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1	HOUSE BILL NO. 562
2 3	Offered January 13, 2016
3	Prefiled January 11, 2016
4	A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 4.1-100, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective,
5	54.1-3000, 54.1-3001, 54.1-3005, 54.1-3005.1, 54.1-3008, 54.1-3029, and 54.1-3029.1 of the Code of
6	Virginia, relating to licensure of massage therapists.
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	Patrons—Robinson and Edmunds
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9	Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions
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11	Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:
12	1. That §§ 4.1-100, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective; 54.1-3000, 54.1-3001,
13	54.1-3005, 54.1-3005.1, 54.1-3008, 54.1-3029, and 54.1-3029.1 of the Code of Virginia are amended
14 15	and reenacted as follows: § 4.1-100. (Effective until July 1, 2018) Definitions.
15 16	As used in this title unless the context requires a different meaning:
17	"Alcohol" means the product known as ethyl or grain alcohol obtained by distillation of any
18	fermented liquor, rectified either once or more often, whatever the origin, and shall include synthetic
19	ethyl alcohol, but shall not include methyl alcohol and alcohol completely denatured in accordance with
20	formulas approved by the government of the United States.
21	"Alcohol vaporizing device" means any device, machine, or process that mixes any alcoholic
22	beverages with pure oxygen or other gas to produce a vaporized product for the purpose of consumption
23	by inhalation.
24	"Alcoholic beverages" includes alcohol, spirits, wine, and beer, and any one or more of such varieties
25	containing one-half of one percent or more of alcohol by volume, including mixed alcoholic beverages,
26	and every liquid or solid, powder or crystal, patented or not, containing alcohol, spirits, wine, or beer
27	and capable of being consumed by a human being. Any liquid or solid containing more than one of the
28	four varieties shall be considered as belonging to that variety which has the higher percentage of
29 30	alcohol, however obtained, according to the order in which they are set forth in this definition; except that hear many hear manufactured to include flavoring materials and other nonheurogening materials.
30 31	that beer may be manufactured to include flavoring materials and other nonbeverage ingredients containing alcohol, as long as no more than 49 percent of the overall alcohol content of the finished
32	product is derived from the addition of flavors and other nonbeverage ingredients containing alcohol for
33	products with an alcohol content of no more than six percent by volume; or, in the case of products
34	with an alcohol content of more than six percent by volume, as long as no more than one and one-half
35	percent of the volume of the finished product consists of alcohol derived from added flavors and other
36	nonbeverage ingredients containing alcohol.
37	"Art instruction studio" means any commercial establishment that provides to its customers all
38	required supplies and step-by-step instruction in creating a painting or other work of art during a studio
39	instructional session.
40	"Arts venue" means a commercial or nonprofit establishment that is open to the public and in which
41	works of art are sold or displayed.
42	"Barrel" means any container or vessel having a capacity of more than 43 ounces.
43 44	"Bed and breakfast establishment" means any establishment (i) having no more than 15 bedrooms; (ii) offering to the public, for compensation, transitory lodging or sleeping accommodations; and (iii)
44	offering at least one meal per day, which may but need not be breakfast, to each person to whom
46	overnight lodging is provided.
47	"Beer" means any alcoholic beverage obtained by the fermentation of an infusion or decoction of
48	barley, malt, and hops or of any similar products in drinkable water and containing one-half of one
49	percent or more of alcohol by volume.
50	"Board" means the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.
51	"Bottle" means any vessel intended to contain liquids and having a capacity of not more than 43
52	ounces.
53	"Canal boat operator" means any nonprofit organization that operates tourism-oriented canal boats for
54 55	recreational purposes on waterways declared nonnavigable by the United States Congress pursuant to 33
55 56	U.S.C. § 59ii. "Club" many any private compression or association which is the owner lasson or
56 57	"Club" means any private nonprofit corporation or association which is the owner, lessee, or occupant of an establishment operated solely for a national, social, patriotic, political, athletic, or other
57 58	like purpose, but not for pecuniary gain, the advantages of which belong to all of the members. It also

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59 means the establishment so operated. A corporation or association shall not lose its status as a club 60 because of the conduct of charitable gaming conducted pursuant to Article 1.1:1 (§ 18.2-340.15 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2 in which nonmembers participate frequently or in large numbers, provided 61 62 that no alcoholic beverages are served or consumed in the room where such charitable gaming is being

63 conducted while such gaming is being conducted and that no alcoholic beverages are made available 64 upon the premises to any person who is neither a member nor a bona fide guest of a member. 65 Any such corporation or association which has been declared exempt from federal and state income

taxes as one which is not organized and operated for pecuniary gain or profit shall be deemed a 66 nonprofit corporation or association. 67

"Container" means any barrel, bottle, carton, keg, vessel or other receptacle used for holding 68 69 alcoholic beverages.

70 'Contract winemaking facility" means the premises of a licensed winery or farm winery that obtains 71 grapes, fruits, and other agricultural products from a person holding a farm winery license and crushes, 72 processes, ferments, bottles, or provides any combination of such services pursuant to an agreement with 73 the farm winery licensee. For all purposes of this title, wine produced by a contract winemaking facility 74 for a farm winery shall be considered to be wine owned and produced by the farm winery that supplied 75 the grapes, fruits, or other agricultural products used in the production of the wine. The contract winemaking facility shall have no right to sell the wine so produced, unless the terms of payment have 76 77 not been fulfilled in accordance with the contract. The contract winemaking facility may charge the farm 78 winery for its services.

79 "Convenience grocery store" means an establishment which (i) has an enclosed room in a permanent 80 structure where stock is displayed and offered for sale and (ii) maintains an inventory of edible items 81 intended for human consumption consisting of a variety of such items of the types normally sold in 82 grocery stores.

83 "Day spa" means any commercial establishment that offers to the public both massage therapy, 84 performed by persons certified licensed in accordance with § 54.1-3029, and barbering or cosmetology 85 services performed by persons licensed in accordance with Chapter 7 (§ 54.1-700 et seq.) of Title 54.1. 86

"Designated area" means a room or area approved by the Board for on-premises licensees.

"Dining area" means a public room or area in which meals are regularly served.

88 "Establishment" means any place where alcoholic beverages of one or more varieties are lawfully 89 manufactured, sold, or used.

