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A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 16.1-278.9, 18.2-287.4, 18.2-308.2:01, 18.2-308.2:1, 18.2-308.2:2, 18.2-308.7, 18.2-308.8, and 19.2-386.28 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered 18.2-308.9 through 18.2-308.12, relating to prohibiting sale, transport, etc., of assault firearms, certain firearms magazines, trigger activators, and silencers; penalties.*

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Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 16.1-278.9, 18.2-287.4, 18.2-308.2:01, 18.2-308.2:1, 18.2-308.2:2, 18.2-308.7, 18.2-308.8, and 19.2-386.28 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding sections numbered 18.2-308.9 through 18.2-308.12 as follows:

§ 16.1-278.9. Delinquent children; loss of driving privileges for alcohol, firearm, and drug offenses; truancy.

A. If a court has found facts which would justify a finding that a child at least 13 years of age at the time of the offense is delinquent and such finding involves (i) a violation of § 18.2-266 or of a similar ordinance of any county, city or town, (ii) a refusal to take a breath test in violation of § 18.2-268.2, (iii) a felony violation of § 18.2-248, 18.2-248.1 or 18.2-250, (iv) a misdemeanor violation of § 18.2-248, 18.2-248.1, or 18.2-250 or a violation of § 18.2-250.1, (v) the unlawful purchase, possession or consumption of alcohol in violation of § 4.1-305 or the unlawful drinking or possession of alcoholic beverages in or on public school grounds in violation of § 4.1-309, (vi) public intoxication in violation of § 18.2-388 or a similar ordinance of a county, city or town, (vii) the unlawful use or possession of a handgun or possession of a "streetsweeper" as defined below *an assault firearm as defined in § 18.2-308.8*, or (viii) a violation of § 18.2-83, the court shall order, in addition to any other penalty that it may impose as provided by law for the offense, that the child be denied a driver's license. In addition to any other penalty authorized by this section, if the offense involves a violation designated under clause (i) and the child was transporting a person 17 years of age or younger, the court shall impose the additional fine and order community service as provided in § 18.2-270. If the offense involves a violation designated under clause (i), (ii), (iii) or (viii), the denial of a driver's license shall be for a period of one year or until the juvenile reaches the age of 17, whichever is longer, for a first such offense or for a period of one year or until the juvenile reaches the age of 18, whichever is longer, for a second or subsequent such offense. If the offense involves a violation designated under clause (iv), (v) or (vi) the denial of driving privileges shall be for a period of six months unless the offense is committed by a child under the age of 16 years and three months, in which case the child's ability to apply for a driver's license shall be delayed for a period of six months following the date he reaches the age of 16 and three months. If the offense involves a first violation designated under clause (v) or (vi), the court shall impose the license sanction and may enter a judgment of guilt or, without entering a judgment of guilt, may defer disposition of the delinquency charge until such time as the court disposes of the case pursuant to subsection F of this section. If the offense involves a violation designated under clause (iii) or (iv), the court shall impose the license sanction and shall dispose of the delinquency charge pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or § 18.2-251. If the offense involves a violation designated under clause (vii), the denial of driving privileges shall be for a period of not less than 30 days, except when the offense involves possession of a concealed handgun or a ~~striker 12, commonly called a "streetsweeper," or any semi-automatic folding stock shotgun of like kind with a spring tension drum magazine capable of holding 12 shotgun shells~~ *an assault firearm as defined in § 18.2-308.8*, in which case the denial of driving privileges shall be for a period of two years unless the offense is committed by a child under the age of 16 years and three months, in which event the child's ability to apply for a driver's license shall be delayed for a period of two years following the date he reaches the age of 16 and three months.

A1. If a court finds that a child at least 13 years of age has failed to comply with school attendance and meeting requirements as provided in § 22.1-258, the court shall order the denial of the child's driving privileges for a period of not less than 30 days. If such failure to comply involves a child under the age of 16 years and three months, the child's ability to apply for a driver's license shall be delayed for a period of not less than 30 days following the date he reaches the age of 16 and three months.

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58 If the court finds a second or subsequent such offense, it may order the denial of a driver's license
59 for a period of one year or until the juvenile reaches the age of 18, whichever is longer, or delay the
60 child's ability to apply for a driver's license for a period of one year following the date he reaches the
61 age of 16 and three months, as may be appropriate.

62 A2. If a court finds that a child at least 13 years of age has refused to take a blood test in violation
63 of § 18.2-268.2, the court shall order that the child be denied a driver's license for a period of one year
64 or until the juvenile reaches the age of 17, whichever is longer, for a first such offense or for a period
65 of one year or until the juvenile reaches the age of 18, whichever is longer, for a second or subsequent
66 such offense.

67 B. Any child who has a driver's license at the time of the offense or at the time of the court's finding
68 as provided in subsection A1 or A2 shall be ordered to surrender his driver's license, which shall be
69 held in the physical custody of the court during any period of license denial.

