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SENATE BILL NO. 1235

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice
on February 2, 2015)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Marsden)

A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 18.2-247 and 54.1-3401 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 34 of Title 54.1 an article numbered 8, consisting of sections numbered 54.1-3472.1, 54.1-3472.2, and 54.1-3472.3, relating to certification and dispensing of cannabidiol oil or THC-A oil.*

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 18.2-247 and 54.1-3401 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 34 of Title 54.1 an article numbered 8, consisting of sections numbered 54.1-3472.1, 54.1-3472.2, and 54.1-3472.3, as follows:

§ 18.2-247. Use of terms "controlled substances," "marijuana," "Schedules I, II, III, IV, V and VI," "imitation controlled substance" and "counterfeit controlled substance" in Title 18.2.

A. Wherever the terms "controlled substances" and "Schedules I, II, III, IV, V and VI" are used in Title 18.2, such terms refer to those terms as they are used or defined in the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.).

B. The term "imitation controlled substance" when used in this article means (i) a counterfeit controlled substance or (ii) a pill, capsule, tablet, or substance in any form whatsoever which is not a controlled substance subject to abuse, and:

1. Which by overall dosage unit appearance, including color, shape, size, marking and packaging or by representations made, would cause the likelihood that such a pill, capsule, tablet, or substance in any other form whatsoever will be mistaken for a controlled substance unless such substance was introduced into commerce prior to the initial introduction into commerce of the controlled substance which it is alleged to imitate; or

2. Which by express or implied representations purports to act like a controlled substance as a stimulant or depressant of the central nervous system and which is not commonly used or recognized for use in that particular formulation for any purpose other than for such stimulant or depressant effect, unless marketed, promoted, or sold as permitted by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

C. In determining whether a pill, capsule, tablet, or substance in any other form whatsoever, is an "imitation controlled substance," there shall be considered, in addition to all other relevant factors, comparisons with accepted methods of marketing for legitimate nonprescription drugs for medicinal purposes rather than for drug abuse or any similar nonmedicinal use, including consideration of the packaging of the drug and its appearance in overall finished dosage form, promotional materials or representations, oral or written, concerning the drug, and the methods of distribution of the drug and where and how it is sold to the public.

D. The term "marijuana" when used in this article means any part of a plant of the genus *Cannabis*, whether growing or not, its seeds or resin; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of such plant, its seeds, or its resin. Marijuana shall not include *cannabidiol oil or THC-A oil, as both are defined in § 54.1-3472.1, or any other* oily extract containing one or more cannabinoids unless such extract contains less than 12 percent of tetrahydrocannabinol by weight, or the mature stalks of such plant, fiber produced from such stalk, oil or cake made from the seed of such plant, unless such stalks, fiber, oil or cake is combined with other parts of plants of the genus *Cannabis*.

E. The term "counterfeit controlled substance" means a controlled substance that, without authorization, bears, is packaged in a container or wrapper that bears, or is otherwise labeled to bear, the trademark, trade name, or other identifying mark, imprint or device or any likeness thereof, of a drug manufacturer, processor, packer, or distributor other than the manufacturer, processor, packer, or distributor who did in fact so manufacture, process, pack or distribute such drug.

§ 54.1-3401. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Administer" means the direct application of a controlled substance, whether by injection, inhalation, ingestion, or any other means, to the body of a patient or research subject by (i) a practitioner or by his authorized agent and under his direction or (ii) the patient or research subject at the direction and in the presence of the practitioner.

"Advertisement" means all representations disseminated in any manner or by any means, other than by labeling, for the purpose of inducing, or which are likely to induce, directly or indirectly, the purchase of drugs or devices.

"Agent" means an authorized person who acts on behalf of or at the direction of a manufacturer,

60 distributor, or dispenser. It does not include a common or contract carrier, public warehouseman, or
61 employee of the carrier or warehouseman.

62 "Anabolic steroid" means any drug or hormonal substance, chemically and pharmacologically related
63 to testosterone, other than estrogens, progestins, corticosteroids, and dehydroepiandrosterone.

64 "Animal" means any nonhuman animate being endowed with the power of voluntary action.

