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SENATE BILL NO. 212

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE (Proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations on February 8, 2024)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Rouse)

4 5 6 7 A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 2.2-3711, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, 18.2-325, 18.2-334, 19.2-389, 37.2-314.2, 58.1-4002, 58.1-4003, 58.1-4006, and 58.1-4007 of the Code of Virginia; to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 3 of Title 11 a section 8 numbered 11-16.3, by adding a section numbered 18.2-334.7, and by adding in Title 58.1 a chapter numbered 42, consisting of sections numbered 58.1-4200 through 58.1-4215; and to repeal 9 10 § 18.2-334.6 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Virginia Small Business Economic Development Act 11 established; regulation of skill game machines; penalties. 12

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 13

14 1. That §§ 2.2-3711, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, 18.2-325, 18.2-334, 19.2-389, 37.2-314.2, 58.1-4002, 58.1-4003, 58.1-4006, and 58.1-4007 of the Code of Virginia are 15 amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 3 of Title 16 17 11 a section numbered 11-16.3, by adding a section numbered 18.2-334.7, and by adding in Title 58.1 a chapter numbered 42, consisting of sections numbered 58.1-4200 through 58.1-4215, as 18 19 follows:

20 § 2.2-3711. (Effective until date pursuant to Acts 2023, cc. 756 and 778, cl. 5) Closed meetings 21 authorized for certain limited purposes. 22

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23 1. Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, 24 appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; and evaluation of performance of departments or 25 schools of public institutions of higher education where such evaluation will necessarily involve 26 27 discussion of the performance of specific individuals. Any teacher shall be permitted to be present 28 during a closed meeting in which there is a discussion or consideration of a disciplinary matter that 29 involves the teacher and some student and the student involved in the matter is present, provided the 30 teacher makes a written request to be present to the presiding officer of the appropriate board. Nothing 31 in this subdivision, however, shall be construed to authorize a closed meeting by a local governing body or an elected school board to discuss compensation matters that affect the membership of such body or 32 33 board collectively.

34 2. Discussion or consideration of admission or disciplinary matters or any other matters that would 35 involve the disclosure of information contained in a scholastic record concerning any student of any public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth or any state school system. However, any 36 such student, legal counsel and, if the student is a minor, the student's parents or legal guardians shall 37 38 be permitted to be present during the taking of testimony or presentation of evidence at a closed 39 meeting, if such student, parents, or guardians so request in writing and such request is submitted to the 40 presiding officer of the appropriate board.

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51 7. Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the 52 53 negotiating or litigating posture of the public body. For the purposes of this subdivision, "probable 54 litigation" means litigation that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has a reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. Nothing in 55 this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney 56 57 representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter.

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19. Discussion of plans to protect public safety as it relates to terrorist activity or specific 107 108 cybersecurity threats or vulnerabilities and briefings by staff members, legal counsel, or law-enforcement or emergency service officials concerning actions taken to respond to such matters or a related threat to 109 110 public safety; discussion of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 2 or 14 of § 2.2-3705.2, where discussion in an open meeting would jeopardize the safety of any person or the security of any 111 112 facility, building, structure, information technology system, or software program; or discussion of reports or plans related to the security of any governmental facility, building or structure, or the safety of 113 114 persons using such facility, building, or structure.

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122 ownership interest is not traded on a governmentally regulated securities exchange, to the extent that 123 such discussion (i) concerns confidential analyses prepared for the board of visitors of the University of 124 Virginia, prepared by the retirement system, or a local finance board or board of trustees, or the Virginia 125 College Savings Plan or provided to the retirement system, a local finance board or board of trustees, or 126 the Virginia College Savings Plan under a promise of confidentiality, of the future value of such 127 ownership interest or the future financial performance of the entity, and (ii) would have an adverse 128 effect on the value of the investment to be acquired, held, or disposed of by the retirement system, a 129 local finance board or board of trustees, the board of visitors of the University of Virginia, or the 130 Virginia College Savings Plan. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prevent the disclosure 131 of information relating to the identity of any investment held, the amount invested, or the present value 132 of such investment.