70 C. The court shall report any order issued under this section to the Department of Motor Vehicles,
71 which shall preserve a record thereof. The report and the record shall include a statement as to whether
72 the child was represented by or waived counsel or whether the order was issued pursuant to subsection
73 A1 or A2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 12 (§ 16.1-299 et seq.) of this chapter or the
74 provisions of Title 46.2, this record shall be available only to all law-enforcement officers, attorneys for
75 the Commonwealth and courts. No other record of the proceeding shall be forwarded to the Department
76 of Motor Vehicles unless the proceeding results in an adjudication of guilt pursuant to subsection F.

77 The Department of Motor Vehicles shall refuse to issue a driver's license to any child denied a
78 driver's license until such time as is stipulated in the court order or until notification by the court of
79 withdrawal of the order of denial under subsection E.

80 D. If the finding as to the child involves a violation designated under clause (i), (ii), (iii) or (vi) of
81 subsection A or a violation designated under subsection A2, the child may be referred to a certified
82 alcohol safety action program in accordance with § 18.2-271.1 upon such terms and conditions as the
83 court may set forth. If the finding as to such child involves a violation designated under clause (iii),
84 (iv), (v), (vii) or (viii) of subsection A, such child may be referred to appropriate rehabilitative or
85 educational services upon such terms and conditions as the court may set forth.

86 The court, in its discretion and upon a demonstration of hardship, may authorize the use of a
87 restricted permit to operate a motor vehicle by any child who has a driver's license at the time of the
88 offense or at the time of the court's finding as provided in subsection A1 or A2 for any of the purposes
89 set forth in subsection E of § 18.2-271.1 or for travel to and from school, except that no restricted
90 license shall be issued for travel to and from home and school when school-provided transportation is
91 available and no restricted license shall be issued if the finding as to such child involves a violation
92 designated under clause (iii) or (iv) of subsection A, or if it involves a second or subsequent violation of
93 any offense designated in subsection A, a second finding by the court of failure to comply with school
94 attendance and meeting requirements as provided in subsection A1, or a second or subsequent finding by
95 the court of a refusal to take a blood test as provided in subsection A2. The issuance of the restricted
96 permit shall be set forth within the court order, a copy of which shall be provided to the child, and shall
97 specifically enumerate the restrictions imposed and contain such information regarding the child as is
98 reasonably necessary to identify him. The child may operate a motor vehicle under the court order in
99 accordance with its terms. Any child who operates a motor vehicle in violation of any restrictions
100 imposed pursuant to this section is guilty of a violation of § 46.2-301.

101 E. Upon petition made at least 90 days after issuance of the order, the court may review and
102 withdraw any order of denial of a driver's license if for a first such offense or finding as provided in
103 subsection A1 or A2. For a second or subsequent such offense or finding, the order may not be
104 reviewed and withdrawn until one year after its issuance.

105 F. If the finding as to such child involves a first violation designated under clause (vii) of subsection
106 A, upon fulfillment of the terms and conditions prescribed by the court and after the child's driver's
107 license has been restored, the court shall or, in the event the violation resulted in the injury or death of
108 any person or if the finding involves a violation designated under clause (i), (ii), (v), or (vi) of
109 subsection A, may discharge the child and dismiss the proceedings against him. Discharge and dismissal
110 under these provisions shall be without an adjudication of guilt but a record of the proceeding shall be
111 retained for the purpose of applying this section in subsequent proceedings. Failure of the child to fulfill
112 such terms and conditions shall result in an adjudication of guilt. If the finding as to such child involves
113 a violation designated under clause (iii) or (iv) of subsection A, the charge shall not be dismissed
114 pursuant to this subsection but shall be disposed of pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or
115 § 18.2-251. If the finding as to such child involves a second violation under clause (v), (vi) or (vii) of
116 subsection A, the charge shall not be dismissed pursuant to this subsection but shall be disposed of
117 under § 16.1-278.8.

118 **§ 18.2-287.4. Carrying loaded shotguns in public areas prohibited; penalty.**

119 It shall be unlawful for any person to carry a loaded (a) ~~semi-automatic center-fire rifle or pistol~~

that expels single or multiple projectiles by action of an explosion of a combustible material and is equipped at the time of the offense with a magazine that will hold more than 20 rounds of ammunition or designed by the manufacturer to accommodate a silencer or equipped with a folding stock or (b) shotgun with a magazine that will hold more than seven rounds of the longest ammunition for which it is chambered on or about his person on any public street, road, alley, sidewalk, public right-of-way, or in any public park or any other place of whatever nature that is open to the public in the Cities of Alexandria, Chesapeake, Fairfax, Falls Church, Newport News, Norfolk, Richmond, or Virginia Beach or in the Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Henrico, Loudoun, or Prince William.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to law-enforcement officers, licensed security guards, military personnel in the performance of their lawful duties, or any person having a valid concealed handgun permit or to any person actually engaged in lawful hunting or lawful recreational shooting activities at an established shooting range or shooting contest. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

The exemptions set forth in §§ 18.2-308 and 18.2-308.016 shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to the provisions of this section.

