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HOUSE BILL NO. 2327**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**(Proposed by the House Committee for Courts of Justice
on February 3, 2017)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Collins)

A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 2.2-511, 8.01-44.5, 15.2-1627, 16.1-228, 16.1-241, 16.1-278.8, 16.1-278.9, 16.1-309, 18.2-268.3, 18.2-268.4, 18.2-268.7, 18.2-268.9, 18.2-269, 18.2-272, 19.2-52, 19.2-73, 29.1-738.3, 46.2-341.26:2, 46.2-341.26:3, 46.2-341.26:4, 46.2-341.26:7, 46.2-341.26:9, 46.2-341.27, 46.2-391.2, 46.2-391.4, and 46.2-2099.49 of the Code of Virginia, relating to DUI; implied consent; refusal of blood or breath tests.*

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 2.2-511, 8.01-44.5, 15.2-1627, 16.1-228, 16.1-241, 16.1-278.8, 16.1-278.9, 16.1-309, 18.2-268.3, 18.2-268.4, 18.2-268.7, 18.2-268.9, 18.2-269, 18.2-272, 19.2-52, 19.2-73, 29.1-738.3, 46.2-341.26:2, 46.2-341.26:3, 46.2-341.26:4, 46.2-341.26:7, 46.2-341.26:9, 46.2-341.27, 46.2-391.2, 46.2-391.4, and 46.2-2099.49 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.2-511. Criminal cases.

A. Unless specifically requested by the Governor to do so, the Attorney General shall have no authority to institute or conduct criminal prosecutions in the circuit courts of the Commonwealth except in cases involving (i) violations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act (§ 4.1-100 et seq.), (ii) violation of laws relating to elections and the electoral process as provided in § 24.2-104, (iii) violation of laws relating to motor vehicles and their operation, (iv) the handling of funds by a state bureau, institution, commission or department, (v) the theft of state property, (vi) violation of the criminal laws involving child pornography and sexually explicit visual material involving children, (vii) the practice of law without being duly authorized or licensed or the illegal practice of law, (viii) violations of § 3.2-4212 or 58.1-1008.2, (ix) with the concurrence of the local attorney for the Commonwealth, violations of the Virginia Computer Crimes Act (§ 18.2-152.1 et seq.), (x) with the concurrence of the local attorney for the Commonwealth, violations of the Air Pollution Control Law (§ 10.1-1300 et seq.), the Virginia Waste Management Act (§ 10.1-1400 et seq.), and the State Water Control Law (§ 62.1-44.2 et seq.), (xi) with the concurrence of the local attorney for the Commonwealth, violations of Chapters 2 (§ 18.2-18 et seq.), 3 (§ 18.2-22 et seq.), and 10 (§ 18.2-434 et seq.) of Title 18.2, if such crimes relate to violations of law listed in clause (x) of this subsection, (xii) with the concurrence of the local attorney for the Commonwealth, criminal violations by Medicaid providers or their employees in the course of doing business, or violations of Chapter 13 (§ 18.2-512 et seq.) of Title 18.2, in which cases the Attorney General may leave the prosecution to the local attorney for the Commonwealth, or he may institute proceedings by information, presentment or indictment, as appropriate, and conduct the same, (xiii) with the concurrence of the local attorney for the Commonwealth, violations of Article 9 (§ 18.2-246.1 et seq.) of Chapter 6 of Title 18.2, (xiv) with the concurrence of the local attorney for the Commonwealth, assisting in the prosecution of violations of §§ 18.2-186.3 and 18.2-186.4, (xv) with the concurrence of the local attorney for the Commonwealth, assisting in the prosecution of violations of § 18.2-46.2, 18.2-46.3, or 18.2-46.5 when such violations are committed on the grounds of a state correctional facility, and (xvi) with the concurrence of the local attorney for the Commonwealth, assisting in the prosecution of violations of Article 10 (§ 18.2-246.6 et seq.) of Chapter 6 of Title 18.2.

In all other criminal cases in the circuit courts, except where the law provides otherwise, the authority of the Attorney General to appear or participate in the proceedings shall not attach unless and until a petition for appeal has been granted by the Court of Appeals or a writ of error has been granted by the Supreme Court. In all criminal cases before the Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court in which the Commonwealth is a party or is directly interested, the Attorney General shall appear and represent the Commonwealth. In any criminal case in which a petition for appeal has been granted by the Court of Appeals, the Attorney General shall continue to represent the Commonwealth in any further appeal of a case from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court. *The authority of the Attorney General to appear or participate in criminal cases on appeal includes the authority to appear or participate in cases involving civil offenses under § 18.2-268.3, 29.1-738.2, or 46.2-341.26:3.*

B. The Attorney General shall, upon request of a person who was the victim of a crime and subject to such reasonable procedures as the Attorney General may require, ensure that such person is given notice of the filing, of the date, time and place and of the disposition of any appeal or habeas corpus proceeding involving the cases in which such person was a victim. For the purposes of this section, a victim is an individual who has suffered physical, psychological or economic harm as a direct result of the commission of a crime; a spouse, child, parent or legal guardian of a minor or incapacitated victim; or a spouse, child, parent or legal guardian of a victim of a homicide. Nothing in this subsection shall

60 confer upon any person a right to appeal or modify any decision in a criminal, appellate or habeas
 61 corpus proceeding; abridge any right guaranteed by law; or create any cause of action for damages
 62 against the Commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions, the Attorney General or any of his
 63 employees or agents, any other officer, employee or agent of the Commonwealth or any of its political
 64 subdivisions, or any officer of the court.

65 **§ 8.01-44.5. Punitive damages for persons injured by intoxicated drivers.**

66 In any action for personal injury or death arising from the operation of a motor vehicle, engine or
 67 train, the finder of fact may, in its discretion, award punitive damages to the plaintiff if the evidence
 68 proves that the defendant acted with malice toward the plaintiff or the defendant's conduct was so
 69 willful or wanton as to show a conscious disregard for the rights of others.

70 A defendant's conduct shall be deemed sufficiently willful or wanton as to show a conscious
 71 disregard for the rights of others when the evidence proves that (i) when the incident causing the injury
 72 or death occurred, the defendant had a blood alcohol concentration of 0.15 percent or more by weight
 73 by volume or 0.15 grams or more per 210 liters of breath; (ii) at the time the defendant began drinking
 74 alcohol, or during the time he was drinking alcohol, he knew or should have known that his ability to
 75 operate a motor vehicle, engine or train would be impaired, or when he was operating a motor vehicle
 76 he knew or should have known that his ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired; and (iii) the
 77 defendant's intoxication was a proximate cause of the injury to or death of the plaintiff. For the purposes
 78 of clause (i), it shall be rebuttably presumed that the blood alcohol concentration at the time of the
 79 incident causing injury or death was at least as high as the test result as shown in a certificate issued
 80 pursuant to § 18.2-268.9 ~~or~~, in a certificate of analysis for a blood test administered pursuant to
 81 § 18.2-268.7, provided that the test was administered in accordance with the provisions of §§ 18.2-268.1
 82 through 18.2-268.12, *or in a certificate of analysis for a test performed on whole blood by the*
 83 *Department of Forensic Science pursuant to a search warrant, provided that the test was administered*
 84 *in accordance with the provisions of §§ 18.2-268.5 and 18.2-268.6 and subsections A and C of*
 85 *§ 18.2-268.7. In addition to any other forms of proof, a party may submit a copy of a certificate issued*
 86 *pursuant to § 18.2-268.9 ~~or~~, a certificate of analysis for a blood test administered pursuant to*
 87 *§ 18.2-268.7, or a certificate of analysis for a test performed on whole blood by the Department of*
 88 *Forensic Science administered pursuant to a search warrant, which shall be prima facie evidence of the*
 89 *facts contained therein and compliance with the applicable provisions of §§ 18.2-268.1 through*
 90 *18.2-268.12.*

91 However, when a defendant has unreasonably refused to submit to a test of his blood alcohol content
 92 as required by § 18.2-268.2, a defendant's conduct shall be deemed sufficiently willful or wanton as to
 93 show a conscious disregard for the rights of others when the evidence proves that (a) when the incident
 94 causing the injury or death occurred the defendant was intoxicated, which may be established by
 95 evidence concerning the conduct or condition of the defendant; (b) at the time the defendant began
 96 drinking alcohol, or during the time he was drinking alcohol, he knew or should have known that his
 97 ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired; and (c) the defendant's intoxication was a proximate
 98 cause of the injury to the plaintiff or death of the plaintiff's decedent. In addition to any other forms of
 99 proof, a party may submit a certified copy of a court's determination of unreasonable refusal pursuant to
 100 § 18.2-268.3, which shall be prima facie evidence that the defendant unreasonably refused to submit to
 101 the test.

102 Evidence of similar conduct by the same defendant subsequent to the date of the personal injury or
 103 death arising from the operation of a motor vehicle, engine, or train shall be admissible at trial for
 104 consideration by the jury or other finder of fact for the limited purpose of determining what amount of
 105 punitive damages may be appropriate to deter the defendant and others from similar future action.

106 **§ 15.2-1627. Duties of attorneys for the Commonwealth and their assistants.**

107 A. No attorney for the Commonwealth, or assistant attorney for the Commonwealth, shall be required
 108 to carry out any duties as a part of his office in civil matters of advising the governing body and all
 109 boards, departments, agencies, officials and employees of his county or city; of drafting or preparing
 110 county or city ordinances; of defending or bringing actions in which the county or city, or any of its
 111 boards, departments or agencies, or officials and employees thereof, shall be a party; or in any other
 112 manner of advising or representing the county or city, its boards, departments, agencies, officials and
 113 employees, except in matters involving the enforcement of the criminal law within the county or city.

114 B. The attorney for the Commonwealth and assistant attorney for the Commonwealth shall be a part
 115 of the department of law enforcement of the county or city in which he is elected or appointed, and
 116 shall have the duties and powers imposed upon him by general law, including the duty of prosecuting
 117 all warrants, indictments or informations charging a felony, and he may in his discretion, prosecute
 118 Class 1, 2 and 3 misdemeanors, or any other violation, the conviction of which carries a penalty of
 119 confinement in jail, or a fine of \$500 or more, or both such confinement and fine. He shall enforce all
 120 forfeitures, and carry out all duties imposed upon him by § 2.2-3126. He may enforce the provisions of
 121 ~~subsection D of § 18.2-268.3, 29.1-738.2, or 46.2-341.26:3.~~

122 § 16.1-228. Definitions.

123 When used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

124 "Abused or neglected child" means any child:

125 1. Whose parents or other person responsible for his care creates or inflicts, threatens to create or
126 inflict, or allows to be created or inflicted upon such child a physical or mental injury by other than
127 accidental means, or creates a substantial risk of death, disfigurement or impairment of bodily or mental
128 functions, including, but not limited to, a child who is with his parent or other person responsible for his
129 care either (i) during the manufacture or attempted manufacture of a Schedule I or II controlled
130 substance, or (ii) during the unlawful sale of such substance by that child's parents or other person
131 responsible for his care, where such manufacture, or attempted manufacture or unlawful sale would
132 constitute a felony violation of § 18.2-248;

133 2. Whose parents or other person responsible for his care neglects or refuses to provide care
134 necessary for his health; however, no child who in good faith is under treatment solely by spiritual
135 means through prayer in accordance with the tenets and practices of a recognized church or religious
136 denomination shall for that reason alone be considered to be an abused or neglected child;

137 3. Whose parents or other person responsible for his care abandons such child;

138 4. Whose parents or other person responsible for his care commits or allows to be committed any
139 sexual act upon a child in violation of the law;

140 5. Who is without parental care or guardianship caused by the unreasonable absence or the mental or
141 physical incapacity of the child's parent, guardian, legal custodian, or other person standing in loco
142 parentis;

143 6. Whose parents or other person responsible for his care creates a substantial risk of physical or
144 mental injury by knowingly leaving the child alone in the same dwelling, including an apartment as
145 defined in § 55-79.2, with a person to whom the child is not related by blood or marriage and who the
146 parent or other person responsible for his care knows has been convicted of an offense against a minor
147 for which registration is required as a violent sexual offender pursuant to § 9.1-902; or

148 7. Who has been identified as a victim of sex trafficking or severe forms of trafficking as defined in
149 the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, 22 U.S.C § 7102 et seq., and in the Justice for Victims
150 of Trafficking Act of 2015, 42 U.S.C. § 5101 et seq.

151 If a civil proceeding under this chapter is based solely on the parent having left the child at a
152 hospital or emergency medical services agency, it shall be an affirmative defense that such parent safely
153 delivered the child to a hospital that provides 24-hour emergency services or to an attended emergency
154 medical services agency that employs emergency medical services personnel, within 14 days of the
155 child's birth. For purposes of terminating parental rights pursuant to § 16.1-283 and placement for
156 adoption, the court may find such a child is a neglected child upon the ground of abandonment.

157 "Adoptive home" means the place of residence of any natural person in which a child resides as a
158 member of the household and in which he has been placed for the purposes of adoption or in which he
159 has been legally adopted by another member of the household.

160 "Adult" means a person 18 years of age or older.

161 "Ancillary crime" or "ancillary charge" means any delinquent act committed by a juvenile as a part
162 of the same act or transaction as, or which constitutes a part of a common scheme or plan with, a
163 delinquent act which would be a felony if committed by an adult.

164 "Boot camp" means a short term secure or nonsecure juvenile residential facility with highly
165 structured components including, but not limited to, military style drill and ceremony, physical labor,
166 education and rigid discipline, and no less than six months of intensive aftercare.

167 "Child," "juvenile," or "minor" means a person less than 18 years of age.