65 "Automated drug dispensing system" means a mechanical or electronic system that performs
66 operations or activities, other than compounding or administration, relating to pharmacy services,
67 including the storage, dispensing, or distribution of drugs and the collection, control, and maintenance of
68 all transaction information, to provide security and accountability for such drugs.

69 "Biological product" means a virus, therapeutic serum, toxin, antitoxin, vaccine, blood, blood
70 component or derivative, allergenic product, protein other than a chemically synthesized polypeptide, or
71 analogous product, or arsphenamine or any derivative of arsphenamine or any other trivalent organic
72 arsenic compound, applicable to the prevention, treatment, or cure of a disease or condition of human
73 beings.

74 "Biosimilar" means a biological product that is highly similar to a specific reference biological
75 product, notwithstanding minor differences in clinically inactive compounds, such that there are no
76 clinically meaningful differences between the reference biological product and the biological product that
77 has been licensed as a biosimilar pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 262(k) in terms of safety, purity, and potency
78 of the product.

79 "Board" means the Board of Pharmacy.

80 "Bulk drug substance" means any substance that is represented for use, and that, when used in the
81 compounding, manufacturing, processing, or packaging of a drug, becomes an active ingredient or a
82 finished dosage form of the drug; however, "bulk drug substance" shall not include intermediates that
83 are used in the synthesis of such substances.

84 "Change of ownership" of an existing entity permitted, registered, or licensed by the Board means (i)
85 the sale or transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the entity or of any corporation that owns
86 or controls the entity; (ii) the creation of a partnership by a sole proprietor, the dissolution of a
87 partnership, or change in partnership composition; (iii) the acquisition or disposal of 50 percent or more
88 of the outstanding shares of voting stock of a corporation owning the entity or of the parent corporation
89 of a wholly owned subsidiary owning the entity, except that this shall not apply to any corporation the
90 voting stock of which is actively traded on any securities exchange or in any over-the-counter market;
91 (iv) the merger of a corporation owning the entity or of the parent corporation of a wholly-owned
92 subsidiary owning the entity with another business or corporation; or (v) the expiration or forfeiture of a
93 corporation's charter.

94 "Compounding" means the combining of two or more ingredients to fabricate such ingredients into a
95 single preparation and includes the mixing, assembling, packaging, or labeling of a drug or device (i) by
96 a pharmacist, or within a permitted pharmacy, pursuant to a valid prescription issued for a medicinal or
97 therapeutic purpose in the context of a bona fide practitioner-patient-pharmacist relationship, or in
98 expectation of receiving a valid prescription based on observed historical patterns of prescribing and
99 dispensing; (ii) by a practitioner of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry, dentistry, or veterinary medicine as
100 an incident to his administering or dispensing, if authorized to dispense, a controlled substance in the
101 course of his professional practice; or (iii) for the purpose of, or as incident to, research, teaching, or
102 chemical analysis and not for sale or for dispensing. The mixing, diluting, or reconstituting of a
103 manufacturer's product drugs for the purpose of administration to a patient, when performed by a
104 practitioner of medicine or osteopathy licensed under Chapter 29 (§ 54.1-2900 et seq.), a person
105 supervised by such practitioner pursuant to subdivision A 6 or A 19 of § 54.1-2901, or a person
106 supervised by such practitioner or a licensed nurse practitioner or physician assistant pursuant to
107 subdivision A 4 of § 54.1-2901 shall not be considered compounding.

108 "Controlled substance" means a drug, substance, or immediate precursor in Schedules I through VI of
109 this chapter. The term shall not include distilled spirits, wine, malt beverages, or tobacco as those terms
110 are defined or used in Title 3.2 or Title 4.1. The term "controlled substance" includes a controlled
111 substance analog that has been placed into Schedule I or II by the Board pursuant to the regulatory
112 authority in subsection D of § 54.1-3443.