133 21. Those portions of meetings in which individual child death cases are discussed by the State Child 134 Fatality Review Team established pursuant to § 32.1-283.1, those portions of meetings in which 135 individual child death cases are discussed by a regional or local child fatality review team established 136 pursuant to § 32.1-283.2, those portions of meetings in which individual death cases are discussed by 137 family violence fatality review teams established pursuant to § 32.1-283.3, those portions of meetings in 138 which individual adult death cases are discussed by the state Adult Fatality Review Team established 139 pursuant to § 32.1-283.5, those portions of meetings in which individual adult death cases are discussed 140 by a local or regional adult fatality review team established pursuant to § 32.1-283.6, those portions of 141 meetings in which individual death cases are discussed by overdose fatality review teams established 142 pursuant to § 32.1-283.7, those portions of meetings in which individual maternal death cases are 143 discussed by the Maternal Mortality Review Team pursuant to § 32.1-283.8, and those portions of 144 meetings in which individual death cases of persons with developmental disabilities are discussed by the 145 Developmental Disabilities Mortality Review Committee established pursuant to § 37.2-314.1.

146 22. Those portions of meetings of the board of visitors of the University of Virginia or the Eastern Virginia Medical School Board of Visitors, as the case may be, and those portions of meetings of any 147 148 persons to whom management responsibilities for the University of Virginia Medical Center or Eastern 149 Virginia Medical School, as the case may be, have been delegated, in which there is discussed 150 proprietary, business-related information pertaining to the operations of the University of Virginia Medical Center or Eastern Virginia Medical School, as the case may be, including business development 151 152 or marketing strategies and activities with existing or future joint venturers, partners, or other parties 153 with whom the University of Virginia Medical Center or Eastern Virginia Medical School, as the case 154 may be, has formed, or forms, any arrangement for the delivery of health care, if disclosure of such 155 information would adversely affect the competitive position of the Medical Center or Eastern Virginia 156 Medical School, as the case may be.

157 23. Discussion or consideration by the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority 158 or the board of visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University of any of the following: the acquisition or 159 disposition by the Authority of real property, equipment, or technology software or hardware and related 160 goods or services, where disclosure would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Authority; matters relating to gifts or bequests to, and fund-raising activities of, the 161 162 Authority; grants and contracts for services or work to be performed by the Authority; marketing or 163 operational strategies plans of the Authority where disclosure of such strategies or plans would adversely affect the competitive position of the Authority; and members of the Authority's medical and teaching 164 165 staffs and qualifications for appointments thereto.

166 24. Those portions of the meetings of the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program Committee within
167 the Department of Health Professions to the extent such discussions identify any practitioner who may
168 be, or who actually is, impaired pursuant to Chapter 25.1 (§ 54.1-2515 et seq.) of Title 54.1.

169 25. Meetings or portions of meetings of the Board of the Virginia College Savings Plan wherein
170 personal information, as defined in § 2.2-3801, which has been provided to the Board or its employees
171 by or on behalf of individuals who have requested information about, applied for, or entered into
172 prepaid tuition contracts or savings trust account agreements pursuant to Chapter 7 (§ 23.1-700 et seq.)
173 of Title 23.1 is discussed.

174 26. Discussion or consideration, by the former Wireless Carrier E-911 Cost Recovery Subcommittee
175 created pursuant to former § 56-484.15, of trade secrets submitted by CMRS providers, as defined in
176 § 56-484.12, related to the provision of wireless E-911 service.

27. Those portions of disciplinary proceedings by any regulatory board within the Department of
Professional and Occupational Regulation, Department of Health Professions, or the Board of
Accountancy conducted pursuant to § 2.2-4019 or 2.2-4020 during which the board deliberates to reach
a decision or meetings of health regulatory boards or conference committees of such boards to consider
settlement proposals in pending disciplinary actions or modifications to previously issued board orders as
requested by either of the parties.

183 28. Discussion or consideration of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 11 of
184 § 2.2-3705.6 by a responsible public entity or an affected locality or public entity, as those terms are
185 defined in § 33.2-1800, or any independent review panel appointed to review information and advise the
186 responsible public entity concerning such records.

187 29. Discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including
188 interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where
189 discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of
190 the public body.

30. Discussion or consideration of grant or loan application information subject to the exclusion in
 subdivision 17 of § 2.2-3705.6 by the Commonwealth Health Research Board.