168 "Child in need of services" means (i) a child whose behavior, conduct or condition presents or results
169 in a serious threat to the well-being and physical safety of the child or (ii) a child under the age of 14
170 whose behavior, conduct or condition presents or results in a serious threat to the well-being and
171 physical safety of another person; however, no child who in good faith is under treatment solely by
172 spiritual means through prayer in accordance with the tenets and practices of a recognized church or
173 religious denomination shall for that reason alone be considered to be a child in need of services, nor
174 shall any child who habitually remains away from or habitually deserts or abandons his family as a
175 result of what the court or the local child protective services unit determines to be incidents of physical,
176 emotional or sexual abuse in the home be considered a child in need of services for that reason alone.

177 However, to find that a child falls within these provisions, (i) the conduct complained of must
178 present a clear and substantial danger to the child's life or health or to the life or health of another
179 person, (ii) the child or his family is in need of treatment, rehabilitation or services not presently being
180 received, and (iii) the intervention of the court is essential to provide the treatment, rehabilitation or
181 services needed by the child or his family.

182 "Child in need of supervision" means:

183 1. A child who, while subject to compulsory school attendance, is habitually and without justification
184 absent from school, and (i) the child has been offered an adequate opportunity to receive the benefit of
185 any and all educational services and programs that are required to be provided by law and which meet
186 the child's particular educational needs, (ii) the school system from which the child is absent or other
187 appropriate agency has made a reasonable effort to effect the child's regular attendance without success,
188 and (iii) the school system has provided documentation that it has complied with the provisions of
189 § 22.1-258; or

190 2. A child who, without reasonable cause and without the consent of his parent, lawful custodian or
191 placement authority, remains away from or deserts or abandons his family or lawful custodian on more
192 than one occasion or escapes or remains away without proper authority from a residential care facility in
193 which he has been placed by the court, and (i) such conduct presents a clear and substantial danger to
194 the child's life or health, (ii) the child or his family is in need of treatment, rehabilitation or services not
195 presently being received, and (iii) the intervention of the court is essential to provide the treatment,
196 rehabilitation or services needed by the child or his family.

197 "Child welfare agency" means a child-placing agency, child-caring institution or independent foster
198 home as defined in § 63.2-100.

199 "The court" or the "juvenile court" or the "juvenile and domestic relations court" means the juvenile
200 and domestic relations district court of each county or city.

201 "Delinquent act" means (i) an act designated a crime under the law of the Commonwealth, or an
202 ordinance of any city, county, town, or service district, or under federal law, (ii) a violation of
203 § 18.2-308.7, or (iii) a violation of a court order as provided for in § 16.1-292, but shall not include an
204 act other than a violation of § 18.2-308.7, which is otherwise lawful, but is designated a crime only if
205 committed by a child. For purposes of §§ 16.1-241 and 16.1-278.9, the term shall include a refusal to
206 take a blood or breath test in violation of § 18.2-268.2 or a similar ordinance of any county, city, or
207 town.

208 "Delinquent child" means a child who has committed a delinquent act or an adult who has committed
209 a delinquent act prior to his 18th birthday, except where the jurisdiction of the juvenile court has been
210 terminated under the provisions of § 16.1-269.6.

211 "Department" means the Department of Juvenile Justice and "Director" means the administrative head
212 in charge thereof or such of his assistants and subordinates as are designated by him to discharge the
213 duties imposed upon him under this law.

214 "Family abuse" means any act involving violence, force, or threat that results in bodily injury or
215 places one in reasonable apprehension of death, sexual assault, or bodily injury and that is committed by
216 a person against such person's family or household member. Such act includes, but is not limited to, any
217 forceful detention, stalking, criminal sexual assault in violation of Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of
218 Chapter 4 of Title 18.2, or any criminal offense that results in bodily injury or places one in reasonable
219 apprehension of death, sexual assault, or bodily injury.

220 "Family or household member" means (i) the person's spouse, whether or not he or she resides in the
221 same home with the person, (ii) the person's former spouse, whether or not he or she resides in the same
222 home with the person, (iii) the person's parents, stepparents, children, stepchildren, brothers, sisters,
223 half-brothers, half-sisters, grandparents and grandchildren, regardless of whether such persons reside in
224 the same home with the person, (iv) the person's mother-in-law, father-in-law, sons-in-law,
225 daughters-in-law, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law who reside in the same home with the person, (v)
226 any individual who has a child in common with the person, whether or not the person and that
227 individual have been married or have resided together at any time, or (vi) any individual who cohabits
228 or who, within the previous 12 months, cohabited with the person, and any children of either of them
229 then residing in the same home with the person.

230 "Foster care services" means the provision of a full range of casework, treatment and community
231 services for a planned period of time to a child who is abused or neglected as defined in § 63.2-100 or
232 in need of services as defined in this section and his family when the child (i) has been identified as
233 needing services to prevent or eliminate the need for foster care placement, (ii) has been placed through
234 an agreement between the local board of social services or a public agency designated by the
235 community policy and management team and the parents or guardians where legal custody remains with
236 the parents or guardians, (iii) has been committed or entrusted to a local board of social services or
237 child welfare agency, or (iv) has been placed under the supervisory responsibility of the local board
238 pursuant to § 16.1-293.

239 "Independent living arrangement" means placement of a child at least 16 years of age who is in the
240 custody of a local board or licensed child-placing agency and has been placed by the local board or
241 licensed child-placing agency in a living arrangement in which he does not have daily substitute parental
242 supervision.

243 "Independent living services" means services and activities provided to a child in foster care 14 years
244 of age or older and who has been committed or entrusted to a local board of social services, child

245 welfare agency, or private child-placing agency. "Independent living services" may also mean services
 246 and activities provided to a person who was in foster care on his 18th birthday and has not yet reached
 247 the age of 21 years. Such services shall include counseling, education, housing, employment, and money
 248 management skills development and access to essential documents and other appropriate services to help
 249 children or persons prepare for self-sufficiency.

250 "Intake officer" means a juvenile probation officer appointed as such pursuant to the authority of this
 251 chapter.

252 "Jail" or "other facility designed for the detention of adults" means a local or regional correctional
 253 facility as defined in § 53.1-1, except those facilities utilized on a temporary basis as a court holding
 254 cell for a child incident to a court hearing or as a temporary lock-up room or ward incident to the
 255 transfer of a child to a juvenile facility.

256 "The judge" means the judge or the substitute judge of the juvenile and domestic relations district
 257 court of each county or city.

258 "This law" or "the law" means the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Law embraced in
 259 this chapter.

260 "Legal custody" means (i) a legal status created by court order which vests in a custodian the right to
 261 have physical custody of the child, to determine and redetermine where and with whom he shall live,
 262 the right and duty to protect, train and discipline him and to provide him with food, shelter, education
 263 and ordinary medical care, all subject to any residual parental rights and responsibilities or (ii) the legal
 264 status created by court order of joint custody as defined in § 20-107.2.

265 "Permanent foster care placement" means the place of residence in which a child resides and in
 266 which he has been placed pursuant to the provisions of §§ 63.2-900 and 63.2-908 with the expectation
 267 and agreement between the placing agency and the place of permanent foster care that the child shall
 268 remain in the placement until he reaches the age of majority unless modified by court order or unless
 269 removed pursuant to § 16.1-251 or 63.2-1517. A permanent foster care placement may be a place of
 270 residence of any natural person or persons deemed appropriate to meet a child's needs on a long-term
 271 basis.

272 "Residual parental rights and responsibilities" means all rights and responsibilities remaining with the
 273 parent after the transfer of legal custody or guardianship of the person, including but not limited to the
 274 right of visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation and the responsibility
 275 for support.

276 "Secure facility" or "detention home" means a local, regional or state public or private locked
 277 residential facility that has construction fixtures designed to prevent escape and to restrict the movement
 278 and activities of children held in lawful custody.

279 "Shelter care" means the temporary care of children in physically unrestricting facilities.

280 "State Board" means the State Board of Juvenile Justice.

281 "Status offender" means a child who commits an act prohibited by law which would not be criminal
 282 if committed by an adult.

283 "Status offense" means an act prohibited by law which would not be an offense if committed by an
 284 adult.

285 "Violent juvenile felony" means any of the delinquent acts enumerated in subsection B or C of
 286 § 16.1-269.1 when committed by a juvenile 14 years of age or older.

287 **§ 16.1-241. Jurisdiction; consent for abortion.**

288 The judges of the juvenile and domestic relations district court elected or appointed under this law
 289 shall be conservators of the peace within the corporate limits of the cities and the boundaries of the
 290 counties for which they are respectively chosen and within one mile beyond the limits of such cities and
 291 counties. Except as hereinafter provided, each juvenile and domestic relations district court shall have,
 292 within the limits of the territory for which it is created, exclusive original jurisdiction, and within one
 293 mile beyond the limits of said city or county, concurrent jurisdiction with the juvenile court or courts of
 294 the adjoining city or county, over all cases, matters and proceedings involving:

295 A. The custody, visitation, support, control or disposition of a child:

296 1. Who is alleged to be abused, neglected, in need of services, in need of supervision, a status
 297 offender, or delinquent except where the jurisdiction of the juvenile court has been terminated or
 298 divested;

299 2. Who is abandoned by his parent or other custodian or who by reason of the absence or physical
 300 or mental incapacity of his parents is without parental care and guardianship;

301 2a. Who is at risk of being abused or neglected by a parent or custodian who has been adjudicated
 302 as having abused or neglected another child in the care of the parent or custodian;

303 3. Whose custody, visitation or support is a subject of controversy or requires determination. In such
 304 cases jurisdiction shall be concurrent with and not exclusive of courts having equity jurisdiction, except
 305 as provided in § 16.1-244;

306 4. Who is the subject of an entrustment agreement entered into pursuant to § 63.2-903 or 63.2-1817
307 or whose parent or parents for good cause desire to be relieved of his care and custody;

308 5. Where the termination of residual parental rights and responsibilities is sought. In such cases
309 jurisdiction shall be concurrent with and not exclusive of courts having equity jurisdiction, as provided
310 in § 16.1-244; ~~and~~

311 6. Who is charged with a traffic infraction as defined in § 46.2-100; *or*

312 7. *Who is alleged to have refused to take a blood test in violation of § 18.2-268.2.*

313 In any case in which the juvenile is alleged to have committed a violent juvenile felony enumerated
314 in subsection B of § 16.1-269.1, and for any charges ancillary thereto, the jurisdiction of the juvenile
315 court shall be limited to conducting a preliminary hearing to determine if there is probable cause to
316 believe that the juvenile committed the act alleged and that the juvenile was 14 years of age or older at
317 the time of the commission of the alleged offense, and any matters related thereto. In any case in which
318 the juvenile is alleged to have committed a violent juvenile felony enumerated in subsection C of
319 § 16.1-269.1, and for all charges ancillary thereto, if the attorney for the Commonwealth has given
320 notice as provided in subsection C of § 16.1-269.1, the jurisdiction of the juvenile court shall be limited
321 to conducting a preliminary hearing to determine if there is probable cause to believe that the juvenile
322 committed the act alleged and that the juvenile was 14 years of age or older at the time of the
323 commission of the alleged offense, and any matters related thereto. A determination by the juvenile
324 court following a preliminary hearing pursuant to subsection B or C of § 16.1-269.1 to certify a charge
325 to the grand jury shall divest the juvenile court of jurisdiction over the charge and any ancillary charge.
326 In any case in which a transfer hearing is held pursuant to subsection A of § 16.1-269.1, if the juvenile
327 court determines to transfer the case, jurisdiction of the juvenile court over the case shall be divested as
328 provided in § 16.1-269.6.

329 In all other cases involving delinquent acts, and in cases in which an ancillary charge remains after a
330 violent juvenile felony charge has been dismissed or a violent juvenile felony has been reduced to a
331 lesser offense not constituting a violent juvenile felony, the jurisdiction of the juvenile court shall not be
332 divested unless there is a transfer pursuant to subsection A of § 16.1-269.1.

333 The authority of the juvenile court to adjudicate matters involving the custody, visitation, support,
334 control or disposition of a child shall not be limited to the consideration of petitions filed by a mother,
335 father or legal guardian but shall include petitions filed at any time by any party with a legitimate
336 interest therein. A party with a legitimate interest shall be broadly construed and shall include, but not
337 be limited to, grandparents, step-grandparents, stepparents, former stepparents, blood relatives and family
338 members. A party with a legitimate interest shall not include any person (i) whose parental rights have
339 been terminated by court order, either voluntarily or involuntarily, (ii) whose interest in the child derives
340 from or through a person whose parental rights have been terminated by court order, either voluntarily
341 or involuntarily, including, but not limited to, grandparents, stepparents, former stepparents, blood
342 relatives and family members, if the child subsequently has been legally adopted, except where a final
343 order of adoption is entered pursuant to § 63.2-1241, or (iii) who has been convicted of a violation of
344 subsection A of § 18.2-61, § 18.2-63, subsection B of § 18.2-366, or an equivalent offense of another
345 state, the United States, or any foreign jurisdiction, when the child who is the subject of the petition was
346 conceived as a result of such violation. The authority of the juvenile court to consider a petition
347 involving the custody of a child shall not be proscribed or limited where the child has previously been
348 awarded to the custody of a local board of social services.

349 B. The admission of minors for inpatient treatment in a mental health facility in accordance with the
350 provisions of Article 16 (§ 16.1-335 et seq.) and the involuntary admission of a person with mental
351 illness or judicial certification of eligibility for admission to a training center for persons with
352 intellectual disability in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 8 (§ 37.2-800 et seq.) of Title 37.2.
353 Jurisdiction of the involuntary admission and certification of adults shall be concurrent with the general
354 district court.

355 C. Except as provided in subsections D and H, judicial consent to such activities as may require
356 parental consent may be given for a child who has been separated from his parents, guardian, legal
357 custodian or other person standing in loco parentis and is in the custody of the court when such consent
358 is required by law.

359 D. Judicial consent for emergency surgical or medical treatment for a child who is neither married
360 nor has ever been married, when the consent of his parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person
361 standing in loco parentis is unobtainable because such parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person
362 standing in loco parentis (i) is not a resident of the Commonwealth, (ii) has his whereabouts unknown,
363 (iii) cannot be consulted with promptness, reasonable under the circumstances, or (iv) fails to give such
364 consent or provide such treatment when requested by the judge to do so.