113 "Controlled substance analog" means a substance the chemical structure of which is substantially
114 similar to the chemical structure of a controlled substance in Schedule I or II and either (i) which has a
115 stimulant, depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the central nervous system that is substantially similar
116 to or greater than the stimulant, depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the central nervous system of a
117 controlled substance in Schedule I or II or (ii) with respect to a particular person, which such person
118 represents or intends to have a stimulant, depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the central nervous
119 system that is substantially similar to or greater than the stimulant, depressant, or hallucinogenic effect
120 on the central nervous system of a controlled substance in Schedule I or II. "Controlled substance
121 analog" does not include (a) any substance for which there is an approved new drug application as

defined under § 505 of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. § 355) or that is generally recognized as safe and effective pursuant to §§ 501, 502, and 503 of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. §§ 351, 352, and 353) and 21 C.F.R. Part 330; (b) with respect to a particular person, any substance for which an exemption is in effect for investigational use for that person under § 505 of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to the extent that the conduct with respect to that substance is pursuant to such exemption; or (c) any substance to the extent not intended for human consumption before such an exemption takes effect with respect to that substance.

"DEA" means the Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Department of Justice, or its successor agency.

"Deliver" or "delivery" means the actual, constructive, or attempted transfer of any item regulated by this chapter, whether or not there exists an agency relationship.

"Device" means instruments, apparatus, and contrivances, including their components, parts, and accessories, intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in man or animals or to affect the structure or any function of the body of man or animals.

"Dialysis care technician" or "dialysis patient care technician" means an individual who is certified by an organization approved by the Board of Health Professions pursuant to Chapter 27.01 (§ 54.1-2729.1 et seq.) and who, under the supervision of a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or a registered nurse, assists in the care of patients undergoing renal dialysis treatments in a Medicare-certified renal dialysis facility.

"Dialysis solution" means either the commercially available, unopened, sterile solutions whose purpose is to be instilled into the peritoneal cavity during the medical procedure known as peritoneal dialysis, or commercially available solutions whose purpose is to be used in the performance of hemodialysis not to include any solutions administered to the patient intravenously.

"Dispense" means to deliver a drug to an ultimate user or research subject by or pursuant to the lawful order of a practitioner, including the prescribing and administering, packaging, labeling, or compounding necessary to prepare the substance for that delivery. However, dispensing shall not include the transportation of drugs mixed, diluted, or reconstituted in accordance with this chapter to other sites operated by such practitioner or that practitioner's medical practice for the purpose of administration of such drugs to patients of the practitioner or that practitioner's medical practice at such other sites. For practitioners of medicine or osteopathy, "dispense" shall only include the provision of drugs by a practitioner to patients to take with them away from the practitioner's place of practice.

"Dispenser" means a practitioner who dispenses.

"Distribute" means to deliver other than by administering or dispensing a controlled substance.

"Distributor" means a person who distributes.

"Drug" means (i) articles or substances recognized in the official United States Pharmacopoeia National Formulary or official Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States, or any supplement to any of them; (ii) articles or substances intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in man or animals; (iii) articles or substances, other than food, intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of man or animals; (iv) articles or substances intended for use as a component of any article specified in clause (i), (ii), or (iii); or (v) a biological product. "Drug" does not include devices or their components, parts, or accessories.

"Drug product" means a specific drug in dosage form from a known source of manufacture, whether by brand or therapeutically equivalent drug product name.

"Electronic transmission prescription" means any prescription, other than an oral or written prescription or a prescription transmitted by facsimile machine, that is electronically transmitted directly to a pharmacy without interception or intervention from a third party from a practitioner authorized to prescribe or from one pharmacy to another pharmacy.

"Facsimile (FAX) prescription" means a written prescription or order that is transmitted by an electronic device over telephone lines that sends the exact image to the receiving pharmacy in hard copy form.

"FDA" means the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

"Hashish oil" means any oily extract containing one or more cannabinoids, but shall not include any such extract with a tetrahydrocannabinol content of less than 12 percent by weight.

"Immediate precursor" means a substance which the Board of Pharmacy has found to be and by regulation designates as being the principal compound commonly used or produced primarily for use, and which is an immediate chemical intermediary used or likely to be used in the manufacture of a controlled substance, the control of which is necessary to prevent, curtail, or limit manufacture.

"Interchangeable" means a biosimilar that meets safety standards for determining interchangeability pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 262(k)(4).

"Label" means a display of written, printed, or graphic matter upon the immediate container of any article. A requirement made by or under authority of this chapter that any word, statement, or other

183 information appear on the label shall not be considered to be complied with unless such word,
184 statement, or other information also appears on the outside container or wrapper, if any, of the retail
185 package of such article or is easily legible through the outside container or wrapper.

