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A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 16.1-260, 18.2-248.1, 18.2-250.1, 18.2-251, 18.2-252, 18.2-259.1, 18.2-287.2, 18.2-460, 19.2-386.22, and 46.2-390.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to possession and distribution of marijuana; penalty.*

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Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 16.1-260, 18.2-248.1, 18.2-250.1, 18.2-251, 18.2-252, 18.2-259.1, 18.2-287.2, 18.2-460, 19.2-386.22, and 46.2-390.1 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 16.1-260. Intake; petition; investigation.

A. All matters alleged to be within the jurisdiction of the court shall be commenced by the filing of a petition, except as provided in subsection H and in § 16.1-259. The form and content of the petition shall be as provided in § 16.1-262. No individual shall be required to obtain support services from the Department of Social Services prior to filing a petition seeking support for a child. Complaints, requests, and the processing of petitions to initiate a case shall be the responsibility of the intake officer. However, (i) the attorney for the Commonwealth of the city or county may file a petition on his own motion with the clerk; (ii) designated nonattorney employees of the Department of Social Services may complete, sign, and file petitions and motions relating to the establishment, modification, or enforcement of support on forms approved by the Supreme Court of Virginia with the clerk; (iii) designated nonattorney employees of a local department of social services may complete, sign, and file with the clerk, on forms approved by the Supreme Court of Virginia, petitions for foster care review, petitions for permanency planning hearings, petitions to establish paternity, motions to establish or modify support, motions to amend or review an order, and motions for a rule to show cause; and (iv) any attorney may file petitions on behalf of his client with the clerk except petitions alleging that the subject of the petition is a child alleged to be in need of services, in need of supervision, or delinquent. Complaints alleging abuse or neglect of a child shall be referred initially to the local department of social services in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 15 (§ 63.2-1500 et seq.) of Title 63.2. Motions and other subsequent pleadings in a case shall be filed directly with the clerk. The intake officer or clerk with whom the petition or motion is filed shall inquire whether the petitioner is receiving child support services or public assistance. No individual who is receiving support services or public assistance shall be denied the right to file a petition or motion to establish, modify, or enforce an order for support of a child. If the petitioner is seeking or receiving child support services or public assistance, the clerk, upon issuance of process, shall forward a copy of the petition or motion, together with notice of the court date, to the Division of Child Support Enforcement.

B. The appearance of a child before an intake officer may be by (i) personal appearance before the intake officer or (ii) use of two-way electronic video and audio communication. If two-way electronic video and audio communication is used, an intake officer may exercise all powers conferred by law. All communications and proceedings shall be conducted in the same manner as if the appearance were in person, and any documents filed may be transmitted by facsimile process. The facsimile may be served or executed by the officer or person to whom sent, and returned in the same manner, and with the same force, effect, authority, and liability as an original document. All signatures thereon shall be treated as original signatures. Any two-way electronic video and audio communication system used for an appearance shall meet the standards as set forth in subsection B of § 19.2-3.1.

When the court service unit of any court receives a complaint alleging facts which may be sufficient to invoke the jurisdiction of the court pursuant to § 16.1-241, the unit, through an intake officer, may proceed informally to make such adjustment as is practicable without the filing of a petition or may authorize a petition to be filed by any complainant having sufficient knowledge of the matter to establish probable cause for the issuance of the petition.

An intake officer may proceed informally on a complaint alleging a child is in need of services, in need of supervision, or delinquent only if the juvenile (i) (a) is not alleged to have committed a violent juvenile felony or (ii) (b) has not previously been proceeded against informally or adjudicated delinquent for an offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult. A petition alleging that a juvenile committed a violent juvenile felony shall be filed with the court. A petition alleging that a juvenile is delinquent for an offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult shall be filed with the court if

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59 the juvenile had previously been proceeded against informally by intake or had been adjudicated
60 delinquent for an offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult.