§ 18.2-308.2:01. Possession or transportation of firearms by certain persons.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person who is not a citizen of the United States or who is not a person lawfully admitted for permanent residence to knowingly and intentionally possess or transport any assault firearm or to knowingly and intentionally carry about his person, hidden from common observation, an assault firearm.

B. It shall be is unlawful for any person who is not a citizen of the United States and who is not lawfully present in the United States to knowingly and intentionally possess or transport any firearm or to knowingly and intentionally carry about his person, hidden from common observation, any firearm. A violation of this section shall be is punishable as a Class 6 felony.

C. For purposes of this section, "assault firearm" means any semi-automatic center-fire rifle or pistol that expels single or multiple projectiles by action of an explosion of a combustible material and is equipped at the time of the offense with a magazine which will hold more than 20 rounds of ammunition or designed by the manufacturer to accommodate a silencer or equipped with a folding stock.

§ 18.2-308.2:1. Prohibiting the selling, etc., of firearms to certain persons.

Any person who sells, barter, gives or furnishes, or has in his possession or under his control with the intent of selling, bartering, giving or furnishing, any firearm to any person he knows is prohibited from possessing or transporting a firearm pursuant to § 18.2-308.1:1, 18.2-308.1:2, 18.2-308.1:3, 18.2-308.2, subsection B of § 18.2-308.2:01, or § 18.2-308.7 shall be is guilty of a Class 4 felony. However, this prohibition shall not be applicable when the person convicted of the felony, adjudicated delinquent or acquitted by reason of insanity has (i) been issued a permit pursuant to subsection C of § 18.2-308.2 or been granted relief pursuant to subsection B of § 18.2-308.1:1, or § 18.2-308.1:2 or 18.2-308.1:3; (ii) been pardoned or had his political disabilities removed in accordance with subsection B of § 18.2-308.2; or (iii) obtained a permit to ship, transport, possess or receive firearms pursuant to the laws of the United States.

§ 18.2-308.2:2. Criminal history record information check required for the transfer of certain firearms.

A. Any person purchasing from a dealer a firearm as herein defined shall consent in writing, on a form to be provided by the Department of State Police, to have the dealer obtain criminal history record information. Such form shall include only the written consent; the name, birth date, gender, race, citizenship, and social security number and/or any other identification number; the number of firearms by category intended to be sold, rented, traded, or transferred; and answers by the applicant to the following questions: (i) has the applicant been convicted of a felony offense or found guilty or adjudicated delinquent as a juvenile 14 years of age or older at the time of the offense of a delinquent act that would be a felony if committed by an adult; (ii) is the applicant subject to a court order restraining the applicant from harassing, stalking, or threatening the applicant's child or intimate partner, or a child of such partner, or is the applicant subject to a protective order; and (iii) has the applicant ever been acquitted by reason of insanity and prohibited from purchasing, possessing or transporting a firearm pursuant to § 18.2-308.1:1 or any substantially similar law of any other jurisdiction, been adjudicated legally incompetent, mentally incapacitated or adjudicated an incapacitated person and prohibited from purchasing a firearm pursuant to § 18.2-308.1:2 or any substantially similar law of any other jurisdiction, or been involuntarily admitted to an inpatient facility or involuntarily ordered to outpatient mental health treatment and prohibited from purchasing a firearm pursuant to § 18.2-308.1:3 or any substantially similar law of any other jurisdiction.

B. 1. No dealer shall sell, rent, trade or transfer from his inventory any such firearm to any other person who is a resident of Virginia until he has (i) obtained written consent and the other information

181 on the consent form specified in subsection A, and provided the Department of State Police with the
182 name, birth date, gender, race, citizenship, and social security and/or any other identification number and
183 the number of firearms by category intended to be sold, rented, traded or transferred and (ii) requested
184 criminal history record information by a telephone call to or other communication authorized by the
185 State Police and is authorized by subdivision 2 to complete the sale or other such transfer. To establish
186 personal identification and residence in Virginia for purposes of this section, a dealer must require any
187 prospective purchaser to present one photo-identification form issued by a governmental agency of the
188 Commonwealth or by the United States Department of Defense that demonstrates that the prospective
189 purchaser resides in Virginia. For the purposes of this section and establishment of residency for firearm
190 purchase, residency of a member of the armed forces shall include both the state in which the member's
191 permanent duty post is located and any nearby state in which the member resides and from which he
192 commutes to the permanent duty post. A member of the armed forces whose photo identification issued
193 by the Department of Defense does not have a Virginia address may establish his Virginia residency
194 with such photo identification and either permanent orders assigning the purchaser to a duty post,
195 including the Pentagon, in Virginia or the purchaser's Leave and Earnings Statement. When the photo
196 identification presented to a dealer by the prospective purchaser is a driver's license or other photo
197 identification issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles, and such identification form contains a date
198 of issue, the dealer shall not, except for a renewed driver's license or other photo identification issued by
199 the Department of Motor Vehicles, sell or otherwise transfer a firearm to the prospective purchaser until
200 30 days after the date of issue of an original or duplicate driver's license unless the prospective
201 purchaser also presents a copy of his Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles driver's record showing
202 that the original date of issue of the driver's license was more than 30 days prior to the attempted
203 purchase.