365 E. Any person charged with deserting, abandoning or failing to provide support for any person in
366 violation of law.

367 F. Any parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis of a child:

- 368 1. Who has been abused or neglected;
- 369 2. Who is the subject of an entrustment agreement entered into pursuant to § 63.2-903 or 63.2-1817
- 370 or is otherwise before the court pursuant to subdivision A 4; or
- 371 3. Who has been adjudicated in need of services, in need of supervision, or delinquent, if the court
- 372 finds that such person has by overt act or omission induced, caused, encouraged or contributed to the
- 373 conduct of the child complained of in the petition.
- 374 G. Petitions filed by or on behalf of a child or such child's parent, guardian, legal custodian or other
- 375 person standing in loco parentis for the purpose of obtaining treatment, rehabilitation or other services
- 376 that are required by law to be provided for that child or such child's parent, guardian, legal custodian or
- 377 other person standing in loco parentis. Jurisdiction in such cases shall be concurrent with and not
- 378 exclusive of that of courts having equity jurisdiction as provided in § 16.1-244.
- 379 H. Judicial consent to apply for a work permit for a child when such child is separated from his
- 380 parents, legal guardian or other person standing in loco parentis.
- 381 I. The prosecution and punishment of persons charged with ill-treatment, abuse, abandonment or
- 382 neglect of children or with any violation of law that causes or tends to cause a child to come within the
- 383 purview of this law, or with any other offense against the person of a child. In prosecution for felonies
- 384 over which the court has jurisdiction, jurisdiction shall be limited to determining whether or not there is
- 385 probable cause.
- 386 J. All offenses in which one family or household member is charged with an offense in which
- 387 another family or household member is the victim and all offenses under § 18.2-49.1.
- 388 In prosecution for felonies over which the court has jurisdiction, jurisdiction shall be limited to
- 389 determining whether or not there is probable cause. Any objection based on jurisdiction under this
- 390 subsection shall be made before a jury is impaneled and sworn in a jury trial or, in a nonjury trial,
- 391 before the earlier of when the court begins to hear or receive evidence or the first witness is sworn, or it
- 392 shall be conclusively waived for all purposes. Any such objection shall not affect or be grounds for
- 393 challenging directly or collaterally the jurisdiction of the court in which the case is tried.
- 394 K. Petitions filed by a natural parent, whose parental rights to a child have been voluntarily
- 395 relinquished pursuant to a court proceeding, to seek a reversal of the court order terminating such
- 396 parental rights. No such petition shall be accepted, however, after the child has been placed in the home
- 397 of adoptive parents.
- 398 L. Any person who seeks spousal support after having separated from his spouse. A decision under
- 399 this subdivision shall not be res judicata in any subsequent action for spousal support in a circuit court.
- 400 A circuit court shall have concurrent original jurisdiction in all causes of action under this subdivision.
- 401 M. Petitions filed for the purpose of obtaining an order of protection pursuant to § 16.1-253.1,
- 402 16.1-253.4, or 16.1-279.1, and all petitions filed for the purpose of obtaining an order of protection
- 403 pursuant to § 19.2-152.8, 19.2-152.9, or 19.2-152.10 if either the alleged victim or the respondent is a
- 404 juvenile.
- 405 N. Any person who escapes or remains away without proper authority from a residential care facility
- 406 in which he had been placed by the court or as a result of his commitment to the Virginia Department
- 407 of Juvenile Justice.
- 408 O. Petitions for emancipation of a minor pursuant to Article 15 (§ 16.1-331 et seq.).
- 409 P. Petitions for enforcement of administrative support orders entered pursuant to Chapter 19
- 410 (§ 63.2-1900 et seq.) of Title 63.2, or by another state in the same manner as if the orders were entered
- 411 by a juvenile and domestic relations district court upon the filing of a certified copy of such order in the
- 412 juvenile and domestic relations district court.
- 413 Q. Petitions for a determination of parentage pursuant to Chapter 3.1 (§ 20-49.1 et seq.) of Title 20.
- 414 A circuit court shall have concurrent original jurisdiction to the extent provided for in § 20-49.2.
- 415 R. [Repealed.]
- 416 S. Petitions filed by school boards against parents pursuant to §§ 16.1-241.2 and 22.1-279.3.
- 417 T. Petitions to enforce any request for information or subpoena that is not complied with or to
- 418 review any refusal to issue a subpoena in an administrative appeal regarding child abuse and neglect
- 419 pursuant to § 63.2-1526.
- 420 U. Petitions filed in connection with parental placement adoption consent hearings pursuant to
- 421 § 63.2-1233. Such proceedings shall be advanced on the docket so as to be heard by the court within 10
- 422 days of filing of the petition, or as soon thereafter as practicable so as to provide the earliest possible
- 423 disposition.
- 424 V. Petitions filed for the purpose of obtaining the court's assistance with the execution of consent to
- 425 an adoption when the consent to an adoption is executed pursuant to the laws of another state and the
- 426 laws of that state provide for the execution of consent to an adoption in the court of the
- 427 Commonwealth.
- 428 W. Petitions filed by a juvenile seeking judicial authorization for a physician to perform an abortion

429 if a minor elects not to seek consent of an authorized person.

430 After a hearing, a judge shall issue an order authorizing a physician to perform an abortion, without
431 the consent of any authorized person, if he finds that (i) the minor is mature enough and well enough
432 informed to make her abortion decision, in consultation with her physician, independent of the wishes of
433 any authorized person, or (ii) the minor is not mature enough or well enough informed to make such
434 decision, but the desired abortion would be in her best interest.

435 If the judge authorizes an abortion based on the best interests of the minor, such order shall
436 expressly state that such authorization is subject to the physician or his agent giving notice of intent to
437 perform the abortion; however, no such notice shall be required if the judge finds that such notice would
438 not be in the best interest of the minor. In determining whether notice is in the best interest of the
439 minor, the judge shall consider the totality of the circumstances; however, he shall find that notice is not
440 in the best interest of the minor if he finds that (i) one or more authorized persons with whom the
441 minor regularly and customarily resides is abusive or neglectful, and (ii) every other authorized person,
442 if any, is either abusive or neglectful or has refused to accept responsibility as parent, legal guardian,
443 custodian or person standing in loco parentis.

444 The minor may participate in the court proceedings on her own behalf, and the court may appoint a
445 guardian ad litem for the minor. The court shall advise the minor that she has a right to counsel and
446 shall, upon her request, appoint counsel for her.

447 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the provisions of this subsection shall govern
448 proceedings relating to consent for a minor's abortion. Court proceedings under this subsection and
449 records of such proceedings shall be confidential. Such proceedings shall be given precedence over other
450 pending matters so that the court may reach a decision promptly and without delay in order to serve the
451 best interests of the minor. Court proceedings under this subsection shall be heard and decided as soon
452 as practicable but in no event later than four days after the petition is filed.

453 An expedited confidential appeal to the circuit court shall be available to any minor for whom the
454 court denies an order authorizing an abortion without consent or without notice. Any such appeal shall
455 be heard and decided no later than five days after the appeal is filed. The time periods required by this
456 subsection shall be subject to subsection B of § 1-210. An order authorizing an abortion without consent
457 or without notice shall not be subject to appeal.

458 No filing fees shall be required of the minor at trial or upon appeal.

459 If either the original court or the circuit court fails to act within the time periods required by this
460 subsection, the court before which the proceeding is pending shall immediately authorize a physician to
461 perform the abortion without consent of or notice to an authorized person.

462 Nothing contained in this subsection shall be construed to authorize a physician to perform an
463 abortion on a minor in circumstances or in a manner that would be unlawful if performed on an adult
464 woman.

465 A physician shall not knowingly perform an abortion upon an unemancipated minor unless consent
466 has been obtained or the minor delivers to the physician a court order entered pursuant to this section
467 and the physician or his agent provides such notice as such order may require. However, neither consent
468 nor judicial authorization nor notice shall be required if the minor declares that she is abused or
469 neglected and the attending physician has reason to suspect that the minor may be an abused or
470 neglected child as defined in § 63.2-100 and reports the suspected abuse or neglect in accordance with
471 § 63.2-1509; or if there is a medical emergency, in which case the attending physician shall certify the
472 facts justifying the exception in the minor's medical record.

473 For purposes of this subsection:

474 "Authorization" means the minor has delivered to the physician a notarized, written statement signed
475 by an authorized person that the authorized person knows of the minor's intent to have an abortion and
476 consents to such abortion being performed on the minor.

477 "Authorized person" means (i) a parent or duly appointed legal guardian or custodian of the minor or
478 (ii) a person standing in loco parentis, including, but not limited to, a grandparent or adult sibling with
479 whom the minor regularly and customarily resides and who has care and control of the minor. Any
480 person who knows he is not an authorized person and who knowingly and willfully signs an
481 authorization statement consenting to an abortion for a minor is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

482 "Consent" means that (i) the physician has given notice of intent to perform the abortion and has
483 received authorization from an authorized person, or (ii) at least one authorized person is present with
484 the minor seeking the abortion and provides written authorization to the physician, which shall be
485 witnessed by the physician or an agent thereof. In either case, the written authorization shall be
486 incorporated into the minor's medical record and maintained as a part thereof.

487 "Medical emergency" means any condition which, on the basis of the physician's good faith clinical
488 judgment, so complicates the medical condition of the pregnant minor as to necessitate the immediate
489 abortion of her pregnancy to avert her death or for which a delay will create a serious risk of substantial
490 and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function.

491 "Notice of intent to perform the abortion" means that (i) the physician or his agent has given actual
 492 notice of his intention to perform such abortion to an authorized person, either in person or by
 493 telephone, at least 24 hours previous to the performance of the abortion; or (ii) the physician or his
 494 agent, after a reasonable effort to notify an authorized person, has mailed notice to an authorized person
 495 by certified mail, addressed to such person at his usual place of abode, with return receipt requested, at
 496 least 72 hours prior to the performance of the abortion.

497 "Perform an abortion" means to interrupt or terminate a pregnancy by any surgical or nonsurgical
 498 procedure or to induce a miscarriage as provided in § 18.2-72, 18.2-73, or 18.2-74.

499 "Unemancipated minor" means a minor who has not been emancipated by (i) entry into a valid
 500 marriage, even though the marriage may have been terminated by dissolution; (ii) active duty with any
 501 of the Armed Forces of the United States; (iii) willingly living separate and apart from his or her
 502 parents or guardian, with the consent or acquiescence of the parents or guardian; or (iv) entry of an
 503 order of emancipation pursuant to Article 15 (§ 16.1-331 et seq.).

504 X. Petitions filed pursuant to Article 17 (§ 16.1-349 et seq.) relating to standby guardians for minor
 505 children.

506 The ages specified in this law refer to the age of the child at the time of the acts complained of in
 507 the petition.

508 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no fees shall be charged by a sheriff for the service of
 509 any process in a proceeding pursuant to subdivision A 3, except as provided in subdivision A 6 of
 510 § 17.1-272, or subsection B, D, M, or R.

511 Notwithstanding the provisions of § 18.2-71, any physician who performs an abortion in violation of
 512 subsection W shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

513 **§ 16.1-278.8. Delinquent juveniles.**

514 A. If a juvenile is found to be delinquent, except where such finding involves a refusal to take a
 515 ~~blood or~~ breath test in violation of § 18.2-268.2 or a similar ordinance, the juvenile court or the circuit
 516 court may make any of the following orders of disposition for his supervision, care and rehabilitation:

517 1. Enter an order pursuant to the provisions of § 16.1-278;

518 2. Permit the juvenile to remain with his parent, subject to such conditions and limitations as the
 519 court may order with respect to the juvenile and his parent;

520 3. Order the parent of a juvenile living with him to participate in such programs, cooperate in such
 521 treatment or be subject to such conditions and limitations as the court may order and as are designed for
 522 the rehabilitation of the juvenile and his parent;

523 4. Defer disposition for a specific period of time established by the court with due regard for the
 524 gravity of the offense and the juvenile's history, after which time the charge may be dismissed by the
 525 judge if the juvenile exhibits good behavior during the period for which disposition is deferred;

526 4a. Defer disposition and place the juvenile in the temporary custody of the Department to attend a
 527 boot camp established pursuant to § 66-13 provided bed space is available for confinement and the
 528 juvenile (i) has been found delinquent for an offense that would be a Class 1 misdemeanor or felony if
 529 committed by an adult, (ii) has not previously been and is not currently being adjudicated delinquent or
 530 found guilty of a violent juvenile felony, (iii) has not previously attended a boot camp, (iv) has not
 531 previously been committed to and received by the Department, and (v) has had an assessment completed
 532 by the Department or its contractor concerning the appropriateness of the candidate for a boot camp.
 533 Upon the juvenile's withdrawal, removal or refusal to comply with the terms and conditions of
 534 participation in the program, he shall be brought before the court for a hearing at which the court may
 535 impose any other disposition as authorized by this section which could have been imposed at the time
 536 the juvenile was placed in the custody of the Department;

537 5. Without entering a judgment of guilty and with the consent of the juvenile and his attorney, defer
 538 disposition of the delinquency charge for a specific period of time established by the court with due
 539 regard for the gravity of the offense and the juvenile's history, and place the juvenile on probation under
 540 such conditions and limitations as the court may prescribe. Upon fulfillment of the terms and conditions,
 541 the court shall discharge the juvenile and dismiss the proceedings against him. Discharge and dismissal
 542 under these provisions shall be without adjudication of guilt;

543 6. Order the parent of a juvenile with whom the juvenile does not reside to participate in such
 544 programs, cooperate in such treatment or be subject to such conditions and limitations as the court may
 545 order and as are designed for the rehabilitation of the juvenile where the court determines this
 546 participation to be in the best interest of the juvenile and other parties concerned and where the court
 547 determines it reasonable to expect the parent to be able to comply with such order;