186 "Labeling" means all labels and other written, printed, or graphic matter on an article or any of its
187 containers or wrappers, or accompanying such article.

188 "Manufacture" means the production, preparation, propagation, conversion, or processing of any item
189 regulated by this chapter, either directly or indirectly by extraction from substances of natural origin, or
190 independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a combination of extraction and chemical
191 synthesis, and includes any packaging or repackaging of the substance or labeling or relabeling of its
192 container. This term does not include compounding.

193 "Manufacturer" means every person who manufactures.

194 "Marijuana" means any part of a plant of the genus *Cannabis* whether growing or not, its seeds, or
195 its resin; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of such plant, its
196 seeds, or its resin. Marijuana shall not include *cannabidiol oil* or *THC-A oil*, as both are defined in
197 § 54.1-3472.1, or any other oily extract containing one or more cannabinoids unless such extract
198 contains less than 12 percent of tetrahydrocannabinol by weight, nor shall marijuana include the mature
199 stalks of such plant, fiber produced from such stalk, or oil or cake made from the seeds of such plant,
200 unless such stalks, fiber, oil, or cake is combined with other parts of plants of the genus *Cannabis*.

201 "Medical equipment supplier" means any person, as defined in § 1-230, engaged in the delivery to
202 the ultimate consumer, pursuant to the lawful order of a practitioner, of hypodermic syringes and
203 needles, medicinal oxygen, Schedule VI controlled devices, those Schedule VI controlled substances with
204 no medicinal properties that are used for the operation and cleaning of medical equipment, solutions for
205 peritoneal dialysis, and sterile water or saline for irrigation.

206 "Narcotic drug" means any of the following, whether produced directly or indirectly by extraction
207 from substances of vegetable origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a
208 combination of extraction and chemical synthesis: (i) opium, opiates, and any salt, compound, derivative,
209 or preparation of opium or opiates; (ii) any salt, compound, isomer, derivative, or preparation thereof
210 which is chemically equivalent or identical with any of the substances referred to in clause (i), but not
211 including the isoquinoline alkaloids of opium; (iii) opium poppy and poppy straw; (iv) coca leaves and
212 any salt, compound, derivative, or preparation of coca leaves, and any salt, compound, isomer,
213 derivative, or preparation thereof which is chemically equivalent or identical with any of these
214 substances, but not including decocainized coca leaves or extraction of coca leaves which do not contain
215 cocaine or ecgonine.

216 "New drug" means (i) any drug, except a new animal drug or an animal feed bearing or containing a
217 new animal drug, the composition of which is such that such drug is not generally recognized, among
218 experts qualified by scientific training and experience to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of drugs,
219 as safe and effective for use under the conditions prescribed, recommended, or suggested in the labeling,
220 except that such a drug not so recognized shall not be deemed to be a "new drug" if at any time prior
221 to the enactment of this chapter it was subject to the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906, as
222 amended, and if at such time its labeling contained the same representations concerning the conditions
223 of its use, or (ii) any drug, except a new animal drug or an animal feed bearing or containing a new
224 animal drug, the composition of which is such that such drug, as a result of investigations to determine
225 its safety and effectiveness for use under such conditions, has become so recognized, but which has not,
226 otherwise than in such investigations, been used to a material extent or for a material time under such
227 conditions.

228 "Nuclear medicine technologist" means an individual who holds a current certification with the
229 American Registry of Radiological Technologists or the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification
230 Board.

231 "Official compendium" means the official United States Pharmacopoeia National Formulary, official
232 Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States, or any supplement to any of them.

233 "Official written order" means an order written on a form provided for that purpose by the U.S. Drug
234 Enforcement Administration, under any laws of the United States making provision therefor, if such
235 order forms are authorized and required by federal law, and if no such order form is provided then on
236 an official form provided for that purpose by the Board of Pharmacy.

237 "Opiate" means any substance having an addiction-forming or addiction-sustaining liability similar to
238 morphine or being capable of conversion into a drug having such addiction-forming or
239 addiction-sustaining liability. It does not include, unless specifically designated as controlled under
240 Article 4 (§ 54.1-3437 et seq.), the dextrorotatory isomer of 3-methoxy-n-methylmorphinan and its salts
241 (dextromethorphan). It does include its racemic and levorotatory forms.