204 In addition, no dealer shall sell, rent, trade, or transfer from his inventory any assault firearm to any
205 person who is not a citizen of the United States or who is not a person lawfully admitted for permanent
206 residence.

207 Upon receipt of the request for a criminal history record information check, the State Police shall (a)
208 review its criminal history record information to determine if the buyer or transferee is prohibited from
209 possessing or transporting a firearm by state or federal law, (b) inform the dealer if its record indicates
210 that the buyer or transferee is so prohibited, and (c) provide the dealer with a unique reference number
211 for that inquiry.

212 2. The State Police shall provide its response to the requesting dealer during the dealer's request, or
213 by return call without delay. If the criminal history record information check indicates the prospective
214 purchaser or transferee has a disqualifying criminal record or has been acquitted by reason of insanity
215 and committed to the custody of the Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services,
216 the State Police shall have until the end of the dealer's next business day to advise the dealer if its
217 records indicate the buyer or transferee is prohibited from possessing or transporting a firearm by state
218 or federal law. If not so advised by the end of the dealer's next business day, a dealer who has fulfilled
219 the requirements of subdivision 1 may immediately complete the sale or transfer and shall not be
220 deemed in violation of this section with respect to such sale or transfer. In case of electronic failure or
221 other circumstances beyond the control of the State Police, the dealer shall be advised immediately of
222 the reason for such delay and be given an estimate of the length of such delay. After such notification,
223 the State Police shall, as soon as possible but in no event later than the end of the dealer's next business
224 day, inform the requesting dealer if its records indicate the buyer or transferee is prohibited from
225 possessing or transporting a firearm by state or federal law. A dealer who fulfills the requirements of
226 subdivision 1 and is told by the State Police that a response will not be available by the end of the
227 dealer's next business day may immediately complete the sale or transfer and shall not be deemed in
228 violation of this section with respect to such sale or transfer.

229 3. Except as required by subsection D of § 9.1-132, the State Police shall not maintain records longer
230 than 30 days, except for multiple handgun transactions for which records shall be maintained for 12
231 months, from any dealer's request for a criminal history record information check pertaining to a buyer
232 or transferee who is not found to be prohibited from possessing and transporting a firearm under state or
233 federal law. However, the log on requests made may be maintained for a period of 12 months, and such
234 log shall consist of the name of the purchaser, the dealer identification number, the unique approval
235 number and the transaction date.

236 4. On the last day of the week following the sale or transfer of any firearm, the dealer shall mail or
237 deliver the written consent form required by subsection A to the Department of State Police. The State
238 Police shall immediately initiate a search of all available criminal history record information to
239 determine if the purchaser is prohibited from possessing or transporting a firearm under state or federal
240 law. If the search discloses information indicating that the buyer or transferee is so prohibited from
241 possessing or transporting a firearm, the State Police shall inform the chief law-enforcement officer in
242 the jurisdiction where the sale or transfer occurred and the dealer without delay.

5. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, rifles and shotguns may be purchased by persons who are citizens of the United States or persons lawfully admitted for permanent residence but residents of other states under the terms of subsections A and B upon furnishing the dealer with one photo-identification form issued by a governmental agency of the person's state of residence and one other form of identification determined to be acceptable by the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

6. For the purposes of this subsection, the phrase "dealer's next business day" shall not include December 25.

C. No dealer shall sell, rent, trade or transfer from his inventory any firearm, except when the transaction involves a rifle or a shotgun and can be accomplished pursuant to the provisions of subdivision B 5 to any person who is not a resident of Virginia unless he has first obtained from the Department of State Police a report indicating that a search of all available criminal history record information has not disclosed that the person is prohibited from possessing or transporting a firearm under state or federal law. The dealer shall obtain the required report by mailing or delivering the written consent form required under subsection A to the State Police within 24 hours of its execution. If the dealer has complied with the provisions of this subsection and has not received the required report from the State Police within 10 days from the date the written consent form was mailed to the Department of State Police, he shall not be deemed in violation of this section for thereafter completing the sale or transfer.

