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## VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - CHAPTER

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 4.1-209, 4.1-325, as it is currently effective and as it shall become 2 3 effective, and 4.1-325.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to alcoholic beverage control; delivery 4 privilege of persons holding a wine and beer license.

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#### Approved

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#### 7 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

8 1. That §§ 4.1-209, 4.1-325, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, and 9 4.1-325.2 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows: 10

# § 4.1-209. Wine and beer licenses; advertising.

- A. The Board may grant the following licenses relating to wine and beer:
- 1. Retail on-premises wine and beer licenses to:

13 a. Hotels, restaurants and clubs, which shall authorize the licensee to sell wine and beer, either with 14 or without meals, only in dining areas and other designated areas of such restaurants, or in dining areas, private guest rooms, and other designated areas of such hotels or clubs, for consumption only in such 15 rooms and areas. However, with regard to a hotel classified by the Board as (i) a resort complex, the 16 17 Board may authorize the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages in all areas within the resort 18 complex deemed appropriate by the Board or (ii) a limited service hotel, the Board may authorize the 19 sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages in dining areas, private guest rooms, and other designated areas to persons to whom overnight lodging is being provided, for on-premises consumption in such 20 21 rooms or areas, and without regard to the amount of gross receipts from the sale of food prepared and consumed on the premises, provided that at least one meal is provided each day by the hotel to such 22 23 guests. With regard to facilities registered in accordance with Chapter 49 (§ 38.2-4900 et seq.) of Title 24 38.2 of the Code of Virginia as continuing care communities that are also licensed by the Board under 25 this subdivision, any resident may, upon authorization of the licensee, keep and consume his own 26 lawfully acquired alcoholic beverages on the premises in all areas covered by the license. For purposes 27 of this subdivision, "other designated areas" includes outdoor dining areas, whether or not contiguous to 28 the licensed premises, which may have more than one means of ingress and egress to an adjacent public 29 thoroughfare, provided that such outdoor dining areas are under the control of the licensee and approved 30 by the Board. Such noncontiguous designated areas shall not be approved for any retail license issued 31 pursuant to subdivision A 5 of § 4.1-201;

32 b. Persons operating dining cars, buffet cars, and club cars of trains, which shall authorize the 33 licensee to sell wine and beer, either with or without meals, in the dining cars, buffet cars, and club cars 34 so operated by them, for on-premises consumption when carrying passengers;

35 c. Persons operating sight-seeing boats, or special or charter boats, which shall authorize the licensee to sell wine and beer, either with or without meals, on such boats operated by them for on-premises 36 37 consumption when carrying passengers;

38 d. Persons operating as air carriers of passengers on regular schedules in foreign, interstate or 39 intrastate commerce, which shall authorize the licensee to sell wine and beer for consumption by 40 passengers in such airplanes anywhere in or over the Commonwealth while in transit and in designated 41 rooms of establishments of such carriers at airports in the Commonwealth, § 4.1-129 notwithstanding. 42 For purposes of supplying its airplanes, as well as any airplane of a licensed express carrier flying under 43 the same brand, an air carrier licensee may appoint an authorized representative to load wine and beer onto the same airplanes and to transport and store wine and beer at or in close proximity to the airport 44 45 where the wine and beer will be delivered onto airplanes of the air carrier and any such licensed express carrier. The air carrier licensee shall (i) designate for purposes of its license all locations where the 46 47 inventory of wine and beer may be stored and from which the wine and beer will be delivered onto 48 airplanes of the air carrier and any such licensed express carrier and (ii) maintain records of all wine and beer to be transported, stored, and delivered by its authorized representative; 49

50 e. Hospitals, which shall authorize the licensee to sell wine and beer in the rooms of patients for 51 their on-premises consumption only in such rooms, provided the consent of the patient's attending physician is first obtained; 52