90 "Farm winery" means an establishment (i) located on a farm in the Commonwealth with a producing 91 vineyard, orchard, or similar growing area and with facilities for fermenting and bottling wine on the 92 premises where the owner or lessee manufactures wine that contains not more than 21 percent alcohol 93 by volume or (ii) located in the Commonwealth with a producing vineyard, orchard, or similar growing area or agreements for purchasing grapes or other fruits from agricultural growers within the 94 95 Commonwealth, and with facilities for fermenting and bottling wine on the premises where the owner or lessee manufactures wine that contains not more than 21 percent alcohol by volume. "Farm winery" 96 includes an accredited public or private institution of higher education provided that (a) no wine 97 98 manufactured by the institution shall be sold, (b) the wine manufactured by the institution shall be used 99 solely for research and educational purposes, (c) the wine manufactured by the institution shall be stored on the premises of such farm winery that shall be separate and apart from all other facilities of the 100 101 institution, and (d) such farm winery is operated in strict conformance with the requirements of this sentence and Board regulations. As used in this definition, the terms "owner" and "lessee" shall include 102 a cooperative formed by an association of individuals for the purpose of manufacturing wine. In the event such cooperative is licensed as a farm winery, the term "farm" as used in this definition includes 103 104 all of the land owned or leased by the individual members of the cooperative as long as such land is 105 106 located in the Commonwealth.

107 "Gift shop" means any bona fide retail store selling, predominantly, gifts, books, souvenirs, specialty items relating to history, original and handmade arts and products, collectibles, crafts, and floral arrangements, which is open to the public on a regular basis. Such shop shall be a permanent structure 108 109 110 where stock is displayed and offered for sale and which has facilities to properly secure any stock of 111 wine or beer. Such shop may be located (i) on the premises or grounds of a government registered national, state or local historic building or site or (ii) within the premises of a museum. The Board shall 112 113 consider the purpose, characteristics, nature, and operation of the shop in determining whether it shall be 114 considered a gift shop.

115 "Gourmet brewing shop" means an establishment which sells to persons to whom wine or beer may 116 lawfully be sold, ingredients for making wine or brewing beer, including packaging, and rents to such 117 persons facilities for manufacturing, fermenting and bottling such wine or beer.

"Gourmet shop" means an establishment provided with adequate inventory, shelving, and storage 118 119 facilities, where, in consideration of payment, substantial amounts of domestic and imported wines and beers of various types and sizes and related products such as cheeses and gourmet foods are habitually 120

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121 furnished to persons.122 "Government store

"Government store" means a store established by the Board for the sale of alcoholic beverages.

"Hotel" means any duly licensed establishment, provided with special space and accommodation,
where, in consideration of payment, food and lodging are habitually furnished to persons, and which has
four or more bedrooms. It shall also mean the person who operates such hotel.

126 "Interdicted person" means a person to whom the sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited by order 127 pursuant to this title.

"Internet wine retailer" means a person who owns or operates an establishment with adequate
inventory, shelving, and storage facilities, where, in consideration of payment, internet or telephone
orders are taken and shipped directly to consumers and which establishment is not a retail store open to
the public.

132 "Intoxicated" means a condition in which a person has drunk enough alcoholic beverages to
133 observably affect his manner, disposition, speech, muscular movement, general appearance or behavior.
134 "Licensed" means the holding of a valid license issued by the Board.

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"Licensee" means any person to whom a license has been granted by the Board.

"Liqueur" means any of a class of highly flavored alcoholic beverages that do not exceed an alcoholcontent of 25 percent by volume.

138 "Low alcohol beverage cooler" means a drink containing one-half of one percent or more of alcohol 139 by volume, but not more than seven and one-half percent alcohol by volume, and consisting of spirits 140 mixed with nonalcoholic beverages or flavoring or coloring materials; it may also contain water, fruit 141 juices, fruit adjuncts, sugar, carbon dioxide, preservatives or other similar products manufactured by 142 fermenting fruit or fruit juices. Low alcohol beverage coolers shall be treated as wine for all purposes of 143 this title; except that low alcohol beverage coolers shall not be sold in localities that have not approved 144 the sale of mixed beverages pursuant to \S 4.1-124. In addition, low alcohol beverage coolers shall not be 145 sold for on-premises consumption other than by mixed beverage licensees.

146 "Meal-assembly kitchen" means any commercial establishment that offers its customers, for
147 off-premises consumption, ingredients for the preparation of meals and entrees in professional kitchen
148 facilities located at the establishment.

"Meals" means, for a mixed beverage license, an assortment of foods commonly ordered in bona
fide, full-service restaurants as principal meals of the day. Such restaurants shall include establishments
specializing in full course meals with a single substantial entree.

152 "Member of a club" means (i) a person who maintains his membership in the club by the payment of 153 monthly, guarterly, or annual dues in the manner established by the rules and regulations thereof or (ii) 154 a person who is a member of a bona fide auxiliary, local chapter, or squadron composed of direct lineal 155 descendants of a bona fide member, whether alive or deceased, of a national or international 156 organization to which an individual lodge holding a club license is an authorized member in the same 157 locality. It shall also mean a lifetime member whose financial contribution is not less than 10 times the 158 annual dues of resident members of the club, the full amount of such contribution being paid in advance 159 in a lump sum.

160 "Mixed beverage" or "mixed alcoholic beverage" means a drink composed in whole or in part of 161 spirits.

"Mixer" means any prepackaged ingredients containing beverages or flavoring or coloring materials,
and which may also contain water, fruit juices, fruit adjuncts, sugar, carbon dioxide, or preservatives
which are not commonly consumed unless combined with alcoholic beverages, whether or not such
ingredients contain alcohol. Such specialty beverage product shall be manufactured or distributed by a
Virginia corporation.

¹⁶⁷ "Place or premises" means the real estate, together with any buildings or other improvements thereon,
¹⁶⁸ designated in the application for a license as the place at which the manufacture, bottling, distribution,
¹⁶⁹ use or sale of alcoholic beverages shall be performed, except that portion of any such building or other
¹⁷⁰ improvement actually and exclusively used as a private residence.

171 "Public place" means any place, building, or conveyance to which the public has, or is permitted to
172 have, access, including restaurants, soda fountains, hotel dining areas, lobbies and corridors of hotels,
173 and any park, place of public resort or amusement, highway, street, lane, or sidewalk adjoining any
174 highway, street, or lane.

The term shall not include (i) hotel or restaurant dining areas or ballrooms while in use for private meetings or private parties limited in attendance to members and guests of a particular group, association or organization; (ii) restaurants licensed by the Board in office buildings or industrial or similar facilities while such restaurant is closed to the public and in use for private meetings or parties limited in attendance to employees and nonpaying guests of the owner or a lessee of all or part of such building or facility; (iii) offices, office buildings or industrial facilities while closed to the public and in use for private meetings or parties limited in attendance to employees and nonpaying guests of the

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182 owner or a lessee of all or part of such building or facility; or (iv) private recreational or chartered boats 183 which are not licensed by the Board and on which alcoholic beverages are not sold.

