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**HOUSE BILL NO. 265**

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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

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58 delinquent for an offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult shall be filed with the court if  
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

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

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

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

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

1. A firearm offense pursuant to Article 4 (§ 18.2-279 et seq.), 5 (§ 18.2-288 et seq.), 6 (§ 18.2-299 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;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. Robbery pursuant to § 18.2-58;

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

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

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

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

14. A threat pursuant to § 18.2-60.

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

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

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

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

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

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 commission of any other alcohol-related offense, *or a violation of § 18.2-250.1*, provided *that* the juvenile is released to the custody of a parent or legal guardian pending the initial court date. The officer releasing a juvenile to the custody of a parent or legal guardian shall issue a summons to the juvenile and shall also issue a summons requiring the parent or legal guardian to appear before the court with the juvenile. Disposition of the charge shall be in the manner provided in § 16.1-278.8, 16.1-278.8:01, or 16.1-278.9. If the juvenile so charged with a violation of § 18.2-51.4, 18.2-266, 18.2-266.1, 18.2-272, or 29.1-738 refuses to provide a sample of blood or breath or samples of both blood and breath for chemical analysis pursuant to §§ 18.2-268.1 through 18.2-268.12 or 29.1-738.2, the provisions of these sections shall be followed except that the magistrate shall authorize execution of the

warrant as a summons. The summons shall be served on a parent or legal guardian and the juvenile, and a copy of the summons shall be forwarded to the court in which the violation is to be tried. When a violation of § 18.2-250.1 is charged by summons, the juvenile shall be entitled to have the charge referred to intake for consideration of informal proceedings pursuant to subsection B, provided *that* such right is exercised by written notification to the clerk not later than 10 days prior to trial. At the time such summons alleging a violation of § 18.2-250.1 is served, the officer shall also serve upon the juvenile written notice of the right to have the charge referred to intake on a form approved by the Supreme Court and make return of such service to the court. If the officer fails to make such service or return, the court shall dismiss the summons without prejudice.

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

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

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

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

(a) B. Any person who violates this section with respect to:

(1) 1. Not more than one-half ounce of marijuana is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor;

(2) 2. More than one-half ounce but not more than five pounds of marijuana is guilty of a Class 5 6 felony;

(3) 3. More than five pounds of marijuana is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment of not less than five nor more than 30 years.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Any person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be confined in jail not more than 30 days and fined not more than \$500, either or both; any person, upon a second or subsequent conviction of a violation of this section, is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor subject to a civil penalty of no more than \$25. *Such civil penalty is payable to the Literary Fund.*

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

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

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

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

Whenever any person who has not previously been convicted of any *criminal* offense under this article or under any statute of the United States or of any state relating to narcotic drugs, marijuana, or stimulant, depressant, or hallucinogenic drugs, or has not previously had a proceeding against him for violation of such an offense dismissed as provided in this section, pleads guilty to or enters a plea of not guilty to possession of a controlled substance under § 18.2-250 ~~or to possession of marijuana under § 18.2-250.1~~, the court, upon such plea if the facts found by the court would justify a finding of guilt, without entering a judgment of guilt and with the consent of the accused, may defer further proceedings and place him on probation upon terms and conditions. If the court defers further proceedings, at that time the court shall determine whether the clerk of court has been provided with the fingerprint identification information or fingerprints of the person, taken by a law-enforcement officer pursuant to § 19.2-390, and, if not, shall order that the fingerprints and photograph of the person be taken by a law-enforcement officer.

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

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

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

Upon violation of a term or condition, the court may enter an adjudication of guilt and proceed as otherwise provided. Upon fulfillment of the terms and conditions, and upon determining that the clerk of court has been provided with the fingerprint identification information or fingerprints of such person, the court shall discharge the person and dismiss the proceedings against him. Discharge and dismissal under this section shall be without adjudication of guilt and is a conviction only for the purposes of applying

304 this section in subsequent proceedings.

305 Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, whenever a court places an individual on  
306 probation upon terms and conditions pursuant to this section, such action shall be treated as a conviction  
307 for purposes of §§ 18.2-259.1, 22.1-315, and 46.2-390.1, and the driver's license forfeiture provisions of  
308 those sections shall be imposed. ~~However, if the court places an individual on probation upon terms and~~  
309 ~~conditions for a violation of § 18.2-250.1, such action shall not be treated as a conviction for purposes~~  
310 ~~of § 18.2-259.1 or 46.2-390.1, provided that a court (1) may suspend or revoke an individual's driver's~~  
311 ~~license as a term or condition of probation and (2) shall suspend or revoke an individual's driver's~~  
312 ~~license as a term or condition of probation for a period of six months if the violation of § 18.2-250.1~~  
313 ~~was committed while such person was in operation of a motor vehicle. The provisions of this paragraph~~  
314 ~~shall not be applicable to any offense for which a juvenile has had his license suspended or denied~~  
315 ~~pursuant to § 16.1-278.9 for the same offense.~~