53 f. Persons operating food concessions at coliseums, stadia, racetracks or similar facilities, which shall 54 authorize the licensee to sell wine and beer in paper, plastic or similar disposable containers, during any 55 event and immediately subsequent thereto, to patrons within all seating areas, concourses, walkways, 56 concession areas and additional locations designated by the Board in such coliseums, stadia, racetracks or similar facilities, for on-premises consumption. Upon authorization of the licensee, any person may
keep and consume his own lawfully acquired alcoholic beverages on the premises in all areas and
locations covered by the license;

60 g. Persons operating food concessions at any outdoor performing arts amphitheater, arena or similar 61 facility which (i) has seating for more than 20,000 persons and is located in Prince William County or 62 the City of Virginia Beach, (ii) has capacity for more than 3,500 persons and is located in the Counties of Albemarle, Augusta, Nelson, Pittsylvania, or Rockingham, or the Cities of Charlottesville, Danville, 63 64 or Roanoke, or (iii) has capacity for more than 9,500 persons and is located in Henrico County. Such 65 license shall authorize the licensee to sell wine and beer during the performance of any event, in paper, 66 plastic or similar disposable containers to patrons within all seating areas, concourses, walkways, concession areas, or similar facilities, for on-premises consumption. Upon authorization of the licensee, 67 any person may keep and consume his own lawfully acquired alcoholic beverages on the premises in all 68 69 areas and locations covered by the license;

h. Persons operating food concessions at exhibition or exposition halls, convention centers or similar 70 71 facilities located in any county operating under the urban county executive form of government or any 72 city which is completely surrounded by such county, which shall authorize the licensee to sell wine and 73 beer during the event, in paper, plastic or similar disposable containers to patrons or attendees within all 74 seating areas, exhibition areas, concourses, walkways, concession areas, and such additional locations 75 designated by the Board in such facilities, for on-premises consumption. Upon authorization of the 76 licensee, any person may keep and consume his own lawfully acquired alcoholic beverages on the 77 premises in all areas and locations covered by the license. For purposes of this subsection, "exhibition or 78 exposition hall" and "convention centers" mean facilities conducting private or public trade shows or 79 exhibitions in an indoor facility having in excess of 100,000 square feet of floor space; and

i. Persons operating a concert and dinner-theater venue on property fronting Natural Bridge School
Road in Natural Bridge Station, Virginia, and formerly operated as Natural Bridge High School, which
shall authorize the licensee to sell wine and beer during events to patrons or attendees within all seating
areas, exhibition areas, concourses, walkways, concession areas, dining areas, and such additional
locations designated by the Board in such facilities, for on-premises consumption. Persons licensed
pursuant to this subdivision shall serve food, prepared on or off premises, whenever wine or beer is
served.

87 2. Retail off-premises wine and beer licenses, which shall authorize the licensee to sell wine and beer88 in closed containers for off-premises consumption.

89 3. Gourmet shop licenses, which shall authorize the licensee to sell wine and beer in closed 90 containers for off-premises consumption and, the provisions of § 4.1-308 notwithstanding, to give to any 91 person to whom wine or beer may be lawfully sold, (i) a sample of wine, not to exceed two ounces by 92 volume or (ii) a sample of beer not to exceed four ounces by volume, for on-premises consumption. The 93 licensee may also give samples of wine and beer in designated areas at events held by the licensee for 94 the purpose of featuring and educating the consuming public about the alcoholic beverages being tasted. Additionally, with the consent of the licensee, farm wineries, wineries, breweries, and wholesale 95 96 licensees may participate in tastings held by licensees authorized to conduct tastings, including the pouring of samples to any person to whom alcoholic beverages may be lawfully sold. Notwithstanding 97 98 Board regulations relating to food sales, the licensee shall maintain each year an average monthly 99 inventory and sales volume of at least \$1,000 in products such as cheeses and gourmet food.

4. Convenience grocery store licenses, which shall authorize the licensee to sell wine and beer inclosed containers for off-premises consumption.