548 7. Place the juvenile on probation under such conditions and limitations as the court may prescribe;

549 7a. Place the juvenile on probation and order treatment for the abuse or dependence on alcohol or
 550 drugs in a program licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for the
 551 treatment of juveniles for substance abuse provided that (i) the juvenile has received a substance abuse

552 screening and assessment pursuant to § 16.1-273 and that such assessment reasonably indicates that the
553 commission of the offense was motivated by, or closely related to, the habitual use of alcohol or drugs
554 and indicates that the juvenile is in need of treatment for this condition; (ii) the juvenile has not
555 previously been and is not currently being adjudicated for a violent juvenile felony; and (iii) such
556 facility is available. Upon the juvenile's withdrawal, removal, or refusal to comply with the conditions of
557 participation in the program, he shall be brought before the court for a hearing at which the court may
558 impose any other disposition authorized by this section. The court shall review such placements at
559 30-day intervals;

560 8. Impose a fine not to exceed \$500 upon such juvenile;

561 9. Suspend the motor vehicle and driver's license of such juvenile or impose a curfew on the juvenile
562 as to the hours during which he may operate a motor vehicle. Any juvenile whose driver's license is
563 suspended may be referred for an assessment and subsequent referral to appropriate services, upon such
564 terms and conditions as the court may order. The court, in its discretion and upon a demonstration of
565 hardship, may authorize the use of a restricted permit to operate a motor vehicle by any juvenile who
566 enters such program for any of the purposes set forth in subsection E of § 18.2-271.1 or for travel to
567 and from school. The restricted permit shall be issued in accordance with the provisions of such
568 subsection. However, only an abstract of the court order that identifies the juvenile and the conditions
569 under which the restricted license is to be issued shall be sent to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

570 If a curfew is imposed, the juvenile shall surrender his driver's license, which shall be held in the
571 physical custody of the court during any period of curfew restriction. The court shall send an abstract of
572 any order issued under the provisions of this section to the Department of Motor Vehicles, which shall
573 preserve a record thereof. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 12 (§ 16.1-299 et seq.) of this
574 chapter or the provisions of Title 46.2, this record shall be available only to all law-enforcement
575 officers, attorneys for the Commonwealth and courts. A copy of the court order, upon which shall be
576 noted all curfew restrictions, shall be provided to the juvenile and shall contain such information
577 regarding the juvenile as is reasonably necessary to identify him. The juvenile may operate a motor
578 vehicle under the court order in accordance with its terms.

579 Any juvenile who operates a motor vehicle in violation of any restrictions imposed pursuant to this
580 section shall be *is* guilty of a violation of § 46.2-301.

581 The Department of Motor Vehicles shall refuse to issue a driver's license to any juvenile denied a
582 driver's license until such time as is stipulated in the court order or until notification by the court of
583 withdrawal of the order imposing the curfew;

584 10. Require the juvenile to make restitution or reparation to the aggrieved party or parties for actual
585 damages or loss caused by the offense for which the juvenile was found to be delinquent;

586 11. Require the juvenile to participate in a public service project under such conditions as the court
587 prescribes;

588 12. In case of traffic violations, impose only those penalties that are authorized to be imposed on
589 adults for such violations. However, for those violations punishable by confinement if committed by an
590 adult, confinement shall be imposed only as authorized by this title;

591 13. Transfer legal custody to any of the following:

592 a. A relative or other individual who, after study, is found by the court to be qualified to receive and
593 care for the juvenile;

594 b. A child welfare agency, private organization or facility that is licensed or otherwise authorized by
595 law to receive and provide care for such juvenile. The court shall not transfer legal custody of a
596 delinquent juvenile to an agency, organization or facility outside of the Commonwealth without the
597 approval of the Director; or

598 c. The local board of social services of the county or city in which the court has jurisdiction or, at
599 the discretion of the court, to the local board of the county or city in which the juvenile has residence if
600 other than the county or city in which the court has jurisdiction. The board shall accept the juvenile for
601 care and custody, provided that it has been given reasonable notice of the pendency of the case and an
602 opportunity to be heard. However, in an emergency in the county or city in which the court has
603 jurisdiction, such local board may be required to temporarily accept a juvenile for a period not to exceed
604 14 days without prior notice or an opportunity to be heard if the judge entering the placement order
605 describes the emergency and the need for such temporary placement in the order. Nothing in this
606 subdivision shall prohibit the commitment of a juvenile to any local board of social services in the
607 Commonwealth when such local board consents to the commitment. The board to which the juvenile is
608 committed shall have the final authority to determine the appropriate placement for the juvenile. Any
609 order authorizing removal from the home and transferring legal custody of a juvenile to a local board of
610 social services as provided in this subdivision shall be entered only upon a finding by the court that
611 reasonable efforts have been made to prevent removal and that continued placement in the home would
612 be contrary to the welfare of the juvenile, and the order shall so state;

613 14. Unless waived by an agreement between the attorney for the Commonwealth and the juvenile

614 and his attorney or other legal representative, upon consideration of the results of an investigation
 615 completed pursuant to § 16.1-273, commit the juvenile to the Department of Juvenile Justice, but only if
 616 he is 11 years of age or older and the current offense is (i) an offense that would be a felony if
 617 committed by an adult, (ii) an offense that would be a Class 1 misdemeanor if committed by an adult
 618 and the juvenile has previously been found to be delinquent based on an offense that would be a felony
 619 if committed by an adult, or (iii) an offense that would be a Class 1 misdemeanor if committed by an
 620 adult and the juvenile has previously been adjudicated delinquent of three or more offenses that would
 621 be a Class 1 misdemeanor if committed by an adult, and each such offense was not a part of a common
 622 act, transaction or scheme;

623 15. Impose the penalty authorized by § 16.1-284;

624 16. Impose the penalty authorized by § 16.1-284.1;

625 17. Unless waived by an agreement between the attorney for the Commonwealth and the juvenile
 626 and his attorney or other legal representative, upon consideration of the results of an investigation
 627 completed pursuant to § 16.1-273, impose the penalty authorized by § 16.1-285.1;

628 18. Impose the penalty authorized by § 16.1-278.9; or

629 19. Require the juvenile to participate in a gang-activity prevention program including, but not
 630 limited to, programs funded under the Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act pursuant to
 631 § 16.1-309.7, if available, when a juvenile has been found delinquent of any of the following violations:
 632 § 18.2-51, 18.2-51.1, 18.2-52, 18.2-53, 18.2-55, 18.2-56, 18.2-57, 18.2-57.2, 18.2-121, 18.2-127,
 633 18.2-128, 18.2-137, 18.2-138, 18.2-146, or 18.2-147, or any violation of a local ordinance adopted
 634 pursuant to § 15.2-1812.2.

635 B. If the court finds a juvenile delinquent of any of the following offenses, the court shall require the
 636 juvenile to make at least partial restitution or reparation for any property damage, for loss caused by the
 637 offense, or for actual medical expenses incurred by the victim as a result of the offense: § 18.2-51,
 638 18.2-51.1, 18.2-52, 18.2-53, 18.2-55, 18.2-56, 18.2-57, 18.2-57.2, 18.2-121, 18.2-127, 18.2-128,
 639 18.2-137, 18.2-138, 18.2-146, or 18.2-147; or for any violation of a local ordinance adopted pursuant to
 640 § 15.2-1812.2. The court shall further require the juvenile to participate in a community service project
 641 under such conditions as the court prescribes.

642 **§ 16.1-278.9. Delinquent children; loss of driving privileges for alcohol, firearm, and drug**
 643 **offenses; truancy.**

644 A. If a court has found facts which would justify a finding that a child at least 13 years of age at the
 645 time of the offense is delinquent and such finding involves (i) a violation of § 18.2-266 or of a similar
 646 ordinance of any county, city or town, (ii) a refusal to take a blood or breath test in violation of
 647 § 18.2-268.2, (iii) a felony violation of § 18.2-248, 18.2-248.1 or 18.2-250, (iv) a misdemeanor violation
 648 of § 18.2-248, 18.2-248.1, or 18.2-250 or a violation of § 18.2-250.1, (v) the unlawful purchase,
 649 possession or consumption of alcohol in violation of § 4.1-305 or the unlawful drinking or possession of
 650 alcoholic beverages in or on public school grounds in violation of § 4.1-309, (vi) public intoxication in
 651 violation of § 18.2-388 or a similar ordinance of a county, city or town, (vii) the unlawful use or
 652 possession of a handgun or possession of a "streetsweeper" as defined below, or (viii) a violation of
 653 § 18.2-83, the court shall order, in addition to any other penalty that it may impose as provided by law
 654 for the offense, that the child be denied a driver's license. In addition to any other penalty authorized by
 655 this section, if the offense involves a violation designated under clause (i) and the child was transporting
 656 a person 17 years of age or younger, the court shall impose the additional fine and order community
 657 service as provided in § 18.2-270. If the offense involves a violation designated under clause (i), (ii),
 658 (iii) or (viii), the denial of a driver's license shall be for a period of one year or until the juvenile
 659 reaches the age of 17, whichever is longer, for a first such offense or for a period of one year or until
 660 the juvenile reaches the age of 18, whichever is longer, for a second or subsequent such offense. If the
 661 offense involves a violation designated under clause (iv), (v) or (vi) the denial of driving privileges shall
 662 be for a period of six months unless the offense is committed by a child under the age of 16 years and
 663 three months, in which case the child's ability to apply for a driver's license shall be delayed for a
 664 period of six months following the date he reaches the age of 16 and three months. If the offense
 665 involves a first violation designated under clause (v) or (vi), the court shall impose the license sanction
 666 and may enter a judgment of guilt or, without entering a judgment of guilt, may defer disposition of the
 667 delinquency charge until such time as the court disposes of the case pursuant to subsection F of this
 668 section. If the offense involves a violation designated under clause (iii) or (iv), the court shall impose
 669 the license sanction and shall dispose of the delinquency charge pursuant to the provisions of this
 670 chapter or § 18.2-251. If the offense involves a violation designated under clause (vii), the denial of
 671 driving privileges shall be for a period of not less than 30 days, except when the offense involves
 672 possession of a concealed handgun or a striker 12, commonly called a "streetsweeper," or any
 673 semi-automatic folding stock shotgun of like kind with a spring tension drum magazine capable of
 674 holding 12 shotgun shells, in which case the denial of driving privileges shall be for a period of two

675 years unless the offense is committed by a child under the age of 16 years and three months, in which
676 event the child's ability to apply for a driver's license shall be delayed for a period of two years
677 following the date he reaches the age of 16 and three months.

678 A1. If a court finds that a child at least 13 years of age has failed to comply with school attendance
679 and meeting requirements as provided in § 22.1-258, the court shall order the denial of the child's
680 driving privileges for a period of not less than 30 days. If such failure to comply involves a child under
681 the age of 16 years and three months, the child's ability to apply for a driver's license shall be delayed
682 for a period of not less than 30 days following the date he reaches the age of 16 and three months.

683 If the court finds a second or subsequent such offense, it may order the denial of a driver's license
684 for a period of one year or until the juvenile reaches the age of 18, whichever is longer, or delay the
685 child's ability to apply for a driver's license for a period of one year following the date he reaches the
686 age of 16 and three months, as may be appropriate.

687 A2. *If a court finds that a child at least 13 years of age has refused to take a blood test in violation*
688 *of § 18.2-268.2, the court shall order that the child be denied a driver's license for a period of one year*
689 *or until the juvenile reaches the age of 17, whichever is longer, for a first such offense or for a period*
690 *of one year or until the juvenile reaches the age of 18, whichever is longer, for a second or subsequent*
691 *such offense.*

692 B. Any child who has a driver's license at the time of the offense or at the time of the court's finding
693 as provided in subsection A1 or A2 shall be ordered to surrender his driver's license, which shall be
694 held in the physical custody of the court during any period of license denial.

695 C. The court shall report any order issued under this section to the Department of Motor Vehicles,
696 which shall preserve a record thereof. The report and the record shall include a statement as to whether
697 the child was represented by or waived counsel or whether the order was issued pursuant to subsection
698 A1 of this section or A2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 12 (§ 16.1-299 et seq.) of this
699 chapter or the provisions of Title 46.2, this record shall be available only to all law-enforcement
700 officers, attorneys for the Commonwealth and courts. No other record of the proceeding shall be
701 forwarded to the Department of Motor Vehicles unless the proceeding results in an adjudication of guilt
702 pursuant to subsection F.

703 The Department of Motor Vehicles shall refuse to issue a driver's license to any child denied a
704 driver's license until such time as is stipulated in the court order or until notification by the court of
705 withdrawal of the order of denial under subsection E.

706 D. If the finding as to the child involves a violation designated under clause (i), (ii), (iii) or (vi) of
707 subsection A or a violation designated under subsection A2, the child may be referred to a certified
708 alcohol safety action program in accordance with § 18.2-271.1 upon such terms and conditions as the
709 court may set forth. If the finding as to such child involves a violation designated under clause (iii),
710 (iv), (v), (vii) or (viii) of subsection A, such child may be referred to appropriate rehabilitative or
711 educational services upon such terms and conditions as the court may set forth.

712 The court, in its discretion and upon a demonstration of hardship, may authorize the use of a
713 restricted permit to operate a motor vehicle by any child who has a driver's license at the time of the
714 offense or at the time of the court's finding as provided in subsection A1 or A2 for any of the purposes
715 set forth in subsection E of § 18.2-271.1 or for travel to and from school, except that no restricted
716 license shall be issued for travel to and from home and school when school-provided transportation is
717 available and no restricted license shall be issued if the finding as to such child involves a violation
718 designated under clause (iii) or (iv) of subsection A, or if it involves a second or subsequent violation of
719 any offense designated in subsection A or a second finding by the court of failure to comply with
720 school attendance and meeting requirements as provided in subsection A1, or a second or subsequent
721 finding by the court of a refusal to take a blood test as provided in subsection A2. The issuance of the
722 restricted permit shall be set forth within the court order, a copy of which shall be provided to the child,
723 and shall specifically enumerate the restrictions imposed and contain such information regarding the
724 child as is reasonably necessary to identify him. The child may operate a motor vehicle under the court
725 order in accordance with its terms. Any child who operates a motor vehicle in violation of any
726 restrictions imposed pursuant to this section shall be guilty of a violation of § 46.2-301.