184 "Residence" means any building or part of a building or structure where a person resides, but does 185 not include any part of a building which is not actually and exclusively used as a private residence, nor 186 any part of a hotel or club other than a private guest room thereof.

187 "Resort complex" means a facility (i) with a hotel owning year-round sports and recreational facilities 188 located contiguously on the same property or (ii) owned by a nonstock, nonprofit, taxable corporation 189 with voluntary membership which, as its primary function, makes available golf, ski and other recreational facilities both to its members and the general public. The hotel or corporation shall have a 190 191 minimum of 140 private guest rooms or dwelling units contained on not less than 50 acres. The Board 192 may consider the purpose, characteristics, and operation of the applicant establishment in determining 193 whether it shall be considered as a resort complex. All other pertinent qualifications established by the 194 Board for a hotel operation shall be observed by such licensee.

195 "Restaurant" means, for a beer, or wine and beer license or a limited mixed beverage restaurant 196 license, any establishment provided with special space and accommodation, where, in consideration of 197 payment, meals or other foods prepared on the premises are regularly sold.

198 "Restaurant" means, for a mixed beverage license other than a limited mixed beverage restaurant 199 license, an established place of business (i) where meals with substantial entrees are regularly sold and 200 (ii) which has adequate facilities and sufficient employees for cooking, preparing, and serving such 201 meals for consumption at tables in dining areas on the premises, and includes establishments specializing 202 in full course meals with a single substantial entree.

"Sale" and "sell" includes soliciting or receiving an order for; keeping, offering or exposing for sale; 203 204 peddling, exchanging or bartering; or delivering otherwise than gratuitously, by any means, alcoholic 205 beverages.

"Sangria" means a drink consisting of red or white wine mixed with some combination of 206 207 sweeteners, fruit, fruit juice, soda, or soda water that may also be mixed with brandy, triple sec, or other 208 similar spirits.

209 "Special agent" means an employee of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control whom the 210 Board has designated as a law-enforcement officer pursuant to § 4.1-105.

"Special event" means an event sponsored by a duly organized nonprofit corporation or association 211 212 and conducted for an athletic, charitable, civic, educational, political, or religious purpose.

213 "Spirits" means any beverage which contains alcohol obtained by distillation mixed with drinkable 214 water and other substances, in solution, and includes, among other things, brandy, rum, whiskey, and 215 gin, or any one or more of the last four named ingredients; but shall not include any such liquors 216 completely denatured in accordance with formulas approved by the United States government.

"Wine" means any alcoholic beverage obtained by the fermentation of the natural sugar content of 217 218 fruits or other agricultural products containing (i) sugar, including honey and milk, either with or without additional sugar; (ii) one-half of one percent or more of alcohol by volume; and (iii) no product 219 of distillation. The term includes any wine to which wine spirits have been added, as provided in the 220 221 Internal Revenue Code, to make products commonly known as "fortified wine" which do not exceed an 222 alcohol content of 21 percent by volume.

"Wine cooler" means a drink containing one-half of one percent or more of alcohol by volume, and 223 224 not more than three and two-tenths percent of alcohol by weight or four percent by volume consisting of 225 wine mixed with nonalcoholic beverages or flavoring or coloring materials, and which may also contain 226 water, fruit juices, fruit adjuncts, sugar, carbon dioxide, or preservatives and shall include other similar 227 products manufactured by fermenting fruit or fruit juices. Wine coolers and similar fermented fruit juice 228 beverages shall be treated as wine for all purposes except for taxation under § 4.1-236.

229 "With or without meals" means the selling and serving of alcoholic beverages by retail licensees for 230 on-premises consumption whether or not accompanied by food so long as the total food-beverage ratio 231 required by § 4.1-210, or the monthly food sale requirement established by Board regulation, is met by 232 such retail licensee. 233

§ 4.1-100. (Effective July 1, 2018) Definitions.

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

235 "Alcohol" means the product known as ethyl or grain alcohol obtained by distillation of any 236 fermented liquor, rectified either once or more often, whatever the origin, and shall include synthetic 237 ethyl alcohol, but shall not include methyl alcohol and alcohol completely denatured in accordance with 238 formulas approved by the government of the United States.

239 "Alcohol vaporizing device" means any device, machine, or process that mixes any alcoholic 240 beverages with pure oxygen or other gas to produce a vaporized product for the purpose of consumption 241 by inhalation.

242 "Alcoholic beverages" includes alcohol, spirits, wine, and beer, and any one or more of such varieties 243 containing one-half of one percent or more of alcohol by volume, including mixed alcoholic beverages, 244 and every liquid or solid, powder or crystal, patented or not, containing alcohol, spirits, wine, or beer 245 and capable of being consumed by a human being. Any liquid or solid containing more than one of the 246 four varieties shall be considered as belonging to that variety which has the higher percentage of 247 alcohol, however obtained, according to the order in which they are set forth in this definition; except 248 that beer may be manufactured to include flavoring materials and other nonbeverage ingredients 249 containing alcohol, as long as no more than 49 percent of the overall alcohol content of the finished 250 product is derived from the addition of flavors and other nonbeverage ingredients containing alcohol for 251 products with an alcohol content of no more than six percent by volume; or, in the case of products 252 with an alcohol content of more than six percent by volume, as long as no more than one and one-half 253 percent of the volume of the finished product consists of alcohol derived from added flavors and other 254 nonbeverage ingredients containing alcohol.

"Art instruction studio" means any commercial establishment that provides to its customers all
 required supplies and step-by-step instruction in creating a painting or other work of art during a studio
 instructional session.

258 "Arts venue" means a commercial or nonprofit establishment that is open to the public and in which259 works of art are sold or displayed.

"Authority" means the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority created pursuant to this title.

"Barrel" means any container or vessel having a capacity of more than 43 ounces.

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"Bed and breakfast establishment" means any establishment (i) having no more than 15 bedrooms;
(ii) offering to the public, for compensation, transitory lodging or sleeping accommodations; and (iii)
offering at least one meal per day, which may but need not be breakfast, to each person to whom overnight lodging is provided.

"Beer" means any alcoholic beverage obtained by the fermentation of an infusion or decoction of
barley, malt, and hops or of any similar products in drinkable water and containing one-half of one
percent or more of alcohol by volume.

269 "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority.

"Bottle" means any vessel intended to contain liquids and having a capacity of not more than 43 ounces.

"Canal boat operator" means any nonprofit organization that operates tourism-oriented canal boats for
recreational purposes on waterways declared nonnavigable by the United States Congress pursuant to 33
U.S.C. § 59ii.