61 If a juvenile is alleged to be a truant pursuant to a complaint filed in accordance with § 22.1-258 and
62 the attendance officer has provided documentation to the intake officer that the relevant school division
63 has complied with the provisions of § 22.1-258, then the intake officer shall file a petition with the
64 court. The intake officer may defer filing the complaint for 90 days and proceed informally by
65 developing a truancy plan, provided that (a) (1) the juvenile has not previously been proceeded against
66 informally or adjudicated in need of supervision on more than two occasions for failure to comply with
67 compulsory school attendance as provided in § 22.1-254 and (b) (2) the immediately previous informal
68 action or adjudication occurred at least three calendar years prior to the current complaint. The juvenile
69 and his parent or parents, guardian, or other person standing in loco parentis must agree, in writing, for
70 the development of a truancy plan. The truancy plan may include requirements that the juvenile and his
71 parent or parents, guardian, or other person standing in loco parentis participate in such programs,
72 cooperate in such treatment, or be subject to such conditions and limitations as necessary to ensure the
73 juvenile's compliance with compulsory school attendance as provided in § 22.1-254. The intake officer
74 may refer the juvenile to the appropriate public agency for the purpose of developing a truancy plan
75 using an interagency interdisciplinary team approach. The team may include qualified personnel who are
76 reasonably available from the appropriate department of social services, community services board, local
77 school division, court service unit, and other appropriate and available public and private agencies and
78 may be the family assessment and planning team established pursuant to § 2.2-5207. If at the end of the
79 90-day period the juvenile has not successfully completed the truancy plan or the truancy program, then
80 the intake officer shall file the petition.

81 Whenever informal action is taken as provided in this subsection on a complaint alleging that a child
82 is in need of services, in need of supervision, or delinquent, the intake officer shall (1) (A) develop a
83 plan for the juvenile, which may include restitution and the performance of community service, based
84 upon community resources and the circumstances which resulted in the complaint; (2) (B) create an
85 official record of the action taken by the intake officer and file such record in the juvenile's case file,
86 and (3) (C) advise the juvenile and the juvenile's parent, guardian, or other person standing in loco
87 parentis and the complainant that any subsequent complaint alleging that the child is in need of
88 supervision or delinquent based upon facts which may be sufficient to invoke the jurisdiction of the
89 court pursuant to § 16.1-241 will result in the filing of a petition with the court.

90 C. The intake officer shall accept and file a petition in which it is alleged that (i) the custody,
91 visitation, or support of a child is the subject of controversy or requires determination, (ii) a person has
92 deserted, abandoned, or failed to provide support for any person in violation of law, (iii) a child or such
93 child's parent, guardian, legal custodian, or other person standing in loco parentis is entitled to treatment,
94 rehabilitation, or other services which are required by law, (iv) family abuse has occurred and a
95 protective order is being sought pursuant to § 16.1-253.1, 16.1-253.4, or 16.1-279.1, or (v) an act of
96 violence, force, or threat has occurred, a protective order is being sought pursuant to § 19.2-152.8,
97 19.2-152.9, or 19.2-152.10, and either the alleged victim or the respondent is a juvenile. If any such
98 complainant does not file a petition, the intake officer may file it. In cases in which a child is alleged to
99 be abused, neglected, in need of services, in need of supervision, or delinquent, if the intake officer
100 believes that probable cause does not exist, or that the authorization of a petition will not be in the best
101 interest of the family or juvenile or that the matter may be effectively dealt with by some agency other
102 than the court, he may refuse to authorize the filing of a petition. The intake officer shall provide to a
103 person seeking a protective order pursuant to § 16.1-253.1, 16.1-253.4, or 16.1-279.1 a written
104 explanation of the conditions, procedures and time limits applicable to the issuance of protective orders
105 pursuant to § 16.1-253.1, 16.1-253.4, or 16.1-279.1. If the person is seeking a protective order pursuant
106 to § 19.2-152.8, 19.2-152.9, or 19.2-152.10, the intake officer shall provide a written explanation of the
107 conditions, procedures, and time limits applicable to the issuance of protective orders pursuant to §
108 19.2-152.8, 19.2-152.9, or 19.2-152.10.

109 D. Prior to the filing of any petition alleging that a child is in need of supervision, the matter shall
110 be reviewed by an intake officer who shall determine whether the petitioner and the child alleged to be
111 in need of supervision have utilized or attempted to utilize treatment and services available in the
112 community and have exhausted all appropriate nonjudicial remedies which are available to them. When
113 the intake officer determines that the parties have not attempted to utilize available treatment or services
114 or have not exhausted all appropriate nonjudicial remedies which are available, he shall refer the
115 petitioner and the child alleged to be in need of supervision to the appropriate agency, treatment facility,
116 or individual to receive treatment or services, and a petition shall not be filed. Only after the intake
117 officer determines that the parties have made a reasonable effort to utilize available community
118 treatment or services may he permit the petition to be filed.