D. Nothing herein shall prevent a resident of the Commonwealth, at his option, from buying, renting or receiving a firearm from a dealer in Virginia by obtaining a criminal history record information check through the dealer as provided in subsection C.

E. If any buyer or transferee is denied the right to purchase a firearm under this section, he may exercise his right of access to and review and correction of criminal history record information under § 9.1-132 or institute a civil action as provided in § 9.1-135, provided any such action is initiated within 30 days of such denial.

F. Any dealer who willfully and intentionally requests, obtains, or seeks to obtain criminal history record information under false pretenses, or who willfully and intentionally disseminates or seeks to disseminate criminal history record information except as authorized in this section shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

G. For purposes of this section:

"Actual buyer" means a person who executes the consent form required in subsection B or C, or other such firearm transaction records as may be required by federal law.

"Antique firearm" means:

1. Any firearm (including any firearm with a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap, or similar type of ignition system) manufactured in or before 1898;

2. Any replica of any firearm described in subdivision 1 of this definition if such replica (i) is not designed or redesigned for using rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition or (ii) uses rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition that is no longer manufactured in the United States and that is not readily available in the ordinary channels of commercial trade;

3. Any muzzle-loading rifle, muzzle-loading shotgun, or muzzle-loading pistol that is designed to use black powder, or a black powder substitute, and that cannot use fixed ammunition. For purposes of this subdivision, the term "antique firearm" shall not include any weapon that incorporates a firearm frame or receiver, any firearm that is converted into a muzzle-loading weapon, or any muzzle-loading weapon that can be readily converted to fire fixed ammunition by replacing the barrel, bolt, breech-block, or any combination thereof; or

4. Any curio or relic as defined in this subsection.

"Assault firearm" means ~~any semi-automatic center-fire rifle or pistol which expels single or multiple projectiles by action of an explosion of a combustible material and is equipped at the time of the offense with a magazine which will hold more than 20 rounds of ammunition or designed by the manufacturer to accommodate a silencer or equipped with a folding stock the same as that term is defined in § 18.2-308.8.~~

"Curios or relics" means firearms that are of special interest to collectors by reason of some quality other than is associated with firearms intended for sporting use or as offensive or defensive weapons. To be recognized as curios or relics, firearms must fall within one of the following categories:

1. Firearms that were manufactured at least 50 years prior to the current date, which use rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition that is no longer manufactured in the United States and that is not readily available in the ordinary channels of commercial trade, but not including replicas thereof;

2. Firearms that are certified by the curator of a municipal, state, or federal museum that exhibits firearms to be curios or relics of museum interest; and

3. Any other firearms that derive a substantial part of their monetary value from the fact that they are novel, rare, bizarre, or because of their association with some historical figure, period, or event.

304 Proof of qualification of a particular firearm under this category may be established by evidence of
305 present value and evidence that like firearms are not available except as collectors' items, or that the
306 value of like firearms available in ordinary commercial channels is substantially less.

307 "Dealer" means any person licensed as a dealer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 921 et seq.

308 "Firearm" means any handgun, shotgun, or rifle that will or is designed to or may readily be
309 converted to expel single or multiple projectiles by action of an explosion of a combustible material.

310 "Handgun" means any pistol or revolver or other firearm originally designed, made and intended to
311 fire single or multiple projectiles by means of an explosion of a combustible material from one or more
312 barrels when held in one hand.

313 "Lawfully admitted for permanent residence" means the status of having been lawfully accorded the
314 privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant in accordance with the
315 immigration laws, such status not having changed.

316 H. The Department of Criminal Justice Services shall promulgate regulations to ensure the identity,
317 confidentiality and security of all records and data provided by the Department of State Police pursuant
318 to this section.

319 I. The provisions of this section shall not apply to (i) transactions between persons who are licensed
320 as firearms importers or collectors, manufacturers or dealers pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 921 et seq.; (ii)
321 purchases by or sales to any law-enforcement officer or agent of the United States, the Commonwealth
322 or any local government, or any campus police officer appointed under Article 3 (§ 23.1-809 et seq.) of
323 Chapter 8 of Title 23.1; or (iii) antique firearms, curios or relics.

324 J. The provisions of this section shall not apply to restrict purchase, trade or transfer of firearms by a
325 resident of Virginia when the resident of Virginia makes such purchase, trade or transfer in another
326 state, in which case the laws and regulations of that state and the United States governing the purchase,
327 trade or transfer of firearms shall apply. A National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS)
328 check shall be performed prior to such purchase, trade or transfer of firearms.

329 J1. All licensed firearms dealers shall collect a fee of \$2 for every transaction for which a criminal
330 history record information check is required pursuant to this section, except that a fee of \$5 shall be
331 collected for every transaction involving an out-of-state resident. Such fee shall be transmitted to the
332 Department of State Police by the last day of the month following the sale for deposit in a special fund
333 for use by the State Police to offset the cost of conducting criminal history record information checks
334 under the provisions of this section.