275 "Club" means any private nonprofit corporation or association which is the owner, lessee, or 276 occupant of an establishment operated solely for a national, social, patriotic, political, athletic, or other 277 like purpose, but not for pecuniary gain, the advantages of which belong to all of the members. It also 278 means the establishment so operated. A corporation or association shall not lose its status as a club 279 because of the conduct of charitable gaming conducted pursuant to Article 1.1:1 (§ 18.2-340.15 et seq.) 280 of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2 in which nonmembers participate frequently or in large numbers, provided 281 that no alcoholic beverages are served or consumed in the room where such charitable gaming is being 282 conducted while such gaming is being conducted and that no alcoholic beverages are made available upon the premises to any person who is neither a member nor a bona fide guest of a member. 283

284 Any such corporation or association which has been declared exempt from federal and state income
285 taxes as one which is not organized and operated for pecuniary gain or profit shall be deemed a
286 nonprofit corporation or association.

287 "Container" means any barrel, bottle, carton, keg, vessel or other receptacle used for holding288 alcoholic beverages.

289 "Contract winemaking facility" means the premises of a licensed winery or farm winery that obtains 290 grapes, fruits, and other agricultural products from a person holding a farm winery license and crushes, 291 processes, ferments, bottles, or provides any combination of such services pursuant to an agreement with 292 the farm winery licensee. For all purposes of this title, wine produced by a contract winemaking facility 293 for a farm winery shall be considered to be wine owned and produced by the farm winery that supplied the grapes, fruits, or other agricultural products used in the production of the wine. The contract 294 295 winemaking facility shall have no right to sell the wine so produced, unless the terms of payment have 296 not been fulfilled in accordance with the contract. The contract winemaking facility may charge the farm 297 winery for its services.

298 "Convenience grocery store" means an establishment which (i) has an enclosed room in a permanent
299 structure where stock is displayed and offered for sale and (ii) maintains an inventory of edible items
300 intended for human consumption consisting of a variety of such items of the types normally sold in
301 grocery stores.

302 "Day spa" means any commercial establishment that offers to the public both massage therapy,
 303 performed by persons certified *licensed* in accordance with § 54.1-3029, and barbering or cosmetology
 304 services performed by persons licensed in accordance with Chapter 7 (§ 54.1-700 et seq.) of Title 54.1.

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305 "Designated area" means a room or area approved by the Board for on-premises licensees.

306 "Dining area" means a public room or area in which meals are regularly served.

307 "Establishment" means any place where alcoholic beverages of one or more varieties are lawfully 308 manufactured, sold, or used.

309 "Farm winery" means an establishment (i) located on a farm in the Commonwealth with a producing 310 vineyard, orchard, or similar growing area and with facilities for fermenting and bottling wine on the 311 premises where the owner or lessee manufactures wine that contains not more than 21 percent alcohol by volume or (ii) located in the Commonwealth with a producing vineyard, orchard, or similar growing 312 313 area or agreements for purchasing grapes or other fruits from agricultural growers within the Commonwealth, and with facilities for fermenting and bottling wine on the premises where the owner or 314 lessee manufactures wine that contains not more than 21 percent alcohol by volume. "Farm winery" includes an accredited public or private institution of higher education provided that (a) no wine 315 316 317 manufactured by the institution shall be sold, (b) the wine manufactured by the institution shall be used solely for research and educational purposes, (c) the wine manufactured by the institution shall be stored 318 319 on the premises of such farm winery that shall be separate and apart from all other facilities of the 320 institution, and (d) such farm winery is operated in strict conformance with the requirements of this 321 sentence and Board regulations. As used in this definition, the terms "owner" and "lessee" shall include a cooperative formed by an association of individuals for the purpose of manufacturing wine. In the 322 323 event such cooperative is licensed as a farm winery, the term "farm" as used in this definition includes 324 all of the land owned or leased by the individual members of the cooperative as long as such land is 325 located in the Commonwealth.

326 "Gift shop" means any bona fide retail store selling, predominantly, gifts, books, souvenirs, specialty items relating to history, original and handmade arts and products, collectibles, crafts, and floral arrangements, which is open to the public on a regular basis. Such shop shall be a permanent structure 327 328 329 where stock is displayed and offered for sale and which has facilities to properly secure any stock of wine or beer. Such shop may be located (i) on the premises or grounds of a government registered 330 331 national, state or local historic building or site or (ii) within the premises of a museum. The Board shall 332 consider the purpose, characteristics, nature, and operation of the shop in determining whether it shall be 333 considered a gift shop.

334 "Gourmet brewing shop" means an establishment which sells to persons to whom wine or beer may 335 lawfully be sold, ingredients for making wine or brewing beer, including packaging, and rents to such 336 persons facilities for manufacturing, fermenting and bottling such wine or beer.

337 "Gourmet shop" means an establishment provided with adequate inventory, shelving, and storage 338 facilities, where, in consideration of payment, substantial amounts of domestic and imported wines and beers of various types and sizes and related products such as cheeses and gourmet foods are habitually 339 340 furnished to persons. 341

"Government store" means a store established by the Authority for the sale of alcoholic beverages.

342 "Hotel" means any duly licensed establishment, provided with special space and accommodation, 343 where, in consideration of payment, food and lodging are habitually furnished to persons, and which has 344 four or more bedrooms. It shall also mean the person who operates such hotel.

345 "Interdicted person" means a person to whom the sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited by order 346 pursuant to this title.

347 "Internet wine retailer" means a person who owns or operates an establishment with adequate 348 inventory, shelving, and storage facilities, where, in consideration of payment, internet or telephone 349 orders are taken and shipped directly to consumers and which establishment is not a retail store open to 350 the public.

351 "Intoxicated" means a condition in which a person has drunk enough alcoholic beverages to 352 observably affect his manner, disposition, speech, muscular movement, general appearance or behavior.

353 "Licensed" means the holding of a valid license granted by the Authority. 354

"Licensee" means any person to whom a license has been granted by the Authority.

355 "Liqueur" means any of a class of highly flavored alcoholic beverages that do not exceed an alcohol 356 content of 25 percent by volume.

357 "Low alcohol beverage cooler" means a drink containing one-half of one percent or more of alcohol 358 by volume, but not more than seven and one-half percent alcohol by volume, and consisting of spirits 359 mixed with nonalcoholic beverages or flavoring or coloring materials; it may also contain water, fruit juices, fruit adjuncts, sugar, carbon dioxide, preservatives or other similar products manufactured by 360 fermenting fruit or fruit juices. Low alcohol beverage coolers shall be treated as wine for all purposes of 361 this title; except that low alcohol beverage coolers shall not be sold in localities that have not approved 362 the sale of mixed beverages pursuant to § 4.1-124. In addition, low alcohol beverage coolers shall not be 363 sold for on-premises consumption other than by mixed beverage licensees. 364

"Meal-assembly kitchen" means any commercial establishment that offers its customers, for 365 366 off-premises consumption, ingredients for the preparation of meals and entrees in professional kitchen

367 facilities located at the establishment.