727 E. Upon petition made at least 90 days after issuance of the order, the court may review and
728 withdraw any order of denial of a driver's license if for a first such offense or finding as provided in
729 subsection A1 or A2. For a second or subsequent such offense or finding, the order may not be
730 reviewed and withdrawn until one year after its issuance.

731 F. If the finding as to such child involves a first violation designated under clause (vii) of subsection
732 A, upon fulfillment of the terms and conditions prescribed by the court and after the child's driver's
733 license has been restored, the court shall or, in the event the violation resulted in the injury or death of
734 any person or if the finding involves a violation designated under clause (i), (ii), (v), or (vi) of
735 subsection A, may discharge the child and dismiss the proceedings against him. Discharge and dismissal
736 under these provisions shall be without an adjudication of guilt but a record of the proceeding shall be

737 retained for the purpose of applying this section in subsequent proceedings. Failure of the child to fulfill
738 such terms and conditions shall result in an adjudication of guilt. If the finding as to such child involves
739 a violation designated under clause (iii) or (iv) of subsection A, the charge shall not be dismissed
740 pursuant to this subsection but shall be disposed of pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or
741 § 18.2-251. If the finding as to such child involves a second violation under clause (v), (vi) or (vii) of
742 subsection A, the charge shall not be dismissed pursuant to this subsection but shall be disposed of
743 under § 16.1-278.8.

744 **§ 16.1-309. Penalty.**

745 A. Except as provided in §§ 16.1-299, 16.1-300, 16.1-301, 16.1-305 and 16.1-307, any person who
746 (i) files a petition, (ii) receives a petition or has access to court records in an official capacity, (iii)
747 participates in the investigation of allegations which form the basis of a petition, (iv) is interviewed
748 concerning such allegations and whose information is derived solely from such interview or (v) is
749 present during any court proceeding, who discloses or makes use of or knowingly permits the use of
750 identifying information not otherwise available to the public concerning a juvenile who is suspected of
751 being or is the subject of a proceeding within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court pursuant to
752 subdivisions A 1 through 5 or subdivision A 7 of subsection A of § 16.1-241 or who is in the custody of
753 the State Department of Juvenile Justice, which information is directly or indirectly derived from the
754 records or files of a law-enforcement agency, court or the Department of Juvenile Justice or acquired in
755 the course of official duties, shall be is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

756 B. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any law-enforcement officer or school employee
757 who discloses to school personnel identifying information concerning a juvenile who is suspected of
758 committing or has committed a delinquent act that has met applicable criteria of § 16.1-260 and is
759 committed or alleged to have been committed on school property during a school-sponsored activity or
760 on the way to or from such activity, if the disclosure is made solely for the purpose of enabling school
761 personnel to take appropriate disciplinary action within the school setting against the juvenile. Further,
762 the provisions of this section shall not apply to school personnel who disclose information obtained
763 pursuant to §§ 16.1-305.1 and 22.1-288.2, if the disclosure is made in compliance with those sections.

764 **§ 18.2-268.3. Refusal of tests; penalties; procedures.**

765 A. It shall be is unlawful for a person who is arrested for a violation of § 18.2-266, or 18.2-266.1, or
766 subsection B of § 18.2-272 or of a similar ordinance to unreasonably refuse to have samples of his
767 blood or breath or both blood and breath taken for chemical tests to determine the alcohol or drug
768 content of his blood as required by § 18.2-268.2 and any person who so unreasonably refuses is guilty
769 of a violation of this section. subsection, which is punishable as follows:

770 1. A first violation is a civil offense. For a first offense, the court shall suspend the defendant's
771 privilege to drive for a period of one year. This suspension period is in addition to the suspension
772 period provided under § 46.2-391.2.

773 2. If a person is found to have violated this subsection and within 10 years prior to the date of the
774 refusal he was found guilty of any of the following: a violation of this section, a violation of § 18.2-266,
775 or a violation of any offense listed in subsection E of § 18.2-270 arising out of separate occurrences or
776 incidents, he is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. A conviction under this subdivision shall of itself
777 operate to deprive the person of the privilege to drive for a period of three years from the date of the
778 judgment of conviction. This revocation period is in addition to the suspension period provided under
779 § 46.2-391.2.

780 B. It is unlawful for a person who is arrested for a violation of § 18.2-266 or 18.2-266.1 or
781 subsection B of § 18.2-272 or of a similar ordinance to unreasonably refuse to have samples of his
782 blood taken for chemical tests to determine the alcohol or drug content of his blood as required by
783 § 18.2-268.2 and any person who so unreasonably refuses is guilty of a violation of this subsection,
784 which is a civil offense and is punishable as follows:

785 1. For a first offense, the court shall suspend the defendant's privilege to drive for a period of one
786 year. This suspension period is in addition to the suspension period provided under § 46.2-391.2.

787 2. If a person is found to have violated this subsection and within 10 years prior to the date of the
788 refusal he was found guilty of any of the following: a violation of this section, a violation of § 18.2-266,
789 or a violation of any offense listed in subsection E of § 18.2-270 arising out of separate occurrences or
790 incidents, such violation shall of itself operate to deprive the person of the privilege to drive for a
791 period of three years from the date of the judgment. This revocation period is in addition to the
792 suspension period provided under § 46.2-391.2.

793 C. When a person is arrested for a violation of § 18.2-51.4, 18.2-266, or 18.2-266.1 or, subsection B
794 of § 18.2-272 or of a similar ordinance and such person refuses to permit blood or breath or both blood
795 and breath samples to be taken for testing as required by § 18.2-268.2, the arresting officer shall advise
796 the person, from a form provided by the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court, that
797 (i) that a person who operates a motor vehicle upon a highway in the Commonwealth is deemed

798 thereby, as a condition of such operation, to have consented to have samples of his blood and breath
 799 taken for chemical tests to determine the alcohol or drug content of his blood, (ii) *that* a finding of
 800 unreasonable refusal to consent *to testing* may be admitted as evidence at a criminal trial, (iii) *that* the
 801 unreasonable refusal to do so constitutes grounds for the revocation of the privilege of operating a motor
 802 vehicle upon the highways of the Commonwealth, (iv) ~~the criminal penalty for unreasonable refusal~~
 803 ~~within 10 years of a prior conviction for driving while intoxicated or unreasonable refusal is a Class 2~~
 804 ~~misdemeanor of the civil penalties for unreasonable refusal to have blood or breath or both blood and~~
 805 ~~breath samples taken, and (v) of the criminal penalty for unreasonable refusal to have breath samples~~
 806 ~~taken within 10 years of any two a prior convictions conviction for driving while intoxicated or~~
 807 ~~unreasonable refusal, which is a Class 1 misdemeanor. The form from which the arresting officer shall~~
 808 advise the person arrested shall contain a brief statement of the law requiring the taking of blood or
 809 breath samples, a statement that a finding of unreasonable refusal to consent *to testing* may be admitted
 810 as evidence at a criminal trial, and the penalties for refusal. The Office of the Executive Secretary of the
 811 Supreme Court shall make the form available on the Internet and the form shall be considered an
 812 official publication of the Commonwealth for the purposes of § 8.01-388.

813 C. D. The arresting officer shall, under oath before the magistrate, execute the form and certify; (i)
 814 that the defendant has refused to permit blood or breath or both blood and breath samples to be taken
 815 for testing; (ii) that the officer has read the portion of the form described in subsection B C to the
 816 arrested person; (iii) that the arrested person, after having had the portion of the form described in
 817 subsection B C read to him, has refused to permit such sample or samples to be taken; and (iv) how
 818 many, if any, violations of this section, § 18.2-266, or any offense described in subsection E of
 819 § 18.2-270 the arrested person has been convicted of within the last 10 years. Such sworn certification
 820 shall constitute probable cause for the magistrate to issue a warrant or summons charging the person
 821 with unreasonable refusal. The magistrate shall attach the executed and sworn advisement form to the
 822 warrant or summons. The warrant or summons for a first offense under ~~this section~~ *subsection A or any*
 823 *offense under subsection B* shall be executed in the same manner as a criminal warrant or summons. If
 824 the person arrested has been taken to a medical facility for treatment or evaluation of his medical
 825 condition, the arresting officer may read the advisement form to the person at the medical facility, and
 826 issue, on the premises of the medical facility, a summons for a violation of this section in lieu of
 827 securing a warrant or summons from the magistrate. The magistrate or arresting officer, as the case may
 828 be, shall forward the executed advisement form and warrant or summons to the appropriate court.

829 D. ~~A first violation of this section is a civil offense and subsequent violations are criminal offenses.~~
 830 ~~For a first offense the court shall suspend the defendant's privilege to drive for a period of one year.~~
 831 ~~This suspension period is in addition to the suspension period provided under § 46.2-391.2.~~

832 If a person is found to have violated this section and within 10 years prior to the date of the refusal
 833 he was found guilty of any of the following: a violation of this section, a violation of § 18.2-266, or a
 834 violation of any offense listed in subsection E of § 18.2-270, arising out of separate occurrences or
 835 incidents, he is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor and the court shall suspend the defendant's privilege to
 836 drive for a period of three years. This suspension period is in addition to the suspension period provided
 837 under § 46.2-391.2.

838 If a person is found guilty of a violation of this section and within 10 years prior to the date of the
 839 refusal he was found guilty of any two of the following: a violation of this section, a violation of
 840 § 18.2-266, or a violation of any offense listed in subsection E of § 18.2-270 arising out of separate
 841 occurrences or incidents, he is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor and the court shall suspend the
 842 defendant's privilege to drive for a period of three years. This suspension period is in addition to the
 843 suspension period provided under § 46.2-391.2.

844 § 18.2-268.4. Trial and appeal for refusal.

845 A. Venue for the trial of the warrant or summons shall lie in the court of the county or city in which
 846 the offense of driving under the influence of intoxicants or other offense listed in subsection A or B of
 847 § 18.2-268.3 is to be tried.

848 B. The procedure for appeal and trial of a ~~first~~ *any civil* offense of § 18.2-268.3 shall be the same as
 849 provided by law for misdemeanors; if requested by either party on appeal to the circuit court, trial by
 850 jury shall be as provided in Article 4 (§ 19.2-260 et seq.) of Chapter 15 of Title 19.2, and the
 851 Commonwealth shall be required to prove its case beyond a reasonable doubt.

852 C. If the defendant pleads guilty to a violation of § 18.2-266, ~~or~~ 18.2-266.1, or subsection B of
 853 § 18.2-272 or of a similar ordinance, the court may dismiss the warrant or summons.

854 The court shall dispose of the defendant's license in accordance with the provisions of § 46.2-398;
 855 however, the defendant's license shall not be returned during any period of suspension imposed under
 856 § 46.2-391.2.

857 § 18.2-268.7. Transmission of blood test samples; use as evidence.

858 A. Upon receipt of a blood sample forwarded to the Department for analysis pursuant to
 859 § 18.2-268.6, the Department shall have it examined for its alcohol or drug or both alcohol and drug

860 content and the Director shall execute a certificate of analysis indicating the name of the accused; the
 861 date, time and by whom the blood sample was received and examined; a statement that the seal on the
 862 vial had not been broken or otherwise tampered with; a statement that the container and vial were
 863 provided or approved by the Department and that the vial was one to which the completed withdrawal
 864 certificate was attached; and a statement of the sample's alcohol or drug or both alcohol and drug
 865 content. The Director shall remove the withdrawal certificate from the vial and either (i) attach it to the
 866 certificate of analysis and state in the certificate of analysis that it was so removed and attached or (ii)
 867 electronically scan it into the Department's Laboratory Information Management System and place the
 868 original withdrawal certificate in its case-specific file. The certificate of analysis and the withdrawal
 869 certificate shall be returned or electronically transmitted to the clerk of the court in which the charge
 870 will be heard.

871 B. After completion of the analysis, the Department shall preserve the remainder of the blood until at
 872 least 90 days have lapsed from the date the blood was drawn. During this 90-day period, the accused
 873 may, by motion filed before the court in which the charge will be heard, with notice to the Department,
 874 request an order directing the Department to transmit the remainder of the blood sample to an
 875 independent laboratory retained by the accused for analysis. The Department shall destroy the remainder
 876 of the blood sample if no notice of a motion to transmit the remaining blood sample is received during
 877 the 90-day period. *On motion of the accused, the report of analysis prepared for the remaining blood*
 878 *sample shall be admissible in evidence, provided that the report is duly attested by a person performing*
 879 *such analysis and the independent laboratory that performed the analysis is accredited or certified to*
 880 *conduct forensic blood alcohol/drug testing by one or more of the following bodies: American Society of*
 881 *Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB); College of American*
 882 *Pathologists (CAP); U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental*
 883 *Health Services Administration (SAMHSA); or American Board of Forensic Toxicology (ABFT).*

884 C. When a blood sample taken in accordance with the provisions of §§ 18.2-268.2 through
 885 18.2-268.6 is forwarded for analysis to the Department, a report of the test results shall be filed in that
 886 office. Upon proper identification of the certificate of withdrawal, the certificate of analysis, with the
 887 withdrawal certificate attached, shall, when attested by the Director, be admissible in any court as
 888 evidence of the facts therein stated and of the results of such analysis (i) in any criminal proceeding,
 889 provided the requirements of subsection A of § 19.2-187.1 have been satisfied and the accused has not
 890 objected to the admission of the certificate pursuant to subsection B of § 19.2-187.1, or (ii) in any civil
 891 proceeding. *On motion of the accused, the report of analysis prepared for the remaining blood sample*
 892 *shall be admissible in evidence provided the report is duly attested by a person performing such analysis*
 893 *and the independent laboratory that performed the analysis is accredited or certified to conduct forensic*
 894 *blood alcohol/drug testing by one or more of the following bodies: American Society of Crime*
 895 *Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB); College of American Pathologists*
 896 *(CAP); United States Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health*
 897 *Services Administration (SAMHSA); or American Board of Forensic Toxicology (ABFT).*

898 Upon request of the person whose blood was analyzed, the test results shall be made available to
 899 him.

900 The Director may delegate or assign these duties to an employee of the Department.

901 **§ 18.2-268.9. Assurance of breath-test validity; use of breath-test results as evidence.**

902 A. To be capable of being considered valid as evidence in a prosecution under § 18.2-266; *or*
 903 18.2-266.1; or subsection B of § 18.2-272; or a similar ordinance, chemical analysis of a person's breath
 904 shall be performed by an individual possessing a valid license to conduct such tests, with a type of
 905 equipment and in accordance with methods approved by the Department.

