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HOUSE BILL NO. 1496

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 4.1-306 of the Code of Virginia, relating to providing alcohol to underage persons; penalty.*

Patrons—Herring and Scott, J.M.

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 4.1-306 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 4.1-306. Purchasing alcoholic beverages for one to whom they may not be sold; penalty; forfeiture.
A. Any person who purchases alcoholic beverages for another person, and at the time of such purchase knows or has reason to believe that the person for whom the alcoholic beverage was purchased was (i) interdicted, or (ii) intoxicated, is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

A1. Any person who purchases *alcoholic beverages* for, or otherwise gives, provides, or *willfully* assists *by act of commission or omission* in the provision of *alcoholic beverages to or consumption* of alcoholic beverages ~~to~~ by another person, knowing *or having reason to believe* that such person was less than 21 years of age, except (i) pursuant to subdivisions 1 through 7 of § 4.1-200; (ii) where possession of the alcoholic beverages by a person less than 21 years of age is due to such person's making a delivery of alcoholic beverages in pursuance of his employment or an order of his parent; or (iii) by any state, federal, or local law-enforcement officer when possession of an alcoholic beverage is necessary in the performance of his duties, is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

B. In addition to any other penalty authorized by law, any person found guilty of a violation of this section shall have his license to operate a motor vehicle suspended for a period of not more than one year. The court, in its discretion, may authorize any person convicted of a violation of this section the use of a restricted permit to operate a motor vehicle in accordance with the provisions of subsection D of § 16.1-278.9 or subsection E of § 18.2-271.1.

C. Any alcoholic beverages purchased in violation of this section shall be deemed contraband and forfeited to the Commonwealth in accordance with § 4.1-338.

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