335 K. Any person willfully and intentionally making a materially false statement on the consent form
336 required in subsection B or C or on such firearm transaction records as may be required by federal law,
337 shall be guilty of a Class 5 felony.

338 L. Except as provided in § 18.2-308.2:1, any dealer who willfully and intentionally sells, rents, trades
339 or transfers a firearm in violation of this section shall be guilty of a Class 6 felony.

340 L1. Any person who attempts to solicit, persuade, encourage, or entice any dealer to transfer or
341 otherwise convey a firearm other than to the actual buyer, as well as any other person who willfully and
342 intentionally aids or abets such person, shall be guilty of a Class 6 felony. This subsection shall not
343 apply to a federal law-enforcement officer or a law-enforcement officer as defined in § 9.1-101, in the
344 performance of his official duties, or other person under his direct supervision.

345 M. Any person who purchases a firearm with the intent to (i) resell or otherwise provide such
346 firearm to any person who he knows or has reason to believe is ineligible to purchase or otherwise
347 receive from a dealer a firearm for whatever reason or (ii) transport such firearm out of the
348 Commonwealth to be resold or otherwise provided to another person who the transferor knows is
349 ineligible to purchase or otherwise receive a firearm, shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony and sentenced to
350 a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of one year. However, if the violation of this subsection
351 involves such a transfer of more than one firearm, the person shall be sentenced to a mandatory
352 minimum term of imprisonment of five years. The prohibitions of this subsection shall not apply to the
353 purchase of a firearm by a person for the lawful use, possession, or transport thereof, pursuant to
354 § 18.2-308.7, by his child, grandchild, or individual for whom he is the legal guardian if such child,
355 grandchild, or individual is ineligible, solely because of his age, to purchase a firearm.

356 N. Any person who is ineligible to purchase or otherwise receive or possess a firearm in the
357 Commonwealth who solicits, employs or assists any person in violating subsection M shall be guilty of
358 a Class 4 felony and shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of five years.

359 O. Any mandatory minimum sentence imposed under this section shall be served consecutively with
360 any other sentence.

361 P. All driver's licenses issued on or after July 1, 1994, shall carry a letter designation indicating
362 whether the driver's license is an original, duplicate or renewed driver's license.

363 Q. Prior to selling, renting, trading, or transferring any firearm owned by the dealer but not in his
364 inventory to any other person, a dealer may require such other person to consent to have the dealer
365 obtain criminal history record information to determine if such other person is prohibited from

possessing or transporting a firearm by state or federal law. The Department of State Police shall establish policies and procedures in accordance with 28 C.F.R. § 25.6 to permit such determinations to be made by the Department of State Police, and the processes established for making such determinations shall conform to the provisions of this section.

§ 18.2-308.7. Possession or transportation of certain firearms by persons under the age of 18; penalty.

It shall be unlawful for any person under 18 years of age to knowingly and intentionally possess or transport a handgun or ~~assault firearm~~ *shotgun with a magazine that will hold more than seven rounds of the longest ammunition for which it is chambered* anywhere in the Commonwealth. For the purposes of this section, "handgun" means any pistol or revolver or other firearm originally designed, made and intended to fire single or multiple projectiles by means of an explosion of a combustible material from one or more barrels when held in one hand and "assault firearm" means any (i) semi-automatic centerfire rifle or pistol which expels single or multiple projectiles by action of an explosion of a combustible material and is equipped at the time of the offense with a magazine which will hold more than 20 rounds of ammunition or designed by the manufacturer to accommodate a silencer or equipped with a folding stock or (ii) shotgun with a magazine which will hold more than seven rounds of the longest ammunition for which it is chambered. A violation of this section shall be is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

This section shall not apply to:

1. Any person (i) while in his home or on his property; (ii) while in the home or on the property of his parent, grandparent, or legal guardian; or (iii) while on the property of another who has provided prior permission, and with the prior permission of his parent or legal guardian if the person has the landowner's written permission on his person while on such property;

2. Any person who, while accompanied by an adult, is at, or going to and from, a lawful shooting range or firearms educational class, provided that the weapons are unloaded while being transported;

3. Any person actually engaged in lawful hunting or going to and from a hunting area or preserve, provided that the weapons are unloaded while being transported; and

4. Any person while carrying out his duties in the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard of this Commonwealth or any other state.

§ 18.2-308.8. Importation, sale, possession, etc., of assault firearms prohibited; penalty.