119 E. If the intake officer refuses to authorize a petition relating to an offense that if committed by an
120 adult would be punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor or as a felony, the complainant shall be notified in

121 writing at that time of the complainant's right to apply to a magistrate for a warrant. If a magistrate
122 determines that probable cause exists, he shall issue a warrant returnable to the juvenile and domestic
123 relations district court. The warrant shall be delivered forthwith to the juvenile court, and the intake
124 officer shall accept and file a petition founded upon the warrant. If the court is closed and the magistrate
125 finds that the criteria for detention or shelter care set forth in § 16.1-248.1 have been satisfied, the
126 juvenile may be detained pursuant to the warrant issued in accordance with this subsection. If the intake
127 officer refuses to authorize a petition relating to a child in need of services or in need of supervision, a
128 status offense, or a misdemeanor other than Class 1, his decision is final.

129 Upon delivery to the juvenile court of a warrant issued pursuant to subdivision 2 of § 16.1-256, the
130 intake officer shall accept and file a petition founded upon the warrant.

131 F. The intake officer shall notify the attorney for the Commonwealth of the filing of any petition
132 which alleges facts of an offense which would be a felony if committed by an adult.

133 G. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 12 (§ 16.1-299 et seq.), the intake officer shall file a
134 report with the division superintendent of the school division in which any student who is the subject of
135 a petition alleging that such student who is a juvenile has committed an act, wherever committed, which
136 would be a crime if committed by an adult, or that such student who is an adult has committed a crime
137 and is alleged to be within the jurisdiction of the court. The report shall notify the division
138 superintendent of the filing of the petition and the nature of the offense, if the violation involves:

139 1. A firearm offense pursuant to Article 4 (§ 18.2-279 et seq.), 5 (§ 18.2-288 et seq.), 6 (§ 18.2-299
140 et seq.), 6.1 (§ 18.2-307.1 et seq.), or 7 (§ 18.2-308.1 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2;

141 2. Homicide, pursuant to Article 1 (§ 18.2-30 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2;

142 3. Felonious assault and bodily wounding, pursuant to Article 4 (§ 18.2-51 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of
143 Title 18.2;

144 4. Criminal sexual assault, pursuant to Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2;

145 5. Manufacture, sale, gift, distribution or possession of Schedule I or II controlled substances,
146 pursuant to Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2;

147 6. Manufacture, sale or distribution of marijuana pursuant to Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter
148 7 of Title 18.2;

149 7. Arson and related crimes, pursuant to Article 1 (§ 18.2-77 et seq.) of Chapter 5 of Title 18.2;

150 8. Burglary and related offenses, pursuant to §§ 18.2-89 through 18.2-93;

151 9. Robbery pursuant to § 18.2-58;

152 10. Prohibited criminal street gang activity pursuant to § 18.2-46.2;

153 11. Recruitment of other juveniles for a criminal street gang activity pursuant to § 18.2-46.3;

154 12. An act of violence by a mob pursuant to § 18.2-42.1; or

155 13. Abduction of any person pursuant to § 18.2-47 or 18.2-48.

156 The failure to provide information regarding the school in which the student who is the subject of
157 the petition may be enrolled shall not be grounds for refusing to file a petition.

158 The information provided to a division superintendent pursuant to this section may be disclosed only
159 as provided in § 16.1-305.2.

160 H. The filing of a petition shall not be necessary:

161 1. In the case of violations of the traffic laws, including offenses involving bicycles, hitchhiking and
162 other pedestrian offenses, game and fish laws, or a violation of the ordinance of any city regulating
163 surfing or any ordinance establishing curfew violations, animal control violations, or littering violations.
164 In such cases the court may proceed on a summons issued by the officer investigating the violation in
165 the same manner as provided by law for adults. Additionally, an officer investigating a motor vehicle
166 accident may, at the scene of the accident or at any other location where a juvenile who is involved in
167 such an accident may be located, proceed on a summons in lieu of filing a petition.