102 5. Retail on-and-off premises wine and beer licenses to persons enumerated in subdivision 1 a, which
103 shall accord all the privileges conferred by retail on-premises wine and beer licenses and in addition,
104 shall authorize the licensee to sell wine and beer in closed containers for off-premises consumption.

105 6. Banquet licenses to persons in charge of banquets, and to duly organized nonprofit corporations or associations in charge of special events, which shall authorize the licensee to sell or give wine and beer 106 in rooms or areas approved by the Board for the occasion for on-premises consumption in such rooms 107 108 or areas. Except as provided in § 4.1-215, a separate license shall be required for each day of each 109 banquet or special event. For the purposes of this subdivision, when the location named in the original 110 application for a license is outdoors, the application may also name an alternative location in the event of inclement weather. However, no such license shall be required of any hotel, restaurant, or club 111 112 holding a retail wine and beer license.

113 7. Gift shop licenses, which shall authorize the licensee to sell wine and beer only within the interior 114 premises of the gift shop in closed containers for off-premises consumption and, the provisions of 115 § 4.1-308 notwithstanding, to give to any person to whom wine or beer may be lawfully sold (i) a 116 sample of wine not to exceed two ounces by volume or (ii) a sample of beer not to exceed four ounces 117 by volume for on-premises consumption. The licensee may also give samples of wine and beer in

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118 designated areas at events held by the licensee for the purpose of featuring and educating the consuming119 public about the alcoholic beverages being tasted.

8. Gourmet brewing shop licenses, which shall authorize the licensee to sell to any person to whom
wine or beer may be lawfully sold, ingredients for making wine or brewing beer, including packaging,
and to rent to such persons facilities for manufacturing, fermenting, and bottling such wine or beer, for
off-premises consumption in accordance with subdivision 6 of § 4.1-200.

124 9. Annual banquet licenses, to duly organized private nonprofit fraternal, patriotic or charitable 125 membership organizations that are exempt from state and federal taxation and in charge of banquets 126 conducted exclusively for its members and their guests, which shall authorize the licensee to serve wine 127 and beer in rooms or areas approved by the Board for the occasion for on-premises consumption in such 128 rooms or areas. Such license shall authorize the licensee to conduct no more than 12 banquets per 129 calendar year. For the purposes of this subdivision, when the location named in the original application 130 for a license is outdoors, the application may also name an alternative location in the event of inclement 131 weather. However, no such license shall be required of any hotel, restaurant, or club holding a retail 132 wine and beer license.

10. Fulfillment warehouse licenses, which shall authorize associations as defined in § 13.1-313 with a
place of business located in the Commonwealth to (i) receive deliveries and shipments of wine or beer
owned by holders of wine or beer shipper's licenses, (ii) store such wine or beer on behalf of the owner,
and (iii) pick, pack, and ship such wine or beer as directed by the owner, all in accordance with Board
regulations. No wholesale wine or wholesale beer licensee, whether licensed in the Commonwealth or
not, or any person under common control of such licensee, shall acquire or hold any financial interest,
direct or indirect, in the business for which any fulfillment warehouse license is issued.

140 11. Marketing portal licenses, which shall authorize agricultural cooperative associations organized 141 under the provisions of the Agricultural Cooperative Association Act (§ 13.1-312 et seq.), with a place 142 of business located in the Commonwealth, in accordance with Board regulations, to solicit and receive 143 orders for wine or beer through the use of the Internet from persons in the Commonwealth to whom 144 wine or beer may be lawfully sold, on behalf of holders of wine or beer shipper's licenses. Upon receipt 145 of an order for wine or beer, the licensee shall forward it to a holder of a wine or beer shipper's license 146 for fulfillment. Marketing portal licensees may also accept payment on behalf of the shipper.