906 B. The Department shall establish a training program for all individuals who are to administer the
 907 breath tests. Upon a person's successful completion of the training program, the Department may license
 908 him to conduct breath-test analyses. Such license shall identify the specific types of breath test
 909 equipment upon which the individual has successfully completed training. Any individual conducting a
 910 breath test under the provisions of § 18.2-268.2 shall issue a certificate which will indicate that the test
 911 was conducted in accordance with the Department's specifications, the name of the accused, that prior to
 912 administration of the test the accused was advised of his right to observe the process and see the blood
 913 alcohol reading on the equipment used to perform the breath test, the date and time the sample was
 914 taken from the accused, the sample's alcohol content, and the name of the person who examined the
 915 sample. This certificate, when attested by the individual conducting the breath test on equipment
 916 maintained by the Department, shall be admissible in any court as evidence of the facts therein stated
 917 and of the results of such analysis (i) in any criminal proceeding, provided that the requirements of
 918 subsection A of § 19.2-187.1 have been satisfied and the accused has not objected to the admission of
 919 the certificate pursuant to subsection B of § 19.2-187.1, or (ii) in any civil proceeding. Any such
 920 certificate of analysis purporting to be signed by a person authorized by the Department shall be

921 admissible in evidence without proof of seal or signature of the person whose name is signed to it. A
 922 copy of the certificate shall be promptly delivered to the accused. Copies of Department records relating
 923 to any breath test conducted pursuant to this section shall be admissible provided such copies are
 924 authenticated as true copies either by the custodian thereof or by the person to whom the custodian
 925 reports.

926 The officer making the arrest, or anyone with him at the time of the arrest, or anyone participating in
 927 the arrest of the accused, if otherwise Any person qualified to conduct such a breath test as provided by
 928 this section, may administer the breath test and or analyze the results.

929 **§ 18.2-269. Presumptions from alcohol or drug content of blood.**

930 A. In any prosecution for a violation of § 18.2-36.1 or clause (ii), (iii), or (iv) of § 18.2-266, or any
 931 similar ordinance, the amount of alcohol or drugs in the blood of the accused at the time of the alleged
 932 offense as indicated by a chemical analysis of a sample of the accused's blood or breath to determine
 933 the alcohol or drug content of his blood (i) in accordance with the provisions of §§ 18.2-268.1 through
 934 18.2-268.12 or (ii) performed in accordance with the provisions of §§ 18.2-268.5 and 18.2-268.6 and
 935 subsections A and C of § 18.2-268.7 on the suspect's whole blood by the Department of Forensic
 936 Science pursuant to a search warrant shall give rise to the following rebuttable presumptions:

937 (1) 1. If there was at that time 0.05 percent or less by weight by volume of alcohol in the accused's
 938 blood or 0.05 grams or less per 210 liters of the accused's breath, it shall be presumed that the accused
 939 was not under the influence of alcohol intoxicants at the time of the alleged offense;

940 (2) 2. If there was at that time in excess of 0.05 percent but less than 0.08 percent by weight by
 941 volume of alcohol in the accused's blood or 0.05 grams but less than 0.08 grams per 210 liters of the
 942 accused's breath, such facts shall not give rise to any presumption that the accused was or was not under
 943 the influence of alcohol intoxicants at the time of the alleged offense, but such facts may be considered
 944 with other competent evidence in determining the guilt or innocence of the accused;

945 (3) 3. If there was at that time 0.08 percent or more by weight by volume of alcohol in the accused's
 946 blood or 0.08 grams or more per 210 liters of the accused's breath, it shall be presumed that the accused
 947 was under the influence of alcohol intoxicants at the time of the alleged offense; or

948 (4) 4. If there was at that time an amount of the following substances at a level that is equal to or
 949 greater than: (a) (i) 0.02 milligrams of cocaine per liter of blood, (b) (ii) 0.1 milligrams of
 950 methamphetamine per liter of blood, (c) (iii) 0.01 milligrams of phencyclidine per liter of blood, or (d)
 951 (iv) 0.1 milligrams of 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine per liter of blood, it shall be presumed that
 952 the accused was under the influence of drugs at the time of the alleged offense to a degree which
 953 impairs his ability to drive or operate any motor vehicle, engine or train safely.

954 B. The provisions of this section shall not apply to and shall not affect any prosecution for a
 955 violation of § 46.2-341.24.

956 **§ 18.2-272. Driving after forfeiture of license.**

957 A. Any person who drives or operates any motor vehicle, engine or train in the Commonwealth
 958 during the time for which he was deprived of the right to do so (i) upon conviction of a violation of
 959 § 18.2-268.3 or 46.2-341.26:3 or of an offense set forth in subsection E of § 18.2-270, (ii) by § 18.2-271
 960 or 46.2-391.2, (iii) after his license has been revoked pursuant to § 46.2-389 or 46.2-391, or (iv) in
 961 violation of the terms of a restricted license issued pursuant to subsection E of § 18.2-271.1, is guilty of
 962 a Class 1 misdemeanor except as otherwise provided in § 46.2-391, and is subject to administrative
 963 revocation of his driver's license pursuant to §§ 46.2-389 and 46.2-391. Any person convicted of three
 964 violations of this section committed within a 10-year period is guilty of a Class 6 felony.

965 Nothing in this section or § 18.2-266, 18.2-270, or 18.2-271, shall be construed as conflicting with or
 966 repealing any ordinance or resolution of any city, town or county which restricts still further the right of
 967 such persons to drive or operate any such vehicle or conveyance.

968 B. Regardless of compliance with any other restrictions on his privilege to drive or operate a motor
 969 vehicle, it shall be a violation of this section for any person whose privilege to drive or operate a motor
 970 vehicle has been restricted, suspended or revoked because of a violation of § 18.2-36.1, 18.2-51.4,
 971 18.2-266, 18.2-268.3, 46.2-341.24, or 46.2-341.26:3 or a similar ordinance or law of another state or the
 972 United States to drive or operate a motor vehicle while he has a blood alcohol content of 0.02 percent
 973 or more.

974 Any person suspected of a violation of this subsection shall be entitled to a preliminary breath test in
 975 accordance with the provisions of § 18.2-267, shall be deemed to have given his implied consent to have
 976 samples of his blood, breath or both taken for analysis pursuant to the provisions of § 18.2-268.2, and,
 977 when charged with a violation of this subsection, shall be subject to the provisions of §§ 18.2-268.1
 978 through 18.2-268.12.

979 C. Any person who drives or operates a motor vehicle without a certified ignition interlock system as
 980 required by § 46.2-391.01 is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor and is subject to administrative revocation
 981 of his driver's license pursuant to §§ 46.2-389 and 46.2-391.

982 **§ 19.2-52. When search warrant may issue.**

983 Except as provided in § 19.2-56.1, search warrants, based upon complaint on oath supported by an
 984 affidavit as required in § 19.2-54, may be issued by any judge, magistrate or other person having
 985 authority to issue criminal warrants, if he be satisfied from such complaint and affidavit that there is
 986 reasonable and probable cause for the issuance of such search warrant.
 987 *An application for a search warrant to withdraw blood from a person suspected of violating*
 988 *§ 18.2-266, 18.2-266.1, 18.2-272, 29.1-738, 29.1-738.02, or 46.2-341.24 shall be given priority over any*
 989 *pending matters before such judge, magistrate, or other person having authority to issue criminal*
 990 *warrants.*
 991 **§ 19.2-73. Issuance of summons instead of warrant in certain cases.**
 992 A. In any misdemeanor case or in any class of misdemeanor cases, or in any case involving
 993 complaints made by any state or local governmental official or employee having responsibility for the
 994 enforcement of any statute, ordinance or administrative regulation, the magistrate or other issuing
 995 authority having jurisdiction may issue a summons instead of a warrant when there is reason to believe
 996 that the person charged will appear in the courts having jurisdiction over the trial of the offense charged.
 997 B. If any person under suspicion for driving while intoxicated has been taken to a medical facility
 998 for treatment or evaluation of his medical condition, the officer at the medical facility may issue, on the
 999 premises of the medical facility, a summons for a violation of § 18.2-266, 18.2-266.1, 18.2-272, or
 1000 46.2-341.24 and for refusal of tests in violation of subsection A or B of § 18.2-268.3 or subsection A of
 1001 § 46.2-341.26:3, in lieu of securing a warrant and without having to detain that person, provided that the
 1002 officer has probable cause to place him under arrest. The issuance of such summons shall be deemed an
 1003 arrest for purposes of Article 2 (§ 18.2-266 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2.
 1004 C. Any person on whom such summons is served shall appear on the date set forth in same, and if
 1005 such person fails to appear in such court at such time and on such date then he shall be treated in
 1006 accordance with the provisions of § 19.2-128, regardless of the disposition of, and in addition to, the
 1007 charge upon which he was originally arrested.
 1008 **§ 29.1-738.3. Presumptions from alcohol or drug content.**
 1009 In any prosecution for operating a watercraft or motorboat which that is underway in violation of
 1010 clause (ii), (iii), or (iv) of subsection B of § 29.1-738, or of a similar ordinance of any county, city or
 1011 town, the amount of alcohol or drugs in the blood of the accused at the time of the alleged offense as
 1012 indicated by a chemical analysis of a sample of the accused's blood or breath to determine the alcohol
 1013 or drug content of his blood (i) in accordance with the provisions of § 29.1-738.2 or (ii) performed in
 1014 accordance with the provisions of §§ 18.2-268.5 and 18.2-268.6 and subsections A and C of
 1015 § 18.2-268.7 shall give rise to the rebuttable presumptions of subdivisions (4) A 1 through (4) 4 of
 1016 subsection A of § 18.2-269.
 1017 **§ 46.2-341.26:2. Implied consent to post-arrest chemical test to determine alcohol or drug**
 1018 **content of blood of commercial driver.**
 1019 A. Any person, whether licensed by Virginia or not, who operates a commercial motor vehicle upon
 1020 a highway as defined in § 46.2-100 in the Commonwealth shall be deemed thereby, as a condition of
 1021 such operation, to have consented to have samples of his blood, breath, or both blood and breath taken
 1022 for a chemical test to determine the alcohol, drug or both alcohol and drug content of his blood, if he is
 1023 arrested for violation of § 46.2-341.24 or 46.2-341.31 within ~~two~~ three hours of the alleged offense.
 1024 B. Such person shall be required to have a breath sample taken and shall be entitled, upon request, to
 1025 observe the process of analysis and to see the blood-alcohol reading on the equipment used to perform
 1026 the breath test. If the equipment automatically produces a written printout of the breath test result, the
 1027 printout or a copy shall be given to the suspect. If a breath test is not available, then a blood test shall
 1028 be required.
 1029 C. The person may be required to submit to blood tests to determine the drug content of his blood if
 1030 he has been arrested pursuant to provision (iii), (iv), or (v) of subsection A of § 46.2-341.24, or if he
 1031 has taken the breath test required pursuant to subsection B and the law-enforcement officer has
 1032 reasonable cause to believe the person was driving under the influence of any drug or combination of
 1033 drugs, or the combined influence of alcohol and drugs.
 1034 D. If the certificate of analysis referred to in § 46.2-341.26:9 indicates the presence of alcohol in the
 1035 suspect's blood, the suspect shall be taken before a magistrate to determine whether the magistrate
 1036 should issue an out-of-service order prohibiting the suspect from driving any commercial motor vehicle
 1037 for a 24-hour period. If the magistrate finds that there is probable cause to believe that the suspect was
 1038 driving a commercial motor vehicle with any measurable amount of alcohol in his blood, the magistrate
 1039 shall issue an out-of-service order prohibiting the suspect from driving any commercial motor vehicle for
 1040 a period of 24 hours. The magistrate shall forward a copy of the out-of-service order to the Department
 1041 within seven days after issuing the order. The order shall be in addition to any other action or sanction
 1042 permitted or required by law to be taken against or imposed upon the suspect.
 1043 **§ 46.2-341.26:3. Refusal of tests; issuance of out-of-service orders; disqualification.**

1044 A. If it is unlawful for a person who is arrested for a violation of § 46.2-341.24 or 46.2-341.31 to
 1045 unreasonably refuse to have samples of his breath taken for chemical tests to determine the alcohol
 1046 content of his blood as required by § 46.2-341.26:2, and any person who so unreasonably refuses is
 1047 guilty of a violation of this subsection, which is punishable as follows:

1048 1. A first violation is a civil offense. For a first offense, the court shall suspend the defendant's
 1049 privilege to drive for a period of one year. This suspension period is in addition to the suspension
 1050 period provided under § 46.2-391.2.