368 "Meals" means, for a mixed beverage license, an assortment of foods commonly ordered in bona
369 fide, full-service restaurants as principal meals of the day. Such restaurants shall include establishments
370 specializing in full course meals with a single substantial entree.

371 "Member of a club" means (i) a person who maintains his membership in the club by the payment of 372 monthly, quarterly, or annual dues in the manner established by the rules and regulations thereof or (ii) 373 a person who is a member of a bona fide auxiliary, local chapter, or squadron composed of direct lineal 374 descendants of a bona fide member, whether alive or deceased, of a national or international 375 organization to which an individual lodge holding a club license is an authorized member in the same 376 locality. It shall also mean a lifetime member whose financial contribution is not less than 10 times the 377 annual dues of resident members of the club, the full amount of such contribution being paid in advance 378 in a lump sum.

379 "Mixed beverage" or "mixed alcoholic beverage" means a drink composed in whole or in part of380 spirits.

381 "Mixer" means any prepackaged ingredients containing beverages or flavoring or coloring materials,
382 and which may also contain water, fruit juices, fruit adjuncts, sugar, carbon dioxide, or preservatives
383 which are not commonly consumed unless combined with alcoholic beverages, whether or not such
384 ingredients contain alcohol. Such specialty beverage product shall be manufactured or distributed by a
385 Virginia corporation.

386 "Place or premises" means the real estate, together with any buildings or other improvements thereon,
387 designated in the application for a license as the place at which the manufacture, bottling, distribution,
388 use or sale of alcoholic beverages shall be performed, except that portion of any such building or other
389 improvement actually and exclusively used as a private residence.

390 "Principal stockholder" means any person who individually or in concert with his spouse and 391 immediate family members beneficially owns or controls, directly or indirectly, five percent or more of 392 the equity ownership of any person that is a licensee of the Authority, or who in concert with his spouse 393 and immediate family members has the power to vote or cause the vote of five percent or more of any 394 such equity ownership. "Principal stockholder" does not include a broker-dealer registered under the 395 Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, that holds in inventory shares for sale on the financial 396 markets for a publicly traded corporation holding, directly or indirectly, a license from the Authority.

"Public place" means any place, building, or conveyance to which the public has, or is permitted to
have, access, including restaurants, soda fountains, hotel dining areas, lobbies and corridors of hotels,
and any park, place of public resort or amusement, highway, street, lane, or sidewalk adjoining any
highway, street, or lane.

401 The term shall not include (i) hotel or restaurant dining areas or ballrooms while in use for private 402 meetings or private parties limited in attendance to members and guests of a particular group, 403 association or organization; (ii) restaurants licensed by the Authority in office buildings or industrial or 404 similar facilities while such restaurant is closed to the public and in use for private meetings or parties 405 limited in attendance to employees and nonpaying guests of the owner or a lessee of all or part of such 406 building or facility; (iii) offices, office buildings or industrial facilities while closed to the public and in 407 use for private meetings or parties limited in attendance to employees and nonpaying guests of the 408 owner or a lessee of all or part of such building or facility; or (iv) private recreational or chartered boats 409 which are not licensed by the Board and on which alcoholic beverages are not sold.

410 "Residence" means any building or part of a building or structure where a person resides, but does
411 not include any part of a building which is not actually and exclusively used as a private residence, nor
412 any part of a hotel or club other than a private guest room thereof.

413 "Resort complex" means a facility (i) with a hotel owning year-round sports and recreational facilities 414 located contiguously on the same property or (ii) owned by a nonstock, nonprofit, taxable corporation 415 with voluntary membership which, as its primary function, makes available golf, ski and other 416 recreational facilities both to its members and the general public. The hotel or corporation shall have a 417 minimum of 140 private guest rooms or dwelling units contained on not less than 50 acres. The 418 Authority may consider the purpose, characteristics, and operation of the applicant establishment in 419 determining whether it shall be considered as a resort complex. All other pertinent qualifications 420 established by the Board for a hotel operation shall be observed by such licensee.

421 "Restaurant" means, for a beer, or wine and beer license or a limited mixed beverage restaurant
422 license, any establishment provided with special space and accommodation, where, in consideration of
423 payment, meals or other foods prepared on the premises are regularly sold.

424 "Restaurant" means, for a mixed beverage license other than a limited mixed beverage restaurant
425 license, an established place of business (i) where meals with substantial entrees are regularly sold and
426 (ii) which has adequate facilities and sufficient employees for cooking, preparing, and serving such
427 meals for consumption at tables in dining areas on the premises, and includes establishments specializing

428 in full course meals with a single substantial entree.

429 "Sale" and "sell" includes soliciting or receiving an order for; keeping, offering or exposing for sale; 430 peddling, exchanging or bartering; or delivering otherwise than gratuitously, by any means, alcoholic 431 beverages.

432 "Sangria" means a drink consisting of red or white wine mixed with some combination of 433 sweeteners, fruit, fruit juice, soda, or soda water that may also be mixed with brandy, triple sec, or other 434 similar spirits.

"Special agent" means an employee of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority whom the 435 436 Board has designated as a law-enforcement officer pursuant to § 4.1-105.

"Special event" means an event sponsored by a duly organized nonprofit corporation or association 437 438 and conducted for an athletic, charitable, civic, educational, political, or religious purpose.

439 "Spirits" means any beverage which contains alcohol obtained by distillation mixed with drinkable 440 water and other substances, in solution, and includes, among other things, brandy, rum, whiskey, and gin, or any one or more of the last four named ingredients; but shall not include any such liquors 441 completely denatured in accordance with formulas approved by the United States government. 442

443 "Wine" means any alcoholic beverage obtained by the fermentation of the natural sugar content of 444 fruits or other agricultural products containing (i) sugar, including honey and milk, either with or without additional sugar; (ii) one-half of one percent or more of alcohol by volume; and (iii) no product 445 446 of distillation. The term includes any wine to which wine spirits have been added, as provided in the 447 Internal Revenue Code, to make products commonly known as "fortified wine" which do not exceed an 448 alcohol content of 21 percent by volume.

449 "Wine cooler" means a drink containing one-half of one percent or more of alcohol by volume, and 450 not more than three and two-tenths percent of alcohol by weight or four percent by volume consisting of wine mixed with nonalcoholic beverages or flavoring or coloring materials, and which may also contain 451 452 water, fruit juices, fruit adjuncts, sugar, carbon dioxide, or preservatives and shall include other similar 453 products manufactured by fermenting fruit or fruit juices. Wine coolers and similar fermented fruit juice 454 beverages shall be treated as wine for all purposes except for taxation under § 4.1-236.