316 **§ 18.2-252. Suspended sentence conditioned upon substance abuse screening, assessment, testing,**  
317 **and treatment or education.**

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

336 **§ 18.2-259.1. Forfeiture of driver's license for violations of article.**

337 A. In addition to any other sanction or penalty imposed for a *criminal* violation of this article ~~or civil~~  
338 ~~violation of § 18.2-250.1 committed by a juvenile, the (i) judgment of either a conviction under this~~  
339 ~~article or a civil violation of § 18.2-250.1 committed by a juvenile or (ii) placement on probation~~  
340 following deferral of further proceedings under § 18.2-251, ~~except if the proceeding was for possession~~  
341 ~~of marijuana pursuant to § 18.2-250.1, or subsection H of § 18.2-258.1 for any such offense shall of~~  
342 itself operate to deprive the person so convicted or placed on probation after deferral of proceedings  
343 under § 18.2-251 or subsection H of § 18.2-258.1 of the privilege to drive or operate a motor vehicle,  
344 engine, or train in the Commonwealth for a period of six months from the date of such judgment or  
345 placement on probation. Such license forfeiture shall be in addition to and shall run consecutively with  
346 any other license suspension, revocation or forfeiture in effect or imposed upon the person so convicted  
347 or placed on probation. However, a juvenile who has had his license suspended or denied pursuant to  
348 § 16.1-278.9 shall not have his license forfeited pursuant to this section for the same offense.

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

353 C. In those cases where the court determines there are compelling circumstances warranting an  
354 exception, the court may provide that any individual be issued a restricted license to operate a motor  
355 vehicle for any of the purposes set forth in subsection E of § 18.2-271.1. No restricted license issued  
356 pursuant to this subsection shall permit any person to operate a commercial motor vehicle as defined in  
357 the Virginia Commercial Driver's License Act (§ 46.2-341.1 et seq.). The court shall order the surrender  
358 of such person's license in accordance with the provisions of subsection B and shall forward to the  
359 Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles a copy of its order entered pursuant to this  
360 subsection. This order shall specifically enumerate the restrictions imposed and contain such information  
361 regarding the person to whom such a permit is issued as is reasonably necessary to identify such person.  
362 The court shall also provide a copy of its order to such person who may operate a motor vehicle on the  
363 order until receipt from the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles of a restricted license,  
364 but only if the order provides for a restricted license for that period. A copy of the order and, after  
365 receipt thereof, the restricted license shall be carried at all times by such person while operating a motor

vehicle. The court may require a person issued a restricted permit under the provisions of this subsection to be monitored by an alcohol safety action program during the period of license suspension. Any violation of the terms of the restricted license or of any condition set forth by the court related thereto, or any failure to remain drug-free during such period shall be reported forthwith to the court by such program. Any person who operates a motor vehicle in violation of any restriction imposed pursuant to this section ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of a violation of § 46.2-301.

D. Any person who has been convicted under the laws of another state or the United States of a violation substantially similar to a violation of this article and whose privilege to operate a motor vehicle in the Commonwealth is subject to revocation under the provisions of § 46.2-390.1 may petition the general district court of the county or city in which he resides for restricted driving privileges. Subject to the limitations provided in subsection C, if the court determines that there are compelling circumstances warranting an exception, the court may provide that any such person be issued a restricted license to operate a motor vehicle for any of the purposes set forth in subsection E of § 18.2-271.1.

**§ 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 § 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~~ or 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) subsection 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,

427 together with any interest or profits derived from the investment of such money or other property. Under  
428 the provisions of clause (i), real property shall not be subject to lawful seizure unless the minimum  
429 prescribed punishment for the violation is a term of not less than five years.

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

432 **§ 46.2-390.1. Required revocation for conviction of drug offenses or deferral of proceedings.**

433 A. Except as otherwise ordered pursuant to § 18.2-259.1, the Commissioner shall forthwith revoke,  
434 and not thereafter reissue for six months from the later of (i) the date of conviction, *date of judgment*  
435 *for a violation of § 18.2-250.1 by a juvenile*, or *date of deferral of proceedings* under § 18.2-251; ~~unless~~  
436 ~~the deferral was for proceedings for possession of marijuana pursuant to § 18.2-250.1~~, or (ii) the next  
437 date of eligibility to be licensed, the driver's license, registration card, and license plates of any resident  
438 or nonresident on receiving notification of (a) his conviction *or judgment for a violation of § 18.2-250.1*  
439 *by a juvenile*, (b) his having been found guilty in the case of a juvenile, or (c) the deferral of further  
440 proceedings against him under § 18.2-251 for any violation of any provisions of Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et  
441 seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2; ~~unless the proceedings were for possession of marijuana pursuant to~~  
442 ~~§ 18.2-250.1~~, or of any state or federal law or valid county, city or town ordinance, or a law of any  
443 other state substantially similar to provisions of such Virginia laws. Such license revocation shall be in  
444 addition to and shall run consecutively with any other license suspension, revocation, or forfeiture in  
445 effect against such person.

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