147 12. Gourmet oyster house licenses, to establishments located on the premises of a commercial marina 148 and permitted by the Department of Health to serve ovsters and other fresh seafood for consumption on 149 the premises, where the licensee also offers to the public events for the purpose of featuring and 150 educating the consuming public about local ovsters and other seafood products. Such license shall 151 authorize the licensee to (i) give samples of or sell wine and beer in designated rooms and outdoor areas 152 approved by the Board for consumption in such approved areas and (ii) sell wine and beer in closed 153 containers for off-premises consumption. Samples of wine shall not exceed two ounces per person. 154 Samples of beer shall not exceed four ounces per person. The Board shall establish a minimum monthly 155 food sale requirement of oysters and other seafood for such license. Additionally, with the consent of 156 the licensee, farm wineries, wineries, and breweries may participate in tastings held by licensees 157 authorized to conduct tastings, including the pouring of samples to any person to whom alcoholic 158 beverages may be lawfully sold.

159 B. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, persons granted a wine and beer license 160 pursuant to this section may display within their licensed premises point-of-sale advertising materials 161 that incorporate the use of any professional athlete or athletic team, provided that such advertising 162 materials: (i) otherwise comply with the applicable regulations of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; and (ii) do not depict any athlete consuming or about to consume alcohol prior 163 164 to or while engaged in an athletic activity, do not depict an athlete consuming alcohol while the athlete 165 is operating or about to operate a motor vehicle or other machinery; and do not imply that the alcoholic 166 beverage so advertised enhances athletic prowess.

167 C. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, persons granted a wine and beer license
168 pursuant to this section may deliver such wine or beer in closed containers for off-premises consumption
169 to such person's vehicle if located in a designated parking area of the retailer's premises where such
170 person has electronically ordered wine or beer in advance of the delivery or (ii) if the licensee holds a
171 delivery permit issued pursuant to § 4.1-212.1, to such other locations as may be permitted by Board
172 regulation.

D. Persons granted retail on-premises and on-and-off-premises wine and beer licenses pursuant to this
section or subsection B of § 4.1-210 may conduct wine or beer tastings sponsored by the licensee for its
customers for on-premises consumption. Such licensees may sell or give samples of wine and beer in
designated areas at events held by the licensee for the purpose of featuring and educating the consuming
public about the alcoholic beverages being tasted. Additionally, with the consent of the licensee, farm
wineries, wineries, and breweries may participate in tastings held by licensees authorized to conduct