455 "With or without meals" means the selling and serving of alcoholic beverages by retail licensees for on-premises consumption whether or not accompanied by food so long as the total food-beverage ratio 456 required by § 4.1-210, or the monthly food sale requirement established by Board regulation, is met by 457 458 such retail licensee. 459

§ 54.1-3000. Definitions.

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

461 "Board" means the Board of Nursing.

"Certified nurse aide" means a person who meets the qualifications specified in this article and who 462 463 is currently certified by the Board.

464 "Clinical nurse specialist" means a person who is registered by the Board in addition to holding a 465 license under the provisions of this chapter to practice professional nursing as defined in this section. Such a person shall be recognized as being able to provide advanced services according to the 466 467 specialized training received from a program approved by the Board, but shall not be entitled to perform any act that is not within the scope of practice of professional nursing. 468

469 "Certified massage Massage therapist" means a person who meets the qualifications specified in this 470 chapter and who is currently certified licensed by the Board.

"Massage therapy" means the treatment of soft tissues for therapeutic purposes by the application of 471 massage and bodywork techniques based on the manipulation or application of pressure to the muscular 472 473 structure or soft tissues of the human body. The terms term "massage therapy" and "therapeutic 474 massage" do does not include the diagnosis or treatment of illness or disease or any service or procedure 475 for which a license to practice medicine, nursing, *midwifery*, chiropractic therapy, physical therapy, 476 occupational therapy, acupuncture, athletic training, or podiatry is required by law.

477 "Nurse practitioner" means an advanced practice registered nurse who is jointly licensed by the Boards of Medicine and Nursing pursuant to § 54.1-2957. 478

479 "Practical nurse" or "licensed practical nurse" means a person who is licensed or holds a multistate 480 licensure privilege under the provisions of this chapter to practice practical nursing as defined in this section. Such a licensee shall be empowered to provide nursing services without compensation. The 481 482 abbreviation "L.P.N." shall stand for such terms.

"Practical nursing" or "licensed practical nursing" means the performance for compensation of 483 selected nursing acts in the care of individuals or groups who are ill, injured, or experiencing changes in 484 normal health processes; in the maintenance of health; in the prevention of illness or disease; or, subject 485 486 to such regulations as the Board may promulgate, in the teaching of those who are or will be nurse aides. Practical nursing or licensed practical nursing requires knowledge, judgment and skill in nursing 487 488 procedures gained through prescribed education. Practical nursing or licensed practical nursing is 489 performed under the direction or supervision of a licensed medical practitioner, a professional nurse, 490 registered nurse or registered professional nurse or other licensed health professional authorized by491 regulations of the Board.

"Practice of a nurse aide" or "nurse aide practice" means the performance of services requiring the
education, training, and skills specified in this chapter for certification as a nurse aide. Such services are
performed under the supervision of a dentist, physician, podiatrist, professional nurse, licensed practical
nurse, or other licensed health care professional acting within the scope of the requirements of his
profession.

497 "Professional nurse," "registered nurse" or "registered professional nurse" means a person who is
498 licensed or holds a multistate licensure privilege under the provisions of this chapter to practice
499 professional nursing as defined in this section. Such a licensee shall be empowered to provide
500 professional services without compensation, to promote health and to teach health to individuals and
501 groups. The abbreviation "R.N." shall stand for such terms.

"Professional nursing," "registered nursing" or "registered professional nursing" means the 502 503 performance for compensation of any nursing acts in the observation, care and counsel of individuals or 504 groups who are ill, injured or experiencing changes in normal health processes or the maintenance of 505 health; in the prevention of illness or disease; in the supervision and teaching of those who are or will 506 be involved in nursing care; in the delegation of selected nursing tasks and procedures to appropriately 507 trained unlicensed persons as determined by the Board; or in the administration of medications and 508 treatments as prescribed by any person authorized by law to prescribe such medications and treatment. 509 Professional nursing, registered nursing and registered professional nursing require specialized education, 510 judgment, and skill based upon knowledge and application of principles from the biological, physical, 511 social, behavioral and nursing sciences.

512 § 54.1-3001. Exemptions.

513 This chapter shall not apply to the following:

514 1. The furnishing of nursing assistance in an emergency;

515 2. The practice of nursing, which is prescribed as part of a study program, by nursing students 516 enrolled in nursing education programs approved by the Board or by graduates of approved nursing 517 education programs for a period not to exceed ninety days following successful completion of the 518 nursing education program pending the results of the licensing examination, provided proper application 519 and fee for licensure have been submitted to the Board and unless the graduate fails the licensing 520 examination within the 90-day period;

521 3. The practice of any legally qualified nurse of another state who is employed by the United States
522 government while in the discharge of his official duties;

523 4. The practice of nursing by a nurse who holds a current unrestricted license in another state, the 524 District of Columbia, a United States possession or territory, or who holds a current unrestricted license 525 in Canada and whose training was obtained in a nursing school in Canada where English was the primary language, for a period of 30 days pending licensure in Virginia, if the nurse, upon employment, 526 527 has furnished the employer satisfactory evidence of current licensure and submits proper application and 528 fees to the Board for licensure before, or within 10 days after, employment. At the discretion of the 529 Board, additional time may be allowed for nurses currently licensed in another state, the District of 530 Columbia, a United States possession or territory, or Canada who are in the process of attaining the 531 qualification for licensure in this Commonwealth;

5. The practice of nursing by any registered nurse who holds a current unrestricted license in another
state, the District of Columbia, or a United States possession or territory, or a nurse who holds an
equivalent credential in a foreign country, while enrolled in an advanced professional nursing program
requiring clinical practice. This exemption extends only to clinical practice required by the curriculum;

6. The practice of nursing by any nurse who holds a current unrestricted license in another state, the
District of Columbia, or a United States possession or territory and is employed to provide care to any
private individual while such private individual is traveling through or temporarily staying, as defined in
the Board's regulations, in the Commonwealth;

540 7. General care of the sick by nursing assistants, companions or domestic servants that does not constitute the practice of nursing as defined in this chapter;

542 8. The care of the sick when done solely in connection with the practice of religious beliefs by the543 adherents and which is not held out to the public to be licensed practical or professional nursing;

9. Any employee of a school board, authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of insulin and glucagon, when, upon the authorization of a prescriber and the written request of the parents as defined in § 22.1-1, assisting with the administration of insulin or administrating glucagon to a student diagnosed as having diabetes and who requires insulin injections during the school day or for whom glucagon has been prescribed for the emergency treatment of hypoglycemia;

