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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend and reenact § 4.1-305 of the Code of Virginia, relating to alcoholic beverage control;
 3 use of false identification; penalty.

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Approved

6 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

7 1. That § 4.1-305 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

8 § 4.1-305. Purchasing or possessing alcoholic beverages unlawful in certain cases; exceptions;
 9 penalty; forfeiture.

A. No person to whom an alcoholic beverage may not lawfully be sold under § 4.1-304 shall purchase or possess, or attempt to purchase or possess, any alcoholic beverage, except (i) pursuant to subdivisions 1 through 7 of § 4.1-200; (ii) where possession of the alcoholic beverages by a person less than twenty-one years of age is due to such person's making a delivery of alcoholic beverages in pursuance of his employment or an order of his parent; or (iii) by any state, federal, or local law-enforcement officer when possession of an alcoholic beverage is necessary in the performance of his duties.

B. No person under the age of twenty-one years shall use or attempt to use any (i) altered, fictitious,
facsimile or simulated license to operate a motor vehicle, (ii) altered, fictitious, facsimile or simulated
document, including, but not limited to a birth certificate or student identification card, or (iii) motor
vehicle operator's license, birth certificate or student identification card of another person in order to
establish a false identification or false age for himself to purchase or attempt to purchase an alcoholic
beverage.

23 B. C. Any person found guilty of a violation of this section shall be guilty of a Class 1 24 misdemeanor; and upon conviction, (i) such person shall be ordered to pay a fine of at least \$500 or 25 ordered to perform a minimum of fifty hours of community service and (ii) such person's license to 26 operate a motor vehicle in the Commonwealth may be suspended for a period of not more than one 27 year. The court, in its discretion and upon a demonstration of hardship, may authorize any person 28 convicted of a violation of this section the use of a restricted permit to operate a motor vehicle in 29 accordance with the provisions of subsection D of § 16.1-278.9. However, the sentence imposed 30 pursuant to clause (i) of this subsection shall not be suspended.

31 C. D. Any alcoholic beverage purchased or possessed in violation of this section shall be deemed 32 contraband and forfeited to the Commonwealth in accordance with § 4.1-338.

E. Any retail licensee who in good faith promptly notifies the Board or any state or local
 law-enforcement agency of a violation or suspected violation of this section shall be accorded immunity
 from an administrative penalty for a violation of § 4.1-304.

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