168 2. In the case of seeking consent to apply for the issuance of a work permit pursuant to subsection H
169 of § 16.1-241.

170 3. In the case of a misdemeanor violation of § 18.2-250.1, 18.2-266, 18.2-266.1, or 29.1-738, or the
171 commission of any other alcohol-related offense, or a violation of § 18.2-250.1, provided that the
172 juvenile is released to the custody of a parent or legal guardian pending the initial court date. The
173 officer releasing a juvenile to the custody of a parent or legal guardian shall issue a summons to the
174 juvenile and shall also issue a summons requiring the parent or legal guardian to appear before the court
175 with the juvenile. Disposition of the charge shall be in the manner provided in § 16.1-278.8,
176 16.1-278.8:01, or 16.1-278.9. If the juvenile so charged with a violation of § 18.2-51.4, 18.2-266,
177 18.2-266.1, 18.2-272, or 29.1-738 refuses to provide a sample of blood or breath or samples of both
178 blood and breath for chemical analysis pursuant to §§ 18.2-268.1 through 18.2-268.12 or 29.1-738.2, the
179 provisions of these sections shall be followed except that the magistrate shall authorize execution of the
180 warrant as a summons. The summons shall be served on a parent or legal guardian and the juvenile, and
181 a copy of the summons shall be forwarded to the court in which the violation is to be tried. When a

182 violation of § 18.2-250.1 is charged by summons, the juvenile shall be entitled to have the charge
183 referred to intake for consideration of informal proceedings pursuant to subsection B, provided that such
184 right is exercised by written notification to the clerk not later than 10 days prior to trial. At the time
185 such summons alleging a violation of § 18.2-250.1 is served, the officer shall also serve upon the
186 juvenile written notice of the right to have the charge referred to intake on a form approved by the
187 Supreme Court and make return of such service to the court. If the officer fails to make such service or
188 return, the court shall dismiss the summons without prejudice.

189 4. In the case of offenses which, if committed by an adult, would be punishable as a Class 3 or
190 Class 4 misdemeanor. In such cases the court may direct that an intake officer proceed as provided in
191 § 16.1-237 on a summons issued by the officer investigating the violation in the same manner as
192 provided by law for adults provided that notice of the summons to appear is mailed by the investigating
193 officer within five days of the issuance of the summons to a parent or legal guardian of the juvenile.

194 I. Failure to comply with the procedures set forth in this section shall not divest the juvenile court of
195 the jurisdiction granted it in § 16.1-241.

196 **§ 18.2-248.1. Penalties for sale, gift, distribution or possession with intent to sell, give or
197 distribute marijuana.**

198 A. Except as authorized in the Drug Control Act, Chapter 34 of Title 54.1 (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.), it
199 shall be is unlawful for any person to sell, give, distribute, or possess with intent to sell, give, or
200 distribute marijuana.

201 (a) B. Any person who violates this section with respect to:
202 (1) Not more than one-half ounce of marijuana is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor;
203 (2) More than one-half ounce but not more than five pounds of marijuana is guilty of a Class 5 6
204 felony;
205 (3) More than five pounds of marijuana is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment of not
206 less than five nor more than 30 years.

207 If such person proves that he gave, distributed or possessed with intent to give or distribute
208 marijuana only as an accommodation to another individual and not with intent to profit thereby from
209 any consideration received or expected nor to induce the recipient or intended recipient of the marijuana
210 to use or become addicted to or dependent upon such marijuana, he shall be is guilty of a Class 1
211 misdemeanor.

212 (b) C. Any person who gives, distributes or possesses marijuana as an accommodation and not with
213 intent to profit thereby, to an inmate of a state or local correctional facility as defined in § 53.1-1, or in
214 the custody of an employee thereof shall be is guilty of a Class 4 felony.

215 (c) D. Any person who manufactures marijuana, or possesses marijuana with the intent to
216 manufacture such substance, not for his own use is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment of not
217 less than five nor more than 30 years and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

218 *There shall be a rebuttable presumption that a person who possesses no more than one-half ounce of
219 marijuana possesses it for personal use.*

220 (d) E. When a person is convicted of a third or subsequent felony offense under this section and it is
221 alleged in the warrant, indictment or information that he has been before convicted of two or more
222 felony offenses under this section or of substantially similar offenses in any other jurisdiction which
223 offenses would be felonies if committed in the Commonwealth and such prior convictions occurred
224 before the date of the offense alleged in the warrant, indictment or information, he shall be sentenced to
225 imprisonment for life or for any period not less than five years, five years of which shall be a
226 mandatory minimum term of imprisonment to be served consecutively with any other sentence and he
227 shall be fined not more than \$500,000.