549 10. The practice of nursing by any nurse who is a graduate of a foreign nursing school and has met550 the credential, language, and academic testing requirements of the Commission on Graduates of Foreign

551 Nursing Schools for a period not to exceed ninety days from the date of approval of an application 552 submitted to the Board when such nurse is working as a nonsupervisory staff nurse in a licensed nursing home or certified nursing facility. During such ninety-day period, such nurse shall take and pass the 553 554 licensing examination to remain eligible to practice nursing in Virginia; no exemption granted under this 555 subdivision shall be extended;

556 11. The practice of nursing by any nurse rendering free health care to an underserved population in 557 Virginia who (i) does not regularly practice nursing in Virginia, (ii) holds a current valid license or 558 certification to practice nursing in another state, territory, district or possession of the United States, (iii) 559 volunteers to provide free health care to an underserved area of this Commonwealth under the auspices 560 of a publicly supported all volunteer, nonprofit organization that sponsors the provision of health care to populations of underserved people, (iv) files a copy of the license or certification issued in such other 561 jurisdiction with the Board, (v) notifies the Board at least five business days prior to the voluntary 562 563 provision of services of the dates and location of such service, and (vi) acknowledges, in writing, that such licensure exemption shall only be valid, in compliance with the Board's regulations, during the 564 limited period that such free health care is made available through the volunteer, nonprofit organization 565 on the dates and at the location filed with the Board. The Board may deny the right to practice in 566 Virginia to any nurse whose license or certificate has been previously suspended or revoked, who has 567 been convicted of a felony or who is otherwise found to be in violation of applicable laws or 568 569 regulations. However, the Board shall allow a nurse who meets the above criteria to provide volunteer 570 services without prior notice for a period of up to three days, provided the nonprofit organization 571 verifies that the practitioner has a valid, unrestricted license in another state;

572 12. Any person performing state or federally funded health care tasks directed by the consumer, which are typically self-performed, for an individual who lives in a private residence and who, by reason of disability, is unable to perform such tasks but who is capable of directing the appropriate 573 574 575 performance of such tasks; or

576 13. The practice of nursing by any nurse who holds a current unrestricted license from another state, 577 the District of Columbia or a United States possession or territory, while such nurse is in the 578 Commonwealth temporarily and is practicing nursing in a summer camp or in conjunction with clients 579 who are participating in specified recreational or educational activities;

580 14. The practice of massage therapy that is an integral part of a program of study by a student 581 enrolled in a massage therapy educational program under the direction of a licensed massage therapist. 582 Any student enrolled in a massage therapy educational program shall be identified as a "Student 583 Massage Therapist" and shall deliver massage therapy under the supervision of an appropriate clinical 584 instructor recognized by the educational program;

585 15. The practice of massage therapy by a massage therapist licensed or certified in good standing in 586 another state, the District of Columbia, or another country, while such massage therapist is volunteering 587 at a sporting or recreational event or activity, is responding to a disaster or emergency declared by the 588 appropriate authority, is travelling with an out-of-state athletic team or an athlete for the duration of 589 the athletic tournament, game, or event in which the team or athlete is competing, or is engaged in 590 educational seminars;

591 16. Any person providing services related to the domestic care of any family member or household 592 member so long as that person does not offer, hold out, or claim to be a massage therapist; or

593 17. Any health care professional licensed or certified under this title for which massage therapy is a 594 component of his practice. 595

§ 54.1-3005. Specific powers and duties of Board.

596 In addition to the general powers and duties conferred in this title, the Board shall have the 597 following specific powers and duties:

1. To prescribe minimum standards and approve curricula for educational programs preparing persons **598** 599 for licensure or certification under this chapter;

600 2. To approve programs that meet the requirements of this chapter and of the Board; 601

3. To provide consultation service for educational programs as requested;

602 4. To provide for periodic surveys of educational programs;

603 5. To deny or withdraw approval from educational programs for failure to meet prescribed standards;

604 6. To provide consultation regarding nursing practice for institutions and agencies as requested and 605 investigate illegal nursing practices;

7. To keep a record of all its proceedings;

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607 8. To certify and maintain a registry of all certified nurse aides and to promulgate regulations consistent with federal law and regulation. The Board shall require all schools to demonstrate their 608 609 compliance with § 54.1-3006.2 upon application for approval or reapproval, during an on-site visit, or in response to a complaint or a report of noncompliance. The Board may impose a fee pursuant to 610 § 54.1-2401 for any violation thereof. Such regulations may include standards for the authority of 611 612 licensed practical nurses to teach nurse aides;

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- 613 9. To approve programs that entitle professional nurses to be registered as clinical nurse specialists614 and to prescribe minimum standards for such programs;
- 615 10. To maintain a registry of clinical nurse specialists and to promulgate regulations governing 616 clinical nurse specialists;
- 617 11. To certify license and maintain a registry of all certified licensed massage therapists and to
 618 promulgate regulations governing the criteria for certification licensure as a massage therapist and the
 619 standards of professional conduct for certified licensed massage therapists;
- 620 12. To promulgate regulations for the delegation of certain nursing tasks and procedures not
 621 involving assessment, evaluation or nursing judgment to an appropriately trained unlicensed person by
 622 and under the supervision of a registered nurse, who retains responsibility and accountability for such
 623 delegation;
- 624 13. To develop and revise as may be necessary, in coordination with the Boards of Medicine and
 625 Education, guidelines for the training of employees of a school board in the administration of insulin
 626 and glucagon for the purpose of assisting with routine insulin injections and providing emergency
 627 treatment for life-threatening hypoglycemia. The first set of such guidelines shall be finalized by
 628 September 1, 1999, and shall be made available to local school boards for a fee not to exceed the costs
 629 of publication;
- 630 14. To enter into the Nurse Licensure Compact as set forth in this chapter and to promulgate631 regulations for its implementation;
- 632 15. To collect, store and make available nursing workforce information regarding the various633 categories of nurses certified, licensed or registered pursuant to § 54.1-3012.1;
- 634 16. To expedite application processing, to the extent possible, for an applicant for licensure or
 635 certification by the Board upon submission of evidence that the applicant, who is licensed or certified in
 636 another state, is relocating to the Commonwealth pursuant to a spouse's official military orders;
- 637 17. To register medication aides and promulgate regulations governing the criteria for such638 registration and standards of conduct for medication aides;
- 639 18. To approve training programs for medication aides to include requirements for instructional640 personnel, curriculum, continuing education, and a competency evaluation;
- 641 19. To set guidelines for the collection of data by all approved nursing education programs and to
 642 compile this data in an annual report. The data shall include but not be limited to enrollment, graduation
 643 rate, attrition rate, and number of qualified applicants who are denied admission;
- 644 20. To develop, in consultation with the Board of Pharmacy, guidelines for the training of employees
 645 of child day programs as defined in § 63.2-100 and regulated by the State Board of Social Services in
 646 the administration of prescription drugs as defined in the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.). Such
 647 training programs shall be taught by a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, doctor of medicine or
 648 osteopathic medicine, or pharmacist;
- 649 21. In order to protect the privacy and security of health professionals licensed, registered or certified
 650 under this chapter, to promulgate regulations permitting use on identification badges of first name and
 651 first letter only of last name and appropriate title when practicing in hospital emergency departments, in
 652 psychiatric and mental health units and programs, or in health care facility units offering treatment for
 653 patients in custody of state or local law-enforcement agencies;
- 654 22. To revise, as may be necessary, guidelines for seizure management, in coordination with the
 655 Board of Medicine, including the list of rescue medications for students with epilepsy and other seizure
 656 disorders in the public schools. The revised guidelines shall be finalized and made available to the
 657 Board of Education by August 1, 2010. The guidelines shall then be posted on the Department of
 658 Education's website; and
- 659 23. To promulgate, together with the Board of Medicine, regulations governing the licensure of nurse660 practitioners pursuant to § 54.1-2957.
 - § 54.1-3005.1. Criminal history background checks.