242 "Opium poppy" means the plant of the species *Papaver somniferum* L., except the seeds thereof.

243 "Original package" means the unbroken container or wrapping in which any drug or medicine is
244 enclosed together with label and labeling, put up by or for the manufacturer, wholesaler, or distributor

for use in the delivery or display of such article.

"Person" means both the plural and singular, as the case demands, and includes an individual, partnership, corporation, association, governmental agency, trust, or other institution or entity.

"Pharmacist-in-charge" means the person who, being licensed as a pharmacist, signs the application for a pharmacy permit and assumes full legal responsibility for the operation of the relevant pharmacy in a manner complying with the laws and regulations for the practice of pharmacy and the sale and dispensing of controlled substances; the "pharmacist-in-charge" shall personally supervise the pharmacy and the pharmacy's personnel as required by § 54.1-3432.

"Poppy straw" means all parts, except the seeds, of the opium poppy, after mowing.

"Practitioner" means a physician, dentist, licensed nurse practitioner pursuant to § 54.1-2957.01, licensed physician assistant pursuant to § 54.1-2952.1, pharmacist pursuant to § 54.1-3300, TPA-certified optometrist pursuant to Article 5 (§ 54.1-3222 et seq.) of Chapter 32, veterinarian, scientific investigator, or other person licensed, registered, or otherwise permitted to distribute, dispense, prescribe and administer, or conduct research with respect to a controlled substance in the course of professional practice or research in the Commonwealth.

"Prescriber" means a practitioner who is authorized pursuant to §§ 54.1-3303 and 54.1-3408 to issue a prescription.

"Prescription" means an order for drugs or medical supplies, written or signed or transmitted by word of mouth, telephone, telegraph, or other means of communication to a pharmacist by a duly licensed physician, dentist, veterinarian, or other practitioner authorized by law to prescribe and administer such drugs or medical supplies.

"Prescription drug" means any drug required by federal law or regulation to be dispensed only pursuant to a prescription, including finished dosage forms and active ingredients subject to § 503(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. § 353(b)).

"Production" or "produce" includes the manufacture, planting, cultivation, growing, or harvesting of a controlled substance or marijuana.

"Proprietary medicine" means a completely compounded nonprescription drug in its unbroken, original package which does not contain any controlled substance or marijuana as defined in this chapter and is not in itself poisonous, and which is sold, offered, promoted, or advertised directly to the general public by or under the authority of the manufacturer or primary distributor, under a trademark, trade name, or other trade symbol privately owned, and the labeling of which conforms to the requirements of this chapter and applicable federal law. However, this definition shall not include a drug that is only advertised or promoted professionally to licensed practitioners, a narcotic or drug containing a narcotic, a drug that may be dispensed only upon prescription or the label of which bears substantially the statement "Warning - may be habit-forming," or a drug intended for injection.

"Radiopharmaceutical" means any drug that exhibits spontaneous disintegration of unstable nuclei with the emission of nuclear particles or photons and includes any non-radioactive reagent kit or radionuclide generator that is intended to be used in the preparation of any such substance, but does not include drugs such as carbon-containing compounds or potassium-containing salts that include trace quantities of naturally occurring radionuclides. The term also includes any biological product that is labeled with a radionuclide or intended solely to be labeled with a radionuclide.

"Reference biological product" means the single biological product licensed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 262(a) against which a biological product is evaluated in an application submitted to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for licensure of biological products as biosimilar or interchangeable pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 262(k).

"Sale" includes barter, exchange, or gift, or offer therefor, and each such transaction made by any person, whether as an individual, proprietor, agent, servant, or employee.

"Therapeutically equivalent drug products" means drug products that contain the same active ingredients and are identical in strength or concentration, dosage form, and route of administration and that are classified as being therapeutically equivalent by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration pursuant to the definition of "therapeutically equivalent drug products" set forth in the most recent edition of the Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations, otherwise known as the "Orange Book."

"USP-NF" means the current edition of the United States Pharmacopeia-National Formulary.