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179 tastings, including the pouring of samples to any person to whom alcoholic beverages may be lawfully 180 sold. Samples of wine shall not exceed two ounces per person. Samples of beer shall not exceed four 181 ounces per person. § 4.1-325. (Effective until July 1, 2018) Prohibited acts by mixed beverage licensees; penalty. 182 183 A. In addition to § 4.1-324, no mixed beverage licensee nor any agent or employee of such licensee 184 shall: 185 1. Sell or serve any alcoholic beverage other than as authorized by law; 186 2. Sell any authorized alcoholic beverage to any person or at any place except as authorized by law; 187 3. Allow at the place described in his license the consumption of alcoholic beverages in violation of 188 this title: 189 4. Keep at the place described in his license any alcoholic beverage other than that which he is 190 licensed to sell: 191 5. Misrepresent the brand of any alcoholic beverage sold or offered for sale; 192 6. Keep any alcoholic beverage other than in the bottle or container in which it was purchased by him except (i) for a frozen alcoholic beverage, which may include alcoholic beverages in a frozen drink dispenser of a type approved by the Board; (ii) in the case of wine, in containers of a type approved by 193 194 195 the Board pending automatic dispensing and sale of such wine; and (iii) as otherwise provided by Board 196 regulation. Neither this subdivision nor any Board regulation shall prohibit any mixed beverage licensee 197 from premixing containers of sangria, to which spirits may be added, to be served and sold for 198 consumption on the licensed premises; 199 7. Refill or partly refill any bottle or container of alcoholic beverage or dilute or otherwise tamper 200 with the contents of any bottle or container of alcoholic beverage, except as provided by Board 201 regulation adopted pursuant to § 4.1-111 B 11; 202 8. Sell or serve any brand of alcoholic beverage which is not the same as that ordered by the 203 purchaser without first advising such purchaser of the difference; 204 9. Remove or obliterate any label, mark or stamp affixed to any container of alcoholic beverages 205 offered for sale; 206 10. Deliver or sell the contents of any container if the label, mark or stamp has been removed or 207 obliterated; 208 11. Allow any obscene conduct, language, literature, pictures, performance or materials on the 209 licensed premises; 210 12. Allow any striptease act on the licensed premises; 13. Allow persons connected with the licensed business to appear nude or partially nude; 211 212 14. Consume or allow the consumption by an employee of any alcoholic beverages while on duty 213 and in a position that is involved in the selling or serving of alcoholic beverages to customers. 214 The provisions of this subdivision shall not prohibit any retail licensee or his designated employee from (i) consuming product samples or sample servings of (a) beer or wine provided by a representative 215 216 of a licensed beer or wine wholesaler or manufacturer or (b) a distilled spirit provided by a permittee of the Board who represents a distiller, if such samples are provided in accordance with Board regulations 217 218 and the retail licensee or his designated employee does not violate the provisions of subdivision 1 f of 219 § 4.1-225 or (ii) tasting an alcoholic beverage that has been or will be delivered to a customer for 220 quality control purposes; 221 15. Deliver to a consumer an original bottle of an alcoholic beverage purchased under such license 222 whether the closure is broken or unbroken except in accordance with 4.1-210.223 The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to the delivery of: 224 a. "Soju." For the purposes of this clause, "soju" means a traditional Korean alcoholic beverage 225 distilled from rice, barley or sweet potatoes; or 226 b. Spirits, provided (i) the original container is no larger than 375 milliliters, (ii) the alcohol content 227 is no greater than 15 percent by volume, and (iii) the contents of the container are carbonated and 228 perishable; 229 16. Be intoxicated while on duty or employ an intoxicated person on the licensed premises; 230 17. Conceal any sale or consumption of any alcoholic beverages; 231 18. Fail or refuse to make samples of any alcoholic beverages available to the Board upon request or 232 obstruct special agents of the Board in the discharge of their duties; 233 19. Store alcoholic beverages purchased under the license in any unauthorized place or remove any 234 such alcoholic beverages from the premises; 20. Knowingly employ in the licensed business any person who has the general reputation as a 235 236 prostitute, panderer, habitual law violator, person of ill repute, user or peddler of narcotics, or person 237 who drinks to excess or engages in illegal gambling;

238 21. Keep on the licensed premises a slot machine or any prohibited gambling or gaming device,239 machine or apparatus;

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240 22. Make any gift of an alcoholic beverage, other than as a gift made (i) to a personal friend, as a 241 matter of normal social intercourse, so long as the gift is in no way a shift or device to evade the 242 restriction set forth in this subdivision; (ii) to a person responsible for the planning, preparation or 243 conduct on any conference, convention, trade show or event held or to be held on the premises of the 244 licensee, when such gift is made in the course of usual and customary business entertainment and is in 245 no way a shift or device to evade the restriction set forth in this subdivision; (iii) pursuant to subsection 246  $\in D$  of § 4.1-209; (iv) pursuant to subdivision A 11 of § 4.1-201; or (v) pursuant to any Board 247 regulation. Any gift permitted by this subdivision shall be subject to the taxes imposed by this title on 248 sales of alcoholic beverages. The licensee shall keep complete and accurate records of gifts given in 249 accordance with this subdivision; or

250 23. Establish any normal or customary pricing of its alcoholic beverages that is intended as a shift or 251 device to evade any "happy hour" regulations adopted by the Board; however, a licensee may increase 252 the volume of an alcoholic beverage sold to a customer if there is a commensurate increase in the 253 normal or customary price charged for the same alcoholic beverage. 254

B. Any person convicted of a violation of this section shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

255 C. The provisions of subdivisions A 12 and A 13 shall not apply to persons operating theaters, 256 concert halls, art centers, museums, or similar establishments that are devoted primarily to the arts or 257 theatrical performances, when the performances that are presented are expressing matters of serious 258 literary, artistic, scientific, or political value. 259