193 31. Discussion or consideration by the Commitment Review Committee of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 5 of § 2.2-3705.2 relating to individuals subject to commitment as sexually violent predators under Chapter 9 (§ 37.2-900 et seq.) of Title 37.2.

32. Discussion or consideration of confidential proprietary information and trade secrets developed
and held by a local public body providing certain telecommunication services or cable television services
and subject to the exclusion in subdivision 18 of § 2.2-3705.6. However, the exemption provided by this
subdivision shall not apply to any authority created pursuant to the BVU Authority Act (§ 15.2-7200 et
seq.).

33. Discussion or consideration by a local authority created in accordance with the Virginia Wireless
Service Authorities Act (§ 15.2-5431.1 et seq.) of confidential proprietary information and trade secrets
subject to the exclusion in subdivision 19 of § 2.2-3705.6.

34. Discussion or consideration by the State Board of Elections or local electoral boards of voting
 security matters made confidential pursuant to § 24.2-410.2 or 24.2-625.1.

35. Discussion or consideration by the Forensic Science Board or the Scientific Advisory Committee
created pursuant to Article 2 (§ 9.1-1109 et seq.) of Chapter 11 of Title 9.1 of criminal investigative
files.

36. Discussion or consideration by the Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Committee of
information or confidential matters subject to the exclusion in subdivision A 3 of § 2.2-3705.4, and
meetings of the Committee to deliberate concerning the annual maximum scholarship award, review and
consider scholarship applications and requests for scholarship award renewal, and cancel, rescind, or
recover scholarship awards.

37. Discussion or consideration by the Virginia Port Authority of information subject to the exclusion
in subdivision 1 of § 2.2-3705.6 related to certain proprietary information gathered by or for the Virginia
Port Authority.

38. Discussion or consideration by the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Retirement System acting pursuant to § 51.1-124.30, by the Investment Advisory Committee appointed pursuant to § 51.1-124.26, by any local retirement system, acting pursuant to § 51.1-803, by the Board of the Virginia College
Savings Plan acting pursuant to § 23.1-706, or by the Virginia College Savings Plan's Investment Advisory Committee appointed pursuant to § 23.1-702 of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 24 of § 2.2-3705.7.

39. Discussion or consideration of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 3 of
 § 2.2-3705.6 related to economic development.

40. Discussion or consideration by the Board of Education of information relating to the denial,
suspension, or revocation of teacher licenses subject to the exclusion in subdivision 11 of § 2.2-3705.3.

41. Those portions of meetings of the Virginia Military Advisory Council or any commission created
by executive order for the purpose of studying and making recommendations regarding preventing
closure or realignment of federal military and national security installations and facilities located in
Virginia and relocation of such facilities to Virginia, or a local or regional military affairs organization
appointed by a local governing body, during which there is discussion of information subject to the
exclusion in subdivision 8 of § 2.2-3705.2.

42. Discussion or consideration by the Board of Trustees of the Veterans Services Foundation of
information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 28 of § 2.2-3705.7 related to personally identifiable
information of donors.

43. Discussion or consideration by the Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission of
information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 23 of § 2.2-3705.6 related to certain information
contained in grant applications.

44. Discussion or consideration by the board of directors of the Commercial Space Flight Authority
of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 24 of § 2.2-3705.6 related to rate structures or
charges for the use of projects of, the sale of products of, or services rendered by the Authority and
certain proprietary information of a private entity provided to the Authority.

45. Discussion or consideration of personal and proprietary information related to the resource
management plan program and subject to the exclusion in (i) subdivision 25 of § 2.2-3705.6 or (ii)

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subsection E of § 10.1-104.7. This exclusion shall not apply to the discussion or consideration of records that contain information that has been certified for release by the person who is the subject of the information or transformed into a statistical or aggregate form that does not allow identification of the person who supplied, or is the subject of, the information.

46. Discussion or consideration by the Board of Directors of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control
Authority of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 1 of § 2.2-3705.3 related to
investigations of applicants for licenses and permits and of licensees and permittees.

47. Discussion or consideration of grant, loan, or investment application records subject to the
exclusion in subdivision 28 of § 2.2-3705.6