1051 2. If a person is found to have violated this subsection and within 10 years prior to the date of the
 1052 refusal he was found guilty of any of the following: a violation of this section, a violation of any offense
 1053 listed in subsection E of § 18.2-270, or a violation of § 46.2-341.24 or 46.2-341.31 arising out of
 1054 separate occurrences or incidents, he is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. A conviction under this
 1055 subdivision shall of itself operate to deprive the person of the privilege to drive for a period of three
 1056 years from the date of the judgment of conviction. This revocation period is in addition to the
 1057 suspension period provided under § 46.2-391.2.

1058 B. It is unlawful for a person who is arrested for a violation of § 46.2-341.24 or 46.2-341.31 to
 1059 unreasonably refuse to have samples of his blood taken for chemical tests to determine the alcohol or
 1060 drug content of his blood as required by § 46.2-341.26:2, and any person who so unreasonably refuses
 1061 is guilty of a violation of this subsection, which is a civil offense and is punishable as follows:

1062 1. For a first offense, the court shall suspend the defendant's privilege to drive for a period of one
 1063 year. This suspension period is in addition to the suspension period provided under § 46.2-391.2.

1064 2. If a person is found to have violated this subsection and within 10 years prior to the date of the
 1065 refusal he was found guilty of any of the following: a violation of this section, a violation of any offense
 1066 listed in subsection E of § 18.2-270, or a violation of § 46.2-341.24 or 46.2-341.31 arising out of
 1067 separate occurrences or incidents, such violation shall of itself operate to deprive the person of the
 1068 privilege to drive for a period of three years from the date of the judgment. This revocation period is in
 1069 addition to the suspension period provided under § 46.2-391.2.

1070 C. When a person is arrested for a violation of § 46.2-341.24 or § 46.2-341.31, after having been
 1071 advised by a and such person refuses to permit blood or breath or both blood and breath samples to be
 1072 taken for testing as required by § 46.2-341.26:2, the arresting law-enforcement officer shall advise the
 1073 person, from a form provided by the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court, (i) that a
 1074 person who operates a commercial motor vehicle on a public highway in the Commonwealth is deemed
 1075 thereby, as a condition of such operation, to have consented to have samples of his blood or breath
 1076 taken for chemical tests to determine the alcohol or drug content of his blood, (ii) that a finding of
 1077 unreasonable refusal to consent to testing may be admitted as evidence at a criminal trial, and (iii) that
 1078 the unreasonable refusal to do so constitutes grounds for the immediate issuance of an out-of-service
 1079 order prohibiting him from driving a commercial vehicle for a period of 24 hours and for the
 1080 disqualification of such person from operating a commercial motor vehicle, then refuses to permit blood
 1081 or breath samples to be taken for such tests, the law-enforcement officer shall take the person before a
 1082 magistrate. If he again refuses after having been further advised by the magistrate (i) of the law
 1083 requiring blood or breath samples to be taken, (ii) that a finding of unreasonable refusal to consent may
 1084 be admitted as evidence at a criminal trial, and (iii) the sanctions for refusal, and declares again his
 1085 refusal in writing on a form provided by the Supreme Court, or refuses or fails to so declare in writing
 1086 and such fact is certified as prescribed below, then no blood or breath samples shall be taken even
 1087 though he may later request them.

1088 B. (iv) of the civil penalties for unreasonable refusal to have blood or breath or both blood and
 1089 breath samples taken, and (v) of the criminal penalty for unreasonable refusal to have breath samples
 1090 taken within 10 years of a prior conviction for driving while intoxicated or unreasonable refusal, which
 1091 is a Class 1 misdemeanor. The form from which the law-enforcement officer shall advise the person
 1092 arrested shall contain a brief statement of the law requiring the taking of blood or breath samples, that a
 1093 finding of unreasonable refusal to consent to testing may be admitted as evidence at a criminal trial, and
 1094 the sanctions penalties for refusal; a declaration of refusal; and lines for the signature of the person from
 1095 whom the blood or breath sample is sought, the date, and the signature of a witness to the signing. If
 1096 the person refuses or fails to execute the declaration, the magistrate shall certify such fact and that the
 1097 magistrate advised the person that a refusal to permit a blood or breath sample to be taken, if found to
 1098 be unreasonable, constitutes grounds for immediate issuance of an out-of-service order prohibiting him
 1099 from driving a commercial vehicle for a period of twenty-four hours, and for the disqualification of such
 1100 person from operating a commercial motor vehicle. The Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme
 1101 Court shall make the form available on the Internet, and the form shall be considered an official
 1102 publication of the Commonwealth for the purposes of § 8.01-388.

1103 D. The law-enforcement officer shall, under oath before the magistrate, execute the form and certify
 1104 (i) that the defendant has refused to permit blood or breath or both blood and breath samples to be
 1105 taken for testing; (ii) that the officer has read the portion of the form described in subsection C to the

1106 arrested person; (iii) that the arrested person, after having had the portion of the form described in
 1107 subsection C read to him, had refused to permit such sample or samples to be taken; and (iv) how
 1108 many, if any, violations of this section, any offense listed in subsection E of § 18.2-270, or § 46.2-341.24
 1109 or 46.2-341.31 the arrested person has been convicted of within the last 10 years. Such sworn
 1110 certification shall constitute probable cause for the magistrate to issue a warrant or summons charging
 1111 the person with unreasonable refusal. The magistrate shall attach the executed and sworn advisement
 1112 form to the warrant or summons. The warrant or summons for a first offense under subsection A or any
 1113 offense under subsection B shall be executed in the same manner as a criminal warrant or summons. If
 1114 the person arrested has been taken to a medical facility for treatment or evaluation of his medical
 1115 condition, the law-enforcement officer may read the advisement form to the person at the medical
 1116 facility and issue, on the premises of the medical facility, a summons for a violation of this section in
 1117 lieu of securing a warrant or summons from the magistrate. The magistrate or law-enforcement officer,
 1118 as the case may be, shall forward the executed advisement form and warrant or summons to the
 1119 appropriate court.

1120 C. E. If the magistrate finds that there was probable cause to believe the refusal was unreasonable,
 1121 he shall immediately issue an out-of-service order prohibiting the person from operating a commercial
 1122 motor vehicle for a period of ~~twenty-four~~ 24 hours and shall issue a warrant or summons charging such
 1123 person with a violation of ~~§ 46.2-341.26:2~~. The warrant or summons shall be executed in the same
 1124 manner as criminal warrants. Venue for the trial of the warrant or summons shall lie in the court of the
 1125 county or city in which the criminal offense is to be tried.

1126 D. The executed declaration of refusal or the certificate of the magistrate, as the case may be, shall
 1127 be attached to the warrant and shall be forwarded by the magistrate to the court.

1128 E. When the court receives the declaration or certificate together with the warrant or summons
 1129 charging refusal, the court shall fix a date for the trial of the warrant or summons, at such time as the
 1130 court designates.

1131 F. The declaration of refusal or certificate under ~~§ 46.2-341.26:3~~ shall be prima facie evidence that
 1132 the defendant refused to allow a blood or breath sample to be taken to determine the alcohol or drug
 1133 content of his blood. However, this shall not prohibit the defendant from introducing on his behalf
 1134 evidence of the basis for his refusal. The court shall determine the reasonableness of such refusal.

1135 **§ 46.2-341.26:4. Appeal and trial; sanctions for refusal; procedures.**

1136 A. Venue for the trial of the warrant or summons shall lie in the court of the county or city in which
 1137 the offense of driving under the influence of intoxicants or other offense listed in subsection A or B of
 1138 § 46.2-341.26:3 is to be tried.

1139 B. The procedure for appeal and trial of any civil offense of § 46.2-341.26:3 shall be the same as
 1140 provided by law for misdemeanors. If requested by either party on appeal to the circuit court, trial by
 1141 jury shall be as provided in Article 4 (§ 19.2-260 et seq.) of Chapter 15 of Title 19.2, and the
 1142 Commonwealth shall be required to prove its case beyond a reasonable doubt.

1143 C. If the court or jury finds the defendant guilty as charged in the warrant or summons referred to in
 1144 ~~§ 46.2-341.26:3~~, the defendant shall be disqualified as provided in ~~§ 46.2-341.18~~. However, if the
 1145 defendant pleads guilty to a violation of § 46.2-341.24, the court may dismiss the warrant or summons.

1146 The court shall notify the Commissioner of any such finding of guilt and shall forward ~~dispose of~~ the
 1147 defendant's license to the Commissioner as in other cases of similar nature for suspension of license
 1148 unless the defendant appeals his conviction. In such case the court shall return the license to the
 1149 defendant upon his appeal being perfected in accordance with the provisions of § 46.2-398; however, the
 1150 defendant's license shall not be returned during any period of suspension imposed under § 46.2-391.2.

1151 **§ 46.2-341.26:7. Transmission of samples.**

1152 A. Upon receipt of a blood sample forwarded to the Department for analysis pursuant to
 1153 § 46.2-341.26:6, the Department shall have it examined for its alcohol or drug content, and the Director
 1154 shall execute a certificate of analysis indicating the name of the suspect; the date, time, and by whom
 1155 the blood sample was received and examined; a statement that the seal on the vial had not been broken
 1156 or otherwise tampered with; a statement that the container and vial were provided or approved by the
 1157 Department and that the vial was one to which the completed withdrawal certificate was attached; and a
 1158 statement of the sample's alcohol or drug content. The Director or his representative shall remove the
 1159 withdrawal certificate from the vial and either (i) attach it to the certificate of analysis and state in the
 1160 certificate of analysis that it was so removed and attached or (ii) electronically scan it into the
 1161 Department's Laboratory Information Management System and place the original withdrawal certificate
 1162 in its case-specific file. The certificate of analysis and the withdrawal certificate shall be returned or
 1163 electronically transmitted to the clerk of the court in which the charge will be heard.

1164 B. After completion of the analysis, the Department shall preserve the remainder of the blood until at
 1165 least 90 days have lapsed from the date the blood was drawn. During this 90-day period, the accused
 1166 may, by motion filed before the court in which the charge will be heard, with notice to the Department,

1167 request an order directing the Department to transmit the remainder of the blood sample to an
 1168 independent laboratory retained by the accused for analysis. The Department shall destroy the remainder
 1169 of the blood sample if no notice of a motion to transmit the remaining blood sample is received during
 1170 the 90-day period. *On motion of the accused, the report of analysis prepared for the remaining blood*
 1171 *sample shall be admissible in evidence, provided that the report is duly attested by a person performing*
 1172 *such analysis and the independent laboratory that performed the analysis is accredited or certified to*
 1173 *conduct forensic blood alcohol/drug testing by one or more of the following bodies: American Society of*
 1174 *Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB); College of American*
 1175 *Pathologists (CAP); U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental*
 1176 *Health Services Administration (SAMHSA); or American Board of Forensic Toxicology (ABFT).*

1177 B- C. When a blood sample taken in accordance with the provisions of §§ 46.2-341.26:2 through
 1178 46.2-341.26:6 is forwarded for analysis to the Department, a report of the test results shall be filed in
 1179 that office. Upon proper identification of the certificate of withdrawal, the certificate of analysis, with
 1180 the withdrawal certificate attached, shall, when attested by the Director, be admissible in any court as
 1181 evidence of the facts therein stated and of the results of such analysis (i) in any criminal proceeding,
 1182 provided that the requirements of subsection A of § 19.2-187.1 have been satisfied and the accused has
 1183 not objected to the admission of the certificate pursuant to subsection B of § 19.2-187.1, or (ii) in any
 1184 civil proceeding. *On motion of the accused, the report of analysis prepared for the remaining blood*
 1185 *sample shall be admissible in evidence provided the report is duly attested by a person performing such*
 1186 *analysis and the independent laboratory that performed the analysis is accredited or certified to conduct*
 1187 *forensic blood alcohol/drug testing by one or more of the following bodies: American Society of Crime*
 1188 *Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB); College of American Pathologists*
 1189 *(CAP); United States Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health*
 1190 *Services Administration (SAMHSA); or American Board of Forensic Toxicology (ABFT).*

1191 Upon request of the person whose blood or breath was analyzed, the test results shall be made
 1192 available to him.

1193 The Director may delegate or assign these duties to an employee of the Department.

1194 **§ 46.2-341.26:9. Assurance of breath test validity; use of breath tests as evidence.**

1195 To be capable of being considered valid in a prosecution under § 46.2-341.24 or 46.2-341.31,
 1196 chemical analysis of a person's breath shall be performed by an individual possessing a valid license to
 1197 conduct such tests, with the type of equipment and in accordance with methods approved by the
 1198 Department.

1199 Any individual conducting a breath test under the provisions of § 46.2-341.26:2 shall issue a
 1200 certificate which includes the name of the suspect, the date and time the sample was taken from the
 1201 suspect, the alcohol content of the sample, and the identity of the person who examined the sample. The
 1202 certificate will also indicate that the test was conducted in accordance with the Department's
 1203 specifications.

1204 The certificate of analysis, when attested by the authorized individual conducting the breath test on
 1205 equipment maintained by the Department, shall be admissible in any court as evidence of the facts
 1206 therein stated and of the results of such analysis (i) in any criminal proceeding, provided that the
 1207 requirements of subsection A of § 19.2-187.1 have been satisfied and the accused has not objected to the
 1208 admission of the certificate pursuant to subsection B of § 19.2-187.1, or (ii) in any civil proceeding. Any
 1209 such certificate of analysis purporting to be signed by a person authorized by the Department shall be
 1210 admissible in evidence without proof of seal or signature of the person whose name is signed to it.

1211 A copy of such certificate shall be promptly delivered to the suspect. ~~The law enforcement officer~~
 1212 ~~requiring the test or anyone with such officer at the time if otherwise~~ *Any person* qualified to conduct
 1213 ~~such a breath test as provided by this section;~~ may administer the breath test or analyze the results
 1214 thereof.