228 **§ 18.2-250.1. Possession of marijuana unlawful.**

229 A. It is unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally to possess marijuana unless the substance
230 was obtained directly from, or pursuant to, a valid prescription or order of a practitioner while acting in
231 the course of his professional practice, or except as otherwise authorized by the Drug Control Act
232 (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.). *The attorney for the Commonwealth or the county, city, or town attorney may
233 prosecute such a case. Any violation of this section may be charged by summons.*

234 Upon the prosecution of a person for violation of this section, ownership or occupancy of the
235 premises or vehicle upon or in which marijuana was found shall not create a presumption that such
236 person either knowingly or intentionally possessed such marijuana.

237 Any person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be confined in jail not
238 more than 30 days and fined not more than \$500, either or both; any person, upon a second or
239 subsequent conviction of a violation of this section, is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor subject to a civil
240 penalty of no more than \$50, upon a second violation is subject to a civil penalty of no more than
241 \$100, and upon a third or subsequent violation is subject to a civil penalty of no more than \$250. Such
242 civil penalties are payable to the Literary Fund.

243 B. The provisions of this section shall not apply to members of state, federal, county, city, or town

244 law-enforcement agencies, jail officers, or correctional officers, as defined in § 53.1-1, certified as
245 handlers of dogs trained in the detection of controlled substances when possession of marijuana is
246 necessary for the performance of their duties.

247 C. In any prosecution under this section involving marijuana in the form of cannabidiol oil or
248 THC-A oil as those terms are defined in § 54.1-3408.3, it shall be an affirmative defense that the
249 individual possessed such oil pursuant to a valid written certification issued by a practitioner in the
250 course of his professional practice pursuant to § 54.1-3408.3 for treatment or to alleviate the symptoms
251 of (i) the individual's diagnosed condition or disease or (ii) if such individual is the parent or legal
252 guardian of a minor or of an incapacitated adult as defined in § 18.2-369, such minor's or incapacitated
253 adult's diagnosed condition or disease. If the individual files the valid written certification with the court
254 at least 10 days prior to trial and causes a copy of such written certification to be delivered to the
255 attorney for the Commonwealth *or the county, city, or town attorney prosecuting the case*, such written
256 certification shall be *prima facie* evidence that such oil was possessed pursuant to a valid written
257 certification.

258 **§ 18.2-251. Persons charged with first offense may be placed on probation; conditions;**
259 **substance abuse screening, assessment treatment and education programs or services; drug tests;**
260 **costs and fees; violations; discharge.**

261 Whenever any person who has not previously been convicted of any *criminal* offense under this
262 article or under any statute of the United States or of any state relating to narcotic drugs, marijuana, or
263 stimulant, depressant, or hallucinogenic drugs, or has not previously had a proceeding against him for
264 violation of such an offense dismissed as provided in this section, pleads guilty to or enters a plea of
265 not guilty to possession of a controlled substance under § 18.2-250 ~~or to possession of marijuana under~~
266 ~~§ 18.2-250.1~~, the court, upon such plea if the facts found by the court would justify a finding of guilt,
267 without entering a judgment of guilt and with the consent of the accused, may defer further proceedings
268 and place him on probation upon terms and conditions.

269 As a term or condition, the court shall require the accused to undergo a substance abuse assessment
270 pursuant to § 18.2-251.01 or 19.2-299.2, as appropriate, and enter treatment and/or education program or
271 services, if available, such as, in the opinion of the court, may be best suited to the needs of the accused
272 based upon consideration of the substance abuse assessment. The program or services may be located in
273 the judicial district in which the charge is brought or in any other judicial district as the court may
274 provide. The services shall be provided by (i) a program licensed by the Department of Behavioral
275 Health and Developmental Services, by a similar program which is made available through the
276 Department of Corrections, (ii) a local community-based probation services agency established pursuant
277 to § 9.1-174, or (iii) an ASAP program certified by the Commission on VASAP.

