

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 63.2-505.2 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia*  
3 *by adding a section numbered 63.2-607.1, relating to eligibility for food stamps and TANF;*  
4 *drug-related felonies.*

5 [H 566]

6 Approved

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

8 **1. That § 63.2-505.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of**  
9 **Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 63.2-607.1 as follows:**

10 **§ 63.2-505.2. Eligibility for food stamps; drug-related felonies.**

11 A person who is otherwise eligible to receive food stamp benefits shall be exempt from the  
12 application of ~~section~~ § 115(a) of the *federal* Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity  
13 Reconciliation Act of 1996, P.L. 104-193, and shall not be denied such assistance solely because he has  
14 been convicted of a *drug-related* felony offense of possession of a controlled substance in violation of  
15 § 18.2-250, provided such person is complying with, or has already complied with, all obligations  
16 imposed by the criminal court, is actively engaged in or has completed a substance abuse treatment  
17 program, participates in periodic drug screenings, and any other obligations as determined by the  
18 Department.

19 **§ 63.2-607.1. Eligibility for TANF; drug-related felonies.**

20 A person who is otherwise eligible to receive TANF assistance shall be exempt from the application  
21 of § 115(a)(1) of the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996,  
22 P.L. 104-193, and shall not be denied such assistance solely because he has been convicted of a  
23 drug-related felony.

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