### § 4.1-325. (Effective July 1, 2018) Prohibited acts by mixed beverage licensees; penalty.

260 A. In addition to § 4.1-324, no mixed beverage licensee nor any agent or employee of such licensee 261 shall: 262

1. Sell or serve any alcoholic beverage other than as authorized by law;

263 2. Sell any authorized alcoholic beverage to any person or at any place except as authorized by law;

264 3. Allow at the place described in his license the consumption of alcoholic beverages in violation of 265 this title;

266 4. Keep at the place described in his license any alcoholic beverage other than that which he is 267 licensed to sell;

5. Misrepresent the brand of any alcoholic beverage sold or offered for sale;

269 6. Keep any alcoholic beverage other than in the bottle or container in which it was purchased by 270 him except (i) for a frozen alcoholic beverage, which may include alcoholic beverages in a frozen drink 271 dispenser of a type approved by the Board; (ii) in the case of wine, in containers of a type approved by 272 the Board pending automatic dispensing and sale of such wine; and (iii) as otherwise provided by Board 273 regulation. Neither this subdivision nor any Board regulation shall prohibit any mixed beverage licensee 274 from premixing containers of sangria, to which spirits may be added, to be served and sold for 275 consumption on the licensed premises;

276 7. Refill or partly refill any bottle or container of alcoholic beverage or dilute or otherwise tamper 277 with the contents of any bottle or container of alcoholic beverage, except as provided by Board regulation adopted pursuant to subdivision B 11 of § 4.1-111; 278

8. Sell or serve any brand of alcoholic beverage which is not the same as that ordered by the 279 280 purchaser without first advising such purchaser of the difference;

281 9. Remove or obliterate any label, mark or stamp affixed to any container of alcoholic beverages 282 offered for sale;

283 10. Deliver or sell the contents of any container if the label, mark or stamp has been removed or 284 obliterated;

285 11. Allow any obscene conduct, language, literature, pictures, performance or materials on the 286 licensed premises; 287

12. Allow any striptease act on the licensed premises;

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288 13. Allow persons connected with the licensed business to appear nude or partially nude;

289 14. Consume or allow the consumption by an employee of any alcoholic beverages while on duty 290 and in a position that is involved in the selling or serving of alcoholic beverages to customers.

291 The provisions of this subdivision shall not prohibit any retail licensee or his designated employee 292 from (i) consuming product samples or sample servings of (a) beer or wine provided by a representative 293 of a licensed beer or wine wholesaler or manufacturer or (b) a distilled spirit provided by a permittee of 294 the Board who represents a distiller, if such samples are provided in accordance with Board regulations 295 and the retail licensee or his designated employee does not violate the provisions of subdivision 1 f of 296 § 4.1-225 or (ii) tasting an alcoholic beverage that has been or will be delivered to a customer for 297 quality control purposes;

298 15. Deliver to a consumer an original bottle of an alcoholic beverage purchased under such license 299 whether the closure is broken or unbroken except in accordance with § 4.1-210.

300 The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to the delivery of:

a. "Soju." For the purposes of this subdivision, "soju" means a traditional Korean alcoholic beverage 301 302 distilled from rice, barley or sweet potatoes; or

b. Spirits, provided (i) the original container is no larger than 375 milliliters, (ii) the alcohol content 303 304 is no greater than 15 percent by volume, and (iii) the contents of the container are carbonated and 305 perishable; 306

16. Be intoxicated while on duty or employ an intoxicated person on the licensed premises;

17. Conceal any sale or consumption of any alcoholic beverages;

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308 18. Fail or refuse to make samples of any alcoholic beverages available to the Board upon request or 309 obstruct special agents of the Board in the discharge of their duties;

310 19. Store alcoholic beverages purchased under the license in any unauthorized place or remove any 311 such alcoholic beverages from the premises;