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- The Board shall require each applicant for licensure as a practical nurse or, registered nurse, or licensed massage therapist to submit fingerprints and provide personal descriptive information to be forwarded along with his fingerprints through the Central Criminal Records Exchange to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of obtaining criminal history record information regarding the applicant. The cost of fingerprinting and the criminal history record search shall be paid by the applicant.
- 668 The Central Criminal Records Exchange shall forward the results of the state and federal criminal 669 history record search to the Board, which shall be a governmental entity. If an applicant is denied 670 licensure because of information appearing on his criminal history record and the applicant disputes the 671 information upon which the denial was based, the Central Criminal Records Exchange shall, upon 672 written request, furnish to the applicant the procedures for obtaining a copy of the criminal history 673 record from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Criminal Records Exchange. The

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674 information shall not be disseminated except as provided in this section.

§ 54.1-3008. Particular violations; prosecution. 675

676 A. It shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person to:

677 1. Practice nursing under the authority of a license or record illegally or fraudulently obtained or 678 signed or issued unlawfully or under fraudulent representation;

679 2. Practice nursing unless licensed to do so under the provisions of this chapter;

680 3. Knowingly employ an unlicensed person as a professional or practical nurse or knowingly permit an unlicensed person to represent himself as a professional or practical nurse; 681

4. Use in connection with his name any designation tending to imply that he is a professional nurse 682 or a practical nurse unless duly licensed to practice under the provisions of this chapter; 683

5. Practice professional nursing or practical nursing during the time his license is suspended or **684 685** revoked:

686 6. Conduct a nursing education program for the preparation of professional or practical nurses unless the program has been approved by the Board; or 687

7. Claim to be, on and after July 1, 1997, a certified massage therapist or massage therapist or use 688 any designation tending to imply that he is a massage therapist or certified massage therapist unless he 689 690 is certified under the provisions of this chapter Engage in the practice of massage therapy or hold himself out as practicing massage therapy unless he holds a license as a massage therapist issued by **691** 692 the Board.

693 B. The provisions of this section shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to persons holding a multistate 694 licensure privilege to practice nursing. 695

Article 5.

Certification Licensure of Massage Therapists.

§ 54.1-3029. Qualifications for a licensed massage therapist.

A. In order to be certified licensed as a massage therapist, the applicant shall furnish evidence 698 699 satisfactory to the Board that the applicant: 700

1. Is at least 18 years old;

701 2. Has successfully completed a minimum of 500 hours of training from a massage therapy program, 702 certified or approved by the State Council of Higher Education or an agency in another state, the 703 District of Columbia, or a United States territory that approves educational programs, notwithstanding 704 the provisions of § 23-276.2;

705 3. Has passed the National Certification Exam for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork, the National 706 Certification Exam for Therapeutic Massage, the Licensing Examination of the Federation of State 707 Massage Therapy Boards, or an examination deemed acceptable to the Board of Nursing; and

708 4. Has not committed any acts or omissions that would be grounds for disciplinary action or denial 709 of certification licensure as set forth in this chapter.

710 B. The Board may certify any applicant who has been practicing massage therapy for up to 10 years prior to July 1, 1997, and has completed at least 200 hours of training in an education program. Such 711 programs may be, but shall not be required to be, certified or approved by the State Council of Higher 712 Education or an agency in another state, the District of Columbia, or a United States territory that 713 approves educational programs, or has been in practice for 10 years or more prior to July 1, 1997, and 714 715 has completed 20 hours of such training; or has passed the National Certification Exam for Therapeutic 716 Massage and Bodywork prior to 1994.

717 C. The Board may issue a provisional certification license to an applicant prior to passing the National Certification Exam for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination of the 718 719 Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards for such time and in such manner as prescribed by the Board. No more than one provisional certification license shall be issued to any applicant. 720

D. C. The Board may certify license without examination any applicant who is licensed or certified 721 722 as a massage therapist in another state, the District of Columbia, a United States possession or territory, or another country, and, in the opinion of the Board, meets the requirements for certified licensed 723 724 massage therapists in the Commonwealth. 725

§ 54.1-3029.1. Advisory Board on Massage Therapy.

The Advisory Board on Massage Therapy shall assist the Board in carrying out the provisions of this 726 727 chapter regarding the qualifications, examination, registration, regulation, and standards of professional 728 conduct of massage therapists as described in § 54.1-3029. The Advisory Board shall also assist in such 729 other matters relating to the practice of massage therapy as the Board may require.

730 The Advisory Board on Massage Therapy shall consist of five members to be appointed by the 731 Governor for four-year terms as follows: three members shall be certified licensed massage therapists 732 who have practiced in the Commonwealth for not less than three years prior to their appointment;, one 733 shall be an administrator or faculty member of a nationally accredited school of massage therapy;, and 734 one shall be a citizen member appointed from the Commonwealth at large.

The Advisory Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership. The 735

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- 736 Advisory Board shall meet at least once a year and may hold additional meetings as necessary to737 perform its duties. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.
- 738 Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term. No 739 person shall be eligible to serve on the Advisory Board for more than two successive terms.
- 740 2. That the Board of Nursing shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this act 741 to be effective within 280 days of its enactment.
- 742 3. That any person holding a certificate to practice massage therapy prior to July 1, 2017, shall be
- 743 deemed to be licensed thereafter and the Board of Nursing shall at the time of renewal provide 744 such person a license.
- 745 4. That the provisions of the first and third enactments of this act shall become effective on July 1,
 746 2017.