A. For purposes of this section:

"Assault firearm" means:

1. A semi-automatic center-fire rifle that expels single or multiple projectiles by action of an explosion of a combustible material with a fixed magazine capacity in excess of 10 rounds;

2. A semi-automatic center-fire rifle that expels single or multiple projectiles by action of an explosion of a combustible material that has the ability to accept a detachable magazine and has one of the following characteristics: (i) a folding or telescoping stock; (ii) a pistol grip that protrudes conspicuously beneath the action of the rifle; (iii) a thumbhole stock; (iv) a second handgrip or a protruding grip that can be held by the non-trigger hand; (v) a bayonet mount; (vi) a grenade launcher; (vii) a flare launcher; (viii) a silencer; (ix) a flash suppressor; (x) a muzzle brake; (xi) a muzzle compensator; (xii) a threaded barrel capable of accepting (a) a silencer, (b) a flash suppressor, (c) a muzzle brake, or (d) a muzzle compensator; or (xiii) any characteristic of like kind as enumerated in clauses (i) through (xii);

3. A semi-automatic center-fire pistol that expels single or multiple projectiles by action of an explosion of a combustible material with a fixed magazine capacity in excess of 10 rounds;

4. A semi-automatic center-fire pistol that expels single or multiple projectiles by action of an explosion of a combustible material that has the ability to accept a detachable magazine and has one of the following characteristics: (i) a folding or telescoping stock; (ii) a thumbhole stock; (iii) a second handgrip or a protruding grip that can be held by the non-trigger hand; (iv) the capacity to accept a magazine that attaches to the pistol outside of the pistol grip; (v) a shroud that is attached to, or partially or completely encircles, the barrel and that permits the shooter to hold the pistol with the non-trigger hand without being burned; (vi) a manufactured weight of 50 ounces or more when the pistol is unloaded; (vii) a threaded barrel capable of accepting (a) a silencer, (b) a flash suppressor, (c) a barrel extender, or (d) a forward handgrip; or (viii) any characteristic of like kind as enumerated in clauses (i) through (vii);

5. A shotgun with a revolving cylinder that expels single or multiple projectiles by action of an explosion of a combustible material; or

6. A semi-automatic shotgun that expels single or multiple projectiles by action of an explosion of a combustible material that has one of the following characteristics: (i) a folding or telescoping stock, (ii) a thumbhole stock, (iii) a pistol grip that protrudes conspicuously beneath the action of the shotgun, (iv) the ability to accept a detachable magazine, (v) a fixed magazine capacity in excess of seven rounds, or

(vi) any characteristic of like kind as enumerated in clauses (i) through (v).

"Assault firearm" includes any part or combination of parts designed or intended to convert, modify, or otherwise alter a firearm into an assault firearm, or any combination of parts that may be readily assembled into an assault firearm. "Assault firearm" does not include (i) a firearm that has been rendered permanently inoperable, (ii) an antique firearm as defined in § 18.2-308.2:2, or (iii) a curio or relic as defined in § 18.2-308.2:2.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person to import, sell, possess or transfer the following firearms: the Striker 12, commonly called a "streetsweeper," or any semi-automatic folding stock shotgun of like kind with a spring tension drum magazine capable of holding twelve shotgun shells, manufacture, purchase, possess, or transport an assault firearm. A violation of this section shall be punishable as a Class 6 felony.

C. The provisions of this section shall not apply to (i) any government officer, agent, or employee, or member of the Armed Forces of the United States, to the extent that such person is acquiring, possessing, transferring, or transporting an assault firearm within the scope of his official duties; (ii) the manufacture of an assault firearm by a firearms manufacturer for the purpose of sale to any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or to a law-enforcement agency in the Commonwealth for use by that agency or its employees, provided that the manufacturer is properly licensed under federal, state, and local laws; or (iii) the sale or transfer of an assault firearm by a licensed dealer to any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or to a law-enforcement agency in the Commonwealth for use by that agency or its employees.

§ 18.2-308.9. Import, sale, possession, etc., of certain firearm magazines; penalty.

A. For purposes of this section, "large-capacity firearm magazine" means any firearm magazine, belt, drum, feed strip, or similar device that has the capacity of, or can be readily restored or converted to accept, more than 10 rounds of ammunition, including any such device with a removable floor plate or end plate if the device can be readily extended to accept more than 10 rounds of ammunition. "Large-capacity firearm magazine" does not include (i) a magazine, belt, drum, feed strip, or similar device that has been permanently altered so that it cannot accept more than 10 rounds of ammunition or (ii) an attached tubular device designed to accept and only capable of operating with .22 caliber rimfire ammunition.

B. It is unlawful for any person to import, sell, transfer, manufacture, purchase, possess, or transport any large-capacity firearm magazine. A violation of this section is punishable as a Class 6 felony.