"Warehouser" means any person, other than a wholesale distributor, engaged in the business of selling or otherwise distributing prescription drugs or devices to any person who is not the ultimate user or consumer. No person shall be subject to any state or local tax by reason of this definition.

"Wholesale distribution" means distribution of prescription drugs to persons other than consumers or patients, subject to the exceptions set forth in § 54.1-3401.1.

"Wholesale distributor" means any person engaged in wholesale distribution of prescription drugs including, but not limited to, manufacturers; repackers; own-label distributors; private-label distributors;

306 jobbers; brokers; warehouses, including manufacturers' and distributors' warehouses, chain drug
307 warehouses conducting wholesale distributions, and wholesale drug warehouses; independent wholesale
308 drug traders; and retail pharmacies conducting wholesale distributions. No person shall be subject to any
309 state or local tax as a wholesale merchant by reason of this definition.

310 The words "drugs" and "devices" as used in Chapter 33 (§ 54.1-3300 et seq.) and in this chapter
311 shall not include surgical or dental instruments, physical therapy equipment, X-ray apparatus, or glasses
312 or lenses for the eyes.

313 The terms "pharmacist," "pharmacy," and "practice of pharmacy" as used in this chapter shall be
314 defined as provided in Chapter 33 (§ 54.1-3300 et seq.) unless the context requires a different meaning.

315 *Article 8.*

316 *Certification and Dispensing of Cannabidiol Oil and THC-A Oil.*

317 **§ 54.1-3472.1. Definitions.**

318 "Cannabidiol oil" means a processed cannabis plant extract that contains at least 15 percent
319 cannabidiol but no more than five percent of tetrahydrocannabinol, or a dilution of the resin of the
320 cannabis plant that contains at least 50 milligrams of cannabidiol per milliliter but not more than five
321 percent of tetrahydrocannabinol.

322 "Intractable epilepsy" means an epileptic or neurological disorder that produces serious, debilitating,
323 or life-threatening seizures.

324 "THC-A oil" means a processed cannabis plant extract that contains at least 15 percent
325 tetrahydrocannabinol acid but no more than five percent tetrahydrocannabinol, or a dilution of the resin
326 of the cannabis plant that contains at least 50 milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol acid per milliliter but
327 not more than five percent of tetrahydrocannabinol.

328 **§ 54.1-3472.2. Certification and dispensing of cannabidiol oil and THC-A oil.**

329 A. Cannabidiol oil or THC-A oil shall be made available, pursuant to a valid written certification
330 made in accordance with the provisions of subsection B, to a patient or his legal representative, or
331 pursuant to a valid prescription or written certification of an out-of-state practitioner of medicine or
332 osteopathy authorized by the laws of the state in which he is licensed to issue such prescription or
333 written certification.

334 B. A practitioner of medicine or osteopathy licensed by the Board of Medicine in the course of his
335 professional practice may issue a written certification for the use of cannabidiol oil or THC-A oil for
336 treatment or to alleviate the symptoms of a patient's intractable epilepsy.

337 C. The written certification shall be on a form provided by the Board of Medicine. Such written
338 certification shall contain the name, address, and telephone number of the practitioner, the name and
339 address of the patient issued the written certification, the date on which the written certification was
340 made, and the signature of the practitioner. Such written certification issued pursuant to subsection B
341 shall expire no later than one year after its issuance unless the practitioner provides in such written
342 certification an earlier expiration.

343 **§ 54.1-3472.3. Possession or distribution of cannabidiol oil or THC-A oil for medical purposes**
344 **permitted.**

345 No person or his legal representative shall be prosecuted under § 18.2-250 or 18.2-250.1 for the
346 possession of cannabidiol oil or THC-A oil when that possession occurs pursuant to a valid written
347 certification made by a practitioner of medicine or osteopathy in accordance with the provisions of
348 § 54.1-3472.2 in the course of his professional practice for treatment of intractable epilepsy or a valid
349 prescription or written certification of an out-of-state practitioner of medicine or osteopathy authorized
350 by the laws of the state in which he is licensed to issue such prescription or written certification.

351 **2. That the Department of Health Professions shall work with stakeholders to develop**
352 **recommendations for regulation of the manufacturing and dispensing of cannabidiol oil and**
353 **THC-A oil and shall report such recommendations to the General Assembly by December 1, 2015.**