1215 **§ 46.2-341.27. Presumptions from alcohol and drug content of blood.**

1216 In any prosecution for a violation of clause (ii), (iii), or (iv) of subsection A of § 46.2-341.24, the
 1217 amount of alcohol or drugs in the blood of the accused at the time of the alleged offense as indicated by
 1218 a chemical analysis of a sample of the suspect's blood or breath to determine the alcohol or drug content
 1219 of his blood (i) in accordance with the provisions of §§ 46.2-341.26:1 through 46.2-341.26:11 or (ii)
 1220 *performed in accordance with the provisions of §§ 46.2-341.26:5 and 46.2-341.26:6 and subsections A*
 1221 *and C of § 46.2-341.26:7 on the suspect's whole blood by the Department of Forensic Science pursuant*
 1222 *to a search warrant shall give rise to the following rebuttable presumptions:*

1223 A. If there was at that time 0.08 percent or more by weight by volume of alcohol in the accused's
 1224 blood or 0.08 grams or more per 210 liters of the accused's breath, it shall be presumed that the accused
 1225 was under the influence of alcoholic intoxicants.

1226 B. If there was at that time less than 0.08 percent by weight by volume of alcohol in the accused's
 1227 blood or 0.08 grams or more per 210 liters of the accused's breath, such fact shall not give rise to any
 1228 presumption that the accused was or was not under the influence of alcoholic intoxicants, but such fact

1229 may be considered with other competent evidence in determining the guilt or innocence of the accused.

1230 C. If there was at that time an amount of the following substances at a level that is equal to or
 1231 greater than: (a) 0.02 milligrams of cocaine per liter of blood, (b) 0.1 milligrams of methamphetamine
 1232 per liter of blood, (c) 0.01 milligrams of phencyclidine per liter of blood, or (d) 0.1 milligrams of
 1233 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine per liter of blood, it shall be presumed that the accused was under
 1234 the influence of drugs to a degree which impairs his ability to drive or operate any commercial motor
 1235 vehicle safely.

1236 **§ 46.2-391.2. Administrative suspension of license or privilege to operate a motor vehicle.**

1237 A. If a breath test is taken pursuant to § 18.2-268.2 or any similar ordinance *or* § 46.2-341.26:2 and
 1238 (i) the results show a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or more by weight by volume or 0.08 grams
 1239 or more per 210 liters of breath, or (ii) the results, for persons under 21 years of age, show a blood
 1240 alcohol concentration of 0.02 percent or more by weight by volume or 0.02 grams or more per 210
 1241 liters of breath or (iii) the person refuses to submit to the breath or blood test in violation of
 1242 § 18.2-268.3 or any similar ordinance *or* § 46.2-341.26:3, and upon issuance of a petition or summons,
 1243 or upon issuance of a warrant by the magistrate, for a violation of § 18.2-51.4, 18.2-266, or 18.2-266.1,
 1244 or any similar ordinance, *or* § 46.2-341.24 or upon the issuance of a warrant or summons by the
 1245 magistrate or by the arresting officer at a medical facility for a violation of § 18.2-268.3, or any similar
 1246 ordinance, *or* § 46.2-341.26:3, the person's license shall be suspended immediately or in the case of (⊕)
 1247 (a) an unlicensed person, (⊕) (b) a person whose license is otherwise suspended or revoked, or (⊕) (c) a
 1248 person whose driver's license is from a jurisdiction other than the Commonwealth, such person's
 1249 privilege to operate a motor vehicle in the Commonwealth shall be suspended immediately. The period
 1250 of suspension of the person's license or privilege to drive shall be seven days, unless the petition,
 1251 summons or warrant issued charges the person with a second or subsequent offense. If the person is
 1252 charged with a second offense the suspension shall be for 60 days. If not already expired, the period of
 1253 suspension shall expire on the day and time of trial of the offense charged on the petition, summons or
 1254 warrant, except that it shall not so expire during the first seven days of the suspension. If the person is
 1255 charged with a third or subsequent offense, the suspension shall be until the day and time of trial of the
 1256 offense charged on the petition, summons or warrant.

1257 A law-enforcement officer, acting on behalf of the Commonwealth, shall serve a notice of suspension
 1258 personally on the arrested person. When notice is served, the arresting officer shall promptly take
 1259 possession of any driver's license held by the person and issued by the Commonwealth and shall
 1260 promptly deliver it to the magistrate. Any driver's license taken into possession under this section shall
 1261 be forwarded promptly by the magistrate to the clerk of the general district court or, as appropriate, the
 1262 court with jurisdiction over juveniles of the jurisdiction in which the arrest was made together with any
 1263 petition, summons or warrant, the results of the breath test, if any, and the report required by subsection

1264 B. A copy of the notice of suspension shall be forwarded forthwith to both (⊕) (1) the general district
 1265 court or, as appropriate, the court with jurisdiction over juveniles of the jurisdiction in which the arrest
 1266 was made and (⊕) (2) the Commissioner. Transmission of this information may be made by electronic
 1267 means.

1268 The clerk shall promptly return the suspended license to the person at the expiration of the
 1269 suspension. Whenever a suspended license is to be returned under this section or § 46.2-391.4, the
 1270 person may elect to have the license returned in person at the clerk's office or by mail to the address on
 1271 the person's license or to such other address as he may request.

1272 B. Promptly after arrest and service of the notice of suspension, the arresting officer shall forward to
 1273 the magistrate a sworn report of the arrest that shall include (i) information which adequately identifies
 1274 the person arrested and (ii) a statement setting forth the arresting officer's grounds for belief that the
 1275 person violated § 18.2-51.4, 18.2-266, or 18.2-266.1, or a similar ordinance, *or* § 46.2-341.24 or refused
 1276 to submit to a breath or blood test in violation of § 18.2-268.3 or a similar ordinance *or*
 1277 § 46.2-341.26:3. The report required by this subsection shall be submitted on forms supplied by the
 1278 Supreme Court.

1279 C. Any person whose license or privilege to operate a motor vehicle has been suspended under
 1280 subsection A may, during the period of the suspension, request the general district court or, as
 1281 appropriate, the court with jurisdiction over juveniles of the jurisdiction in which the arrest was made to
 1282 review that suspension. The court shall review the suspension within the same time period as the court
 1283 hears an appeal from an order denying bail or fixing terms of bail or terms of recognizance, giving this
 1284 matter precedence over all other matters on its docket. If the person proves to the court by a
 1285 preponderance of the evidence that the arresting officer did not have probable cause for the arrest, that
 1286 the magistrate did not have probable cause to issue the warrant, or that there was not probable cause for
 1287 issuance of the petition, the court shall rescind the suspension, or that portion of it that exceeds seven
 1288 days if there was not probable cause to charge a second offense or 60 days if there was not probable
 1289 cause to charge a third or subsequent offense, and the clerk of the court shall forthwith, or at the

1290 expiration of the reduced suspension time, (i) return the suspended license, if any, to the person unless
 1291 the license has been otherwise suspended or revoked, (ii) deliver to the person a notice that the
 1292 suspension under § 46.2-391.2 has been rescinded or reduced, and (iii) forward to the Commissioner a
 1293 copy of the notice that the suspension under § 46.2-391.2 has been rescinded or reduced. Otherwise, the
 1294 court shall affirm the suspension. If the person requesting the review fails to appear without just cause,
 1295 his right to review shall be waived.

1296 The court's findings are without prejudice to the person contesting the suspension or to any other
 1297 potential party as to any proceedings, civil or criminal, and shall not be evidence in any proceedings,
 1298 civil or criminal.

1299 D. If a person whose license or privilege to operate a motor vehicle is suspended under subsection A
 1300 is convicted under § 18.2-36.1, 18.2-51.4, 18.2-266, or 18.2-266.1, or any similar ordinance, *or*
 1301 § 46.2-341.24 during the suspension imposed by subsection A, and if the court decides to issue the
 1302 person a restricted permit under subsection E of § 18.2-271.1, such restricted permit shall not be issued
 1303 to the person before the expiration of the first seven days of the suspension imposed under subsection
 1304 A.

1305 **§ 46.2-391.4. When suspension to be rescinded.**

1306 Notwithstanding any other provision of § 46.2-391.2, a subsequent dismissal or acquittal of all the
 1307 charges under §§ § 18.2-36.1, 18.2-51.4, 18.2-266, ~~and~~ *or* 18.2-268.3, or any similar ordinances, *or*
 1308 § 46.2-341.24 *or* 46.2-341.26:3 for the same offense for which a person's driver's license or privilege to
 1309 operate a motor vehicle was suspended under § 46.2-391.2 shall result in the immediate rescission of the
 1310 suspension. In any such case, the clerk of the court shall forthwith (i) return the suspended license, if
 1311 any, to the person unless the license has been otherwise suspended or revoked; (ii) deliver to the person
 1312 a notice that the suspension under § 46.2-391.2 has been rescinded; and (iii) forward to the
 1313 Commissioner a copy of the notice that the suspension under § 46.2-391.2 has been rescinded.

1314 **§ 46.2-2099.49. Requirements for TNC partners; mandatory background screening; drug and**
 1315 **alcohol policy; mandatory disclosures to TNC partners; duty of TNC partners to provide updated**
 1316 **information to transportation network companies.**

1317 A. Before authorizing an individual to act as a TNC partner, a transportation network company shall
 1318 confirm that the person is at least 21 years old and possesses a valid driver's license.

1319 B. 1. Before authorizing an individual to act as a TNC partner, and at least once every two years
 1320 after authorizing an individual to act as a TNC partner, a transportation network company shall obtain a
 1321 national criminal history records check of that person. The background check shall include (i) a
 1322 Multi-State/Multi-Jurisdiction Criminal Records Database Search or a search of a similar nationwide
 1323 database with validation (primary source search) and (ii) a search of the Sex Offender and Crimes
 1324 Against Minors Registry and the U.S. Department of Justice's National Sex Offender Public Website.
 1325 The person conducting the background check shall be accredited by the National Association of
 1326 Professional Background Screeners or a comparable entity approved by the Department.

1327 2. Before authorizing an individual to act as a TNC partner, and at least once annually after
 1328 authorizing an individual to act as a TNC partner, a transportation network company shall obtain and
 1329 review a driving history research report on that person from the individual's state of licensure.

1330 3. Before authorizing an individual to act as a TNC partner, and at least once every two years after
 1331 authorizing a person to act as a TNC partner, a transportation network company shall verify that the
 1332 person is not listed on the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry or on the U.S. Department
 1333 of Justice's National Sex Offender Public Website.

1334 C. A transportation network company shall not authorize an individual to act as a TNC partner if the
 1335 criminal history records check required under subsection B reveals that the individual:

1336 1. Is a person for whom registration with the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry is
 1337 required pursuant to Chapter 9 (§ 9.1-900 et seq.) of Title 9.1 or is listed on the U.S. Department of
 1338 Justice's National Sex Offender Public Website;

1339 2. Has ever been convicted of or has ever pled guilty or nolo contendere to a violent felony offense
 1340 as listed in subsection C of § 17.1-805, or a substantially similar law of another state or of the United
 1341 States;

1342 3. Within the preceding seven years has been convicted of or has pled guilty or nolo contendere to
 1343 any of the following offenses, either under Virginia law or a substantially similar law of another state or
 1344 of the United States: (i) any felony offense other than those included in subdivision 2; (ii) an offense
 1345 under § 18.2-266, 18.2-266.1, 18.2-272, or 46.2-341.24; or (iii) any offense resulting in revocation of a
 1346 driver's license pursuant to § 46.2-389 or 46.2-391; or

1347 4. Within the preceding three years has been convicted of or has pled guilty or nolo contendere to
 1348 any of the following offenses, either under Virginia law or a substantially similar law of another state or
 1349 of the United States: (i) three or more moving violations; (ii) eluding a law-enforcement officer, as
 1350 described in § 46.2-817; (iii) reckless driving, as described in Article 7 (§ 46.2-852 et seq.) of Chapter 8;
 1351 (iv) operating a motor vehicle in violation of § 46.2-301; or (v) refusing to submit to a chemical test to

1352 determine the alcohol or drug content of the person's blood or breath, as described in § 18.2-268.3 *or*
1353 *46.2-341.26:3.*

1354 D. A transportation network company shall employ a zero-tolerance policy with respect to the use of
1355 drugs and alcohol by TNC partners and shall include a notice concerning the policy on its website and
1356 associated digital platform.

1357 E. A transportation network company shall make the following disclosures in writing to a TNC
1358 partner or prospective TNC partner:

1359 1. The transportation network company shall disclose the liability insurance coverage and limits of
1360 liability that the transportation network company provides while the TNC partner uses a vehicle in
1361 connection with the transportation network company's digital platform.

1362 2. The transportation network company shall disclose any physical damage coverage provided by the
1363 transportation network company for damage to the vehicle used by the TNC partner in connection with
1364 the transportation network company's digital platform.

1365 3. The transportation network company shall disclose the uninsured motorist and underinsured
1366 motorist coverage and policy limits provided by the transportation network company while the TNC
1367 partner uses a vehicle in connection with the transportation network company's digital platform and
1368 advise the TNC partner that the TNC partner's personal automobile insurance policy may not provide
1369 uninsured motorist and underinsured motorist coverage when the TNC partner uses a vehicle in
1370 connection with a transportation network company's digital platform.

1371 4. The transportation network company shall include the following disclosure prominently in writing
1372 to a TNC partner or prospective TNC partner: "If the vehicle that you plan to use to transport
1373 passengers for our transportation network company has a lien against it, you must notify the lienholder
1374 that you will be using the vehicle for transportation services that may violate the terms of your contract
1375 with the lienholder."

1376 F. A TNC partner shall inform each transportation network company that has authorized him to act
1377 as a TNC partner of any event that may disqualify him from continuing to act as a TNC partner,
1378 including any of the following: a change in the registration status of the TNC partner vehicle; the
1379 revocation, suspension, cancellation, or restriction of the TNC partner's driver's license; a change in the
1380 insurance coverage of the TNC partner vehicle; a motor vehicle moving violation; and a criminal arrest,
1381 plea, or conviction.

1382 **2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.**