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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 4.1-309 and 16.1-278.9 of the Code of Virginia, relating to alcoholic beverage control; possession and sale of alcoholic beverages at school sporting events; penalty.*

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Referred to Committee on General Laws

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 4.1-309 and 16.1-278.9 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 4.1-309. Drinking or possessing alcoholic beverages in or on public school grounds; penalty.**

A. No person shall possess or drink any alcoholic beverage in or upon the grounds of any public elementary or secondary school during school hours or school or student activities.

B. ~~In addition, no~~ No person shall drink and no organization shall serve any alcoholic beverage in or upon the grounds of any public elementary or secondary school after school hours or school or student activities, except for religious congregations using wine for sacramental purposes only.

C. *No person shall drink any alcoholic beverage at a facility hosting a public elementary or secondary school sporting event, nor shall such facility serve any alcoholic beverage in or upon the grounds during such sporting event.*

D. Any person convicted of a violation of this section ~~shall be~~ is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

~~D.~~ E. This section shall not prohibit any person from possessing or drinking alcoholic beverages or any organization from serving alcoholic beverages in areas approved by the Board at a performing arts center owned by the City of Alexandria or the City of Portsmouth, provided the organization operating the performing arts center or its lessee has a license granted by the Board.

**§ 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 (a) the unlawful drinking or possession of alcoholic beverages in or on public school grounds or (b) the unlawful drinking of alcoholic beverages at a facility hosting a public elementary or secondary school sporting event 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, 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

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59 magazine capable of holding 12 shotgun shells, in which case the denial of driving privileges shall be  
60 for a period of two years unless the offense is committed by a child under the age of 16 years and three  
61 months, in which event the child's ability to apply for a driver's license shall be delayed for a period of  
62 two years following the date he reaches the age of 16 and three months.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

115 F. If the finding as to such child involves a first violation designated under clause (vii) of subsection  
116 A, upon fulfillment of the terms and conditions prescribed by the court and after the child's driver's  
117 license has been restored, the court shall or, in the event the violation resulted in the injury or death of  
118 any person or if the finding involves a violation designated under clause (i), (ii), (v), or (vi) of  
119 subsection A, may discharge the child and dismiss the proceedings against him. Discharge and dismissal  
120 under these provisions shall be without an adjudication of guilt but a record of the proceeding shall be

121 retained for the purpose of applying this section in subsequent proceedings. Failure of the child to fulfill  
122 such terms and conditions shall result in an adjudication of guilt. If the finding as to such child involves  
123 a violation designated under clause (iii) or (iv) of subsection A, the charge shall not be dismissed  
124 pursuant to this subsection but shall be disposed of pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or  
125 § 18.2-251. If the finding as to such child involves a second violation under clause (v), (vi) or (vii) of  
126 subsection A, the charge shall not be dismissed pursuant to this subsection but shall be disposed of  
127 under § 16.1-278.8.