278 The court shall require the person entering such program under the provisions of this section to pay
279 all or part of the costs of the program, including the costs of the screening, assessment, testing, and
280 treatment, based upon the accused's ability to pay unless the person is determined by the court to be
281 indigent.

282 As a condition of probation, the court shall require the accused (a) to successfully complete treatment
283 or education program or services, (b) to remain drug and alcohol free during the period of probation and
284 submit to such tests during that period as may be necessary and appropriate to determine if the accused
285 is drug and alcohol free, (c) to make reasonable efforts to secure and maintain employment, and (d) to
286 comply with a plan of at least 100 hours of community service for a felony and up to 24 hours of
287 community service for a misdemeanor. ~~In addition to any community service required by the court~~
288 ~~pursuant to clause (d), if the court does not suspend or revoke the accused's license as a term or~~
289 ~~condition of probation for a violation of § 18.2-250.1, the court shall require the accused to comply with~~
290 ~~a plan of 50 hours of community service.~~ Such testing shall be conducted by personnel of the
291 supervising probation agency or personnel of any program or agency approved by the supervising
292 probation agency.

293 The court shall, unless done at arrest, order the accused to report to the original arresting
294 law-enforcement agency to submit to fingerprinting.

295 Upon violation of a term or condition, the court may enter an adjudication of guilt and proceed as
296 otherwise provided. Upon fulfillment of the terms and conditions, the court shall discharge the person
297 and dismiss the proceedings against him. Discharge and dismissal under this section shall be without
298 adjudication of guilt and is a conviction only for the purposes of applying this section in subsequent
299 proceedings.

300 Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, whenever a court places an individual on
301 probation upon terms and conditions pursuant to this section, such action shall be treated as a conviction
302 for purposes of §§ 18.2-259.1, 22.1-315, and 46.2-390.1, and the driver's license forfeiture provisions of
303 those sections shall be imposed. ~~However, if the court places an individual on probation upon terms and~~
304 ~~conditions for a violation of § 18.2-250.1, such action shall not be treated as a conviction for purposes~~

305 of § 18.2-259.1 or 46.2-390.1, provided that a court (1) may suspend or revoke an individual's driver's
306 license as a term or condition of probation and (2) shall suspend or revoke an individual's driver's
307 license as a term or condition of probation for a period of six months if the violation of § 18.2-250.1
308 was committed while such person was in operation of a motor vehicle. The provisions of this paragraph
309 shall not be applicable to any offense for which a juvenile has had his license suspended or denied
310 pursuant to § 16.1-278.9 for the same offense.

311 **§ 18.2-252. Suspended sentence conditioned upon substance abuse screening, assessment, testing,
312 and treatment or education.**

313 The trial judge or court trying the case of (i) any person found guilty of *violating a criminal
314 violation of any law concerning the use, in any manner, of drugs, controlled substances, narcotics,
315 marijuana, noxious chemical substances, and like substances; or (ii) any minor penalized for a violation
316 of § 18.2-250.1* shall condition any suspended sentence or suspension of any civil penalty by first
317 requiring such person to agree to undergo a substance abuse screening pursuant to § 18.2-251.01 and to
318 submit to such periodic substance abuse testing, to include alcohol testing, as may be directed by the
319 court. Such testing shall be conducted by the supervising probation agency or by personnel of any
320 program or agency approved by the supervising probation agency. The cost of such testing ordered by
321 the court shall be paid by the Commonwealth and taxed as a part of the costs of such *criminal
322 proceedings*. The judge or court shall order the person, as a condition of any suspended sentence or
323 *suspended civil penalty*, to undergo such treatment or education for substance abuse, if available, as the
324 judge or court deems appropriate based upon consideration of the substance abuse assessment. The
325 treatment or education shall be provided by a program or agency licensed by the Department of
326 Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, by a similar program or services available through the
327 Department of Corrections if the court imposes a sentence of one year or more or, if the court imposes
328 a sentence of 12 months or less, by a similar program or services available through a local or regional
329 jail, a local community-based probation services agency established pursuant to § 9.1-174, or an ASAP
330 program certified by the Commission on VASAP.