312 20. Knowingly employ in the licensed business any person who has the general reputation as a prostitute, panderer, habitual law violator, person of ill repute, user or peddler of narcotics, or person 313 who drinks to excess or engages in illegal gambling; 314

21. Keep on the licensed premises a slot machine or any prohibited gambling or gaming device, 315 316 machine or apparatus;

22. Make any gift of an alcoholic beverage, other than as a gift made (i) to a personal friend, as a 317 318 matter of normal social intercourse, so long as the gift is in no way a shift or device to evade the 319 restriction set forth in this subdivision; (ii) to a person responsible for the planning, preparation or 320 conduct on any conference, convention, trade show or event held or to be held on the premises of the 321 licensee, when such gift is made in the course of usual and customary business entertainment and is in 322 no way a shift or device to evade the restriction set forth in this subdivision; (iii) pursuant to subsection 323  $\subseteq$  D of § 4.1-209; (iv) pursuant to subdivision A 11 of § 4.1-201; or (v) pursuant to any Board 324 regulation. Any gift permitted by this subdivision shall be subject to the taxes imposed by this title on 325 sales of alcoholic beverages. The licensee shall keep complete and accurate records of gifts given in 326 accordance with this subdivision; or

23. Establish any normal or customary pricing of its alcoholic beverages that is intended as a shift or device to evade any "happy hour" regulations adopted by the Board; however, a licensee may increase 327 328 329 the volume of an alcoholic beverage sold to a customer if there is a commensurate increase in the normal or customary price charged for the same alcoholic beverage. 330 331

B. Any person convicted of a violation of this section shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

C. The provisions of subdivisions A 12 and A 13 shall not apply to persons operating theaters, 332 333 concert halls, art centers, museums, or similar establishments that are devoted primarily to the arts or 334 theatrical performances, when the performances that are presented are expressing matters of serious 335 literary, artistic, scientific, or political value. 336

#### § 4.1-325.2. Prohibited acts by employees of wine or beer licensees; penalty.

337 A. In addition to the provisions of  $\S$  4.1-324, no retail wine or beer licensee or his agent or employee shall consume any alcoholic beverages while on duty and in a position that is involved in the 338 339 selling or serving of alcoholic beverages to customers.

The provisions of this subsection shall not prohibit any retail licensee or his designated employee 340 341 from (i) consuming product samples or sample servings of beer or wine provided by a representative of 342 a licensed beer or wine wholesaler or manufacturer, if such samples are provided in accordance with 343 Board regulations and the retail licensee or his designated employee does not violate the provisions of 344 subdivision 1 f of § 4.1-225 or (ii) tasting an alcoholic beverage that has been or will be delivered to a 345 customer for quality control purposes.

346 B. For the purposes of subsection A, a wine or beer wholesaler or farm winery licensee or its 347 employees that participate in a wine or beer tasting sponsored by a retail wine or beer licensee shall not 348 be deemed to be agents of the retail wine or beer licensee.

349 C. No retail wine or beer licensee, or his agent or employee shall make any gift of an alcoholic 350 beverage, other than as a gift made (i) to a personal friend, as a matter of normal social intercourse, so 351 long as the gift is in no way a shift or device to evade the restriction set forth in this subsection; (ii) to 352 a person responsible for the planning, preparation or conduct on any conference, convention, trade show 353 or event held or to be held on the premises of the licensee, when such gift is made in the course of 354 usual and customary business entertainment and is in no way a shift or device to evade the restriction set forth in this subsection; (iii) pursuant to subsection  $\in D$  of § 4.1-209; (iv) pursuant to subdivision A 355 11 of § 4.1-201; or (v) pursuant to any Board regulation. Any gift permitted by this subsection shall be 356 357 subject to the taxes imposed by this title on sales of alcoholic beverages. The licensee shall keep 358 complete and accurate records of gifts given in accordance with this subsection.

359 D. Any person convicted of a violation of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty in an 360 amount not to exceed \$500.