C. The provisions of this section shall not apply to (i) any government officer, agent, or employee, or member of the Armed Forces of the United States, to the extent that such person is acquiring, possessing, transferring, or transporting a large-capacity firearm magazine within the scope of his official duties; (ii) the manufacture of a large-capacity firearm magazine by a firearms manufacturer for the purpose of sale to any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or to a law-enforcement agency in the Commonwealth for use by that agency or its employees, provided that the manufacturer is properly licensed under federal, state, and local laws; or (iii) the sale or transfer of a large-capacity firearm magazine to any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or to a law-enforcement agency in the Commonwealth for use by that agency or its employees.

§ 18.2-308.10. Import, sale, possession, etc., of silencers; penalty.

A. For purposes of this section, "silencer" means any device for silencing, muffling, or diminishing the report of a firearm, including any part or combination of parts designed or intended for use in assembling or fabricating such a device.

B. It is unlawful for any person to import, sell, transfer, manufacture, purchase, possess, or transport a silencer. A violation of this section is punishable as a Class 6 felony.

C. The provisions of this section shall not apply to (i) any government officer, agent, or employee, or member of the Armed Forces of the United States, to the extent that such person is acquiring, possessing, transferring, or transporting a silencer within the scope of his official duties; (ii) the manufacture of a silencer by a firearms manufacturer for the purpose of sale to any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or to a law-enforcement agency in the Commonwealth for use by that agency or its employees, provided that the manufacturer is properly licensed under federal, state, and local laws; or (iii) the sale or transfer of a silencer to any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or to a law-enforcement agency in the Commonwealth for use by that agency or its employees.

§ 18.2-308.11. Import, sale, possession, etc., of trigger activators prohibited; penalty.

A. For the purposes of the section, "trigger activator" means any device that allows a semi-automatic firearm to shoot more than one shot with a single pull of the trigger by harnessing the recoil energy of any semi-automatic firearm to which it is affixed so that the trigger resets and continues firing without additional physical manipulation of the trigger by the shooter.

B. It is unlawful for any person to import, sell, transfer, manufacture, purchase, possess, or transport any trigger activator. A violation of this section is punishable as a Class 6 felony.

§ 18.2-308.12. Surrender, etc., of prohibited assault firearm, firearm magazine, silencer, and

489 *trigger activator.*

490 Any person who legally owns an assault firearm, as defined in § 18.2-308.8; large-capacity firearm
 491 magazine, as defined in § 18.2-308.9; silencer, as defined in § 18.2-308.10; or trigger activator, as
 492 defined in § 18.2-308.11, on November 1, 2019, may retain possession of such assault firearm,
 493 large-capacity firearm magazine, silencer, or trigger activator until July 1, 2020. During this time
 494 period, such person shall (i) render the assault firearm, large-capacity firearm magazine, silencer, or
 495 trigger activator permanently inoperable; (ii) remove the assault firearm, large-capacity firearm
 496 magazine, silencer, or trigger activator from the Commonwealth; (iii) transfer the assault firearm,
 497 large-capacity firearm magazine, silencer, or trigger activator to a person outside the Commonwealth
 498 who is not prohibited from possessing the assault firearm, large-capacity firearm magazine, silencer, or
 499 trigger activator; or (iv) surrender the assault firearm, large-capacity firearm magazine, silencer, or
 500 trigger activator to a state or local law-enforcement agency. The provisions of § 15.2-915.5 shall not
 501 apply to any assault firearm, large-capacity firearm magazine, silencer, or trigger activator surrendered
 502 to a local law-enforcement agency pursuant to this section.

503 **§ 19.2-386.28. Forfeiture of weapons that are concealed, possessed, transported or carried in**
 504 **violation of law.**

505 Any firearm, stun weapon as defined by § 18.2-308.1, or any weapon, *magazine, silencer, or trigger*
 506 *activator* concealed, possessed, transported, or carried in violation of § 18.2-283.1, 18.2-287.01,
 507 18.2-287.4, 18.2-308.1:2, 18.2-308.1:3, 18.2-308.1:4, 18.2-308.2, 18.2-308.2:01, 18.2-308.2:1,
 508 18.2-308.4, 18.2-308.5, 18.2-308.7, ~~or~~ 18.2-308.8, 18.2-308.9, 18.2-308.10, or 18.2-308.11 shall be
 509 forfeited to the Commonwealth and disposed of as provided in § 19.2-386.29.

510 **2. That there is hereby appropriated from the balance of the general fund in fiscal year 2020 the**
 511 **amount of \$50,000. The Director of the Department of Planning and Budget shall allocate such**
 512 **appropriation among the agencies and programs impacted by this act.**

513 **3. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment or**
 514 **commitment. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, the estimated amount of the**
 515 **necessary appropriation cannot be determined for periods of imprisonment in state adult**
 516 **correctional facilities; therefore, Chapter 854 of the Acts of Assembly of 2019 requires the Virginia**
 517 **Criminal Sentencing Commission to assign a minimum fiscal impact of \$50,000. Pursuant to**
 518 **§ 30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation cannot be**
 519 **determined for periods of commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.**