331 **§ 18.2-259.1. Forfeiture of driver's license for violations of article.**

332 A. In addition to any other sanction or penalty imposed for a *criminal violation of this article or civil
333 violation of § 18.2-250.1 committed by a juvenile*, the (i) judgment of either a conviction under this
334 article or a *civil violation of § 18.2-250.1 committed by a juvenile* or (ii) placement on probation
335 following deferral of further proceedings under § 18.2-251, except if the proceeding was for possession
336 of marijuana pursuant to § 18.2-250.1, or subsection H of § 18.2-258.1 for any such offense shall of
337 itself operate to deprive the person so convicted or placed on probation after deferral of proceedings
338 under § 18.2-251 or subsection H of § 18.2-258.1 of the privilege to drive or operate a motor vehicle,
339 engine, or train in the Commonwealth for a period of six months from the date of such judgment or
340 placement on probation. Such license forfeiture shall be in addition to and shall run consecutively with
341 any other license suspension, revocation or forfeiture in effect or imposed upon the person so convicted
342 or placed on probation. However, a juvenile who has had his license suspended or denied pursuant to
343 § 16.1-278.9 shall not have his license forfeited pursuant to this section for the same offense.

344 B. The court trying the case shall order any person so convicted or placed on probation or any
345 juvenile so penalized for a *civil violation of § 18.2-250.1* to surrender his driver's license to be disposed
346 of in accordance with the provisions of § 46.2-398 and shall notify the Department of Motor Vehicles of
347 any such conviction or judgment entered and of the license forfeiture to be imposed.

348 C. In those cases where the court determines there are compelling circumstances warranting an
349 exception, the court may provide that any individual be issued a restricted license to operate a motor
350 vehicle for any of the purposes set forth in subsection E of § 18.2-271.1. No restricted license issued
351 pursuant to this subsection shall permit any person to operate a commercial motor vehicle as defined in
352 the Virginia Commercial Driver's License Act (§ 46.2-341.1 et seq.). The court shall order the surrender
353 of such person's license in accordance with the provisions of subsection B and shall forward to the
354 Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles a copy of its order entered pursuant to this
355 subsection. This order shall specifically enumerate the restrictions imposed and contain such information
356 regarding the person to whom such a permit is issued as is reasonably necessary to identify such person.
357 The court shall also provide a copy of its order to such person who may operate a motor vehicle on the
358 order until receipt from the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles of a restricted license,
359 but only if the order provides for a restricted license for that period. A copy of the order and, after
360 receipt thereof, the restricted license shall be carried at all times by such person while operating a motor
361 vehicle. The court may require a person issued a restricted permit under the provisions of this subsection
362 to be monitored by an alcohol safety action program during the period of license suspension. Any
363 violation of the terms of the restricted license or of any condition set forth by the court related thereto,
364 or any failure to remain drug-free during such period shall be reported forthwith to the court by such
365 program. Any person who operates a motor vehicle in violation of any restriction imposed pursuant to
366 this section shall be is guilty of a violation of § 46.2-301.

§ 18.2-287.2. Wearing of body armor while committing a crime; penalty.

Any person who, while committing a crime of violence as defined in subdivision (2) of § 18.2-288 (2) or a felony violation of § 18.2-248 or subdivision (a) B 2 or 3 of § 18.2-248.1, has in his possession a firearm or knife and is wearing body armor designed to diminish the effect of the impact of a bullet or projectile shall be is guilty of a Class 4 felony.

§ 18.2-460. Obstructing justice; resisting arrest; fleeing from a law-enforcement officer; penalties.

A. If any person without just cause knowingly obstructs a judge, magistrate, justice, juror, attorney for the Commonwealth, witness, any law-enforcement officer, or animal control officer employed pursuant to § 3.2-6555 in the performance of his duties as such or fails or refuses without just cause to cease such obstruction when requested to do so by such judge, magistrate, justice, juror, attorney for the Commonwealth, witness, law-enforcement officer, or animal control officer employed pursuant to § 3.2-6555, he is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

B. Except as provided in subsection C, any person who, by threats or force, knowingly attempts to intimidate or impede a judge, magistrate, justice, juror, attorney for the Commonwealth, witness, any law-enforcement officer, or an animal control officer employed pursuant to § 3.2-6555 lawfully engaged in his duties as such, or to obstruct or impede the administration of justice in any court, is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

C. If any person by threats of bodily harm or force knowingly attempts to intimidate or impede a judge, magistrate, justice, juror, attorney for the Commonwealth, witness, any law-enforcement officer, lawfully engaged in the discharge of his duty, or to obstruct or impede the administration of justice in any court relating to a violation of or conspiracy to violate § 18.2-248 or, subdivision (a)(3), (b) B 3 or (e) subsection C or D of § 18.2-248.1, or § 18.2-46.2 or § 18.2-46.3, or relating to the violation of or conspiracy to violate any violent felony offense listed in subsection C of § 17.1-805, he is guilty of a Class 5 felony.

D. Any person who knowingly and willfully makes any materially false statement or representation to a law-enforcement officer or an animal control officer employed pursuant to § 3.2-6555 who is in the course of conducting an investigation of a crime by another is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

E. Any person who intentionally prevents or attempts to prevent a law-enforcement officer from lawfully arresting him, with or without a warrant, is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. For purposes of this subsection, intentionally preventing or attempting to prevent a lawful arrest means fleeing from a law-enforcement officer when (i) the officer applies physical force to the person, or (ii) the officer communicates to the person that he is under arrest and (a) the officer has the legal authority and the immediate physical ability to place the person under arrest, and (b) a reasonable person who receives such communication knows or should know that he is not free to leave.

§ 19.2-386.22. Seizure of property used in connection with or derived from illegal drug transactions.

A. The following property shall be subject to lawful seizure by any officer charged with enforcing the provisions of Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2: (i) all money, medical equipment, office equipment, laboratory equipment, motor vehicles, and all other personal and real property of any kind or character, used in substantial connection with (a) the illegal manufacture, sale or distribution of controlled substances or possession with intent to sell or distribute controlled substances in violation of § 18.2-248, (b) the sale or distribution of marijuana or possession with intent to distribute marijuana in violation of subdivisions (a)(2), (a)(3) and (e) subdivision B 2 or 3 or subsection D of § 18.2-248.1, or (c) a drug-related offense in violation of § 18.2-474.1; (ii) everything of value furnished, or intended to be furnished, in exchange for a controlled substance in violation of § 18.2-248 or for marijuana in violation of § 18.2-248.1 or for a controlled substance or marijuana in violation of § 18.2-474.1; and (iii) all moneys or other property, real or personal, traceable to such an exchange, together with any interest or profits derived from the investment of such money or other property. Under the provisions of clause (i), real property shall not be subject to lawful seizure unless the minimum prescribed punishment for the violation is a term of not less than five years.

B. All seizures and forfeitures under this section shall be governed by the procedures contained in Chapter 22.1 (§ 19.2-386.1 et seq.).

§ 46.2-390.1. Required revocation for conviction of drug offenses or deferral of proceedings.

A. Except as otherwise ordered pursuant to § 18.2-259.1, the Commissioner shall forthwith revoke, and not thereafter reissue for six months from the later of (i) the date of conviction, *date of judgment for a violation of § 18.2-250.1 by a juvenile, or date of deferral of proceedings under § 18.2-251*, unless the deferral was for proceedings for possession of marijuana pursuant to § 18.2-250.1, or (ii) the next date of eligibility to be licensed, the driver's license, registration card, and license plates of any resident or nonresident on receiving notification of (a) his conviction or a judgment for a violation of § 18.2-250.1 by a juvenile, (b) his having been found guilty in the case of a juvenile, or (c) the deferral

428 of further proceedings against him under § 18.2-251 for any violation of any provisions of Article 1
429 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2, ~~unless the proceedings were for possession of marijuana~~
430 pursuant to § 18.2-250.1, or of any state or federal law or valid county, city, or town ordinance, or a
431 law of any other state substantially similar to provisions of such Virginia laws. Such license revocation
432 shall be in addition to and shall run consecutively with any other license suspension, revocation, or
433 forfeiture in effect against such person.

434 B. Any person whose license has been revoked pursuant to this section and § 18.2-259.1 shall be
435 subject to the provisions of §§ 46.2-370 and 46.2-414 and shall be required to pay a reinstatement fee as
436 provided in § 46.2-411 in order to have his license restored.