marijuana products, immature marijuana
7039 plants, or marijuana seeds, unless such licensee is a pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing
7040 facility and is acting in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 16 (§ 4.1-1600 et seq.) of the Code of
7041 Virginia. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or after July 1, 2026, and prior to November
7042 1, 2026, no marijuana cultivation facility licensee, marijuana processing facility licensee, marijuana
7043 transporter licensee, marijuana delivery operator, retail marijuana store licensee, microbusiness
7044 licensee, marijuana testing facility licensee, or agent or employee thereof shall be subject to arrest or
7045 prosecution for a violation of Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 4.1 of the Code of Virginia or
7046 § 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
7047 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by this act, or § 18.2-248.1 of the Code of Virginia, as repealed by
7048 this act, involving marijuana if such violation is related to acts committed within the scope of the
7049 permit, licensure, or employment and in accordance with the provisions of the Cannabis Control Act
7050 (§ 4.1-600 et seq. of the Code of Virginia) and this enactment. By no later than January 1, 2027, the
7051 Board shall have promulgated regulations governing outdoor growth pursuant to § 4.1-606 of the Code
7052 of Virginia, as amended by this act.

7053 10. That the Board of Directors of the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority shall establish a seed-to-
7054 sale tracking system pursuant to § 4.1-611 of the Code of Virginia by September 1, 2026.

7055 11. That the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority (the Authority) shall (i) analyze whether any limits
7056 should be placed on the number of licenses issued to operate a marijuana establishment, (ii) analyze
7057 and identify any necessary adjustments regarding canopy limits for marijuana cultivation facility
7058 licensees, and (iii) report its finding to the General Assembly by November 1, 2026. The Authority shall
7059 continue such analysis and submit updated findings to the General Assembly for two years after such
7060 initial report and shall submit such updated findings by November 1 during the two subsequent years.

7061 12. That the Board of Directors (the Board) of the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority shall

7062 promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this act by September 1, 2026. With the
7063 exception of § 2.2-4031 of the Code of Virginia, neither the provisions of the Administrative Process
7064 Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq. of the Code of Virginia) nor public participation guidelines adopted pursuant
7065 thereto shall apply to the Board's initial adoption of such regulations.

7066 13. That, from July 1, 2026, to July 1, 2027, the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority (the Authority)
7067 shall deposit 75 percent of all funds collected through marijuana establishment annual license fees into
7068 the Cannabis Equity Business Loan Fund established pursuant to § 4.1-1501 of the Code of Virginia, as
7069 amended by this act. Such deposits shall occur within 60 days of the Authority's receipt of such license
7070 fees.

7071 14. That the provisions of the first enactment of this act amending subsection B of § 4.1-614 of the Code
7072 of Virginia, as amended by this act, shall become effective July 1, 2028.

7073 15. That the Joint Commission to Oversee the Transition of the Commonwealth into a Cannabis Retail
7074 Market (the Joint Commission) shall consider and make recommendations on (i) the establishment and
7075 implementation of (a) on-site consumption licenses allowing adults to use cannabis on the premises of a
7076 licensed marijuana establishment and (b) microbusiness cannabis event permits allowing
7077 microbusiness licensees to hold temporary age-restricted sales events at approved venues such as
7078 farmers markets or pop-up locations where such licensees may sell marijuana or marijuana products
7079 directly to consumers outside of their licensed premises and (ii) the benefits, limitations, and feasibility
7080 of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority's involvement in the enforcement of laws and
7081 regulations related to the cannabis retail market in the Commonwealth. The Joint Commission shall
7082 report its findings and recommendations to the Chairs of the House Committee on General Laws and
7083 the Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services by November 1, 2026.

7084 16. That the Virginia Department of Education (the Department), with assistance from the Virginia
7085 Cannabis Control Authority (the Authority) and other appropriate agencies, local school divisions, and
7086 appropriate experts, shall implement a plan to ensure that teachers have access to sufficient
7087 information, resources, and lesson ideas to assist them in teaching about the harms of marijuana use
7088 among the youth and about substance abuse, as provided in the 2025 Health Standards of Learning.
7089 The Department shall (i) review resources currently provided to teachers to determine if additional or
7090 updated material or lesson ideas are needed and (ii) provide or develop any additional materials and
7091 resources deemed necessary and make the same available to teachers by January 1, 2027.

7092 17. That the Secretary of Education, in conjunction with the Virginia Department of Education, shall
7093 develop a plan for introducing teachers, particularly those teaching health, to the information and
7094 resources available to them to assist them in teaching the 2025 Health Standards of Learning as it
7095 relates to marijuana use. Such plan shall include providing professional development webinars as soon
7096 as practicable, as well as ongoing periodic professional development relating to marijuana, as well as
7097 alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs as appropriate. The plan shall include the estimated cost of
7098 implementation and any potential source of funds to cover such cost and shall be submitted to the
7099 Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2026.

7100 18. That the Secretary of Education, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, the Virginia
7101 Higher Education Substance Use Advisory Committee, and the Department of Behavioral Health and
7102 Developmental Services shall work with existing collegiate recovery programs to determine what, if
7103 any, additional evidence-based efforts should be undertaken for college-age individuals to promote
7104 education and prevention strategies relating to marijuana. The plan shall include the estimated cost of
7105 implementation and any potential source of funds to cover such cost and shall be submitted to the
7106 Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2026.

7107 19. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment or
7108 commitment. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, the estimated amount of the necessary
7109 appropriation cannot be determined for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities;
7110 therefore, Chapter 725 of the Acts of Assembly of 2025 requires the Virginia Criminal Sentencing
7111 Commission to assign a minimum fiscal impact of \$50,000. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4 of the Code of
7112 Virginia, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation cannot be determined for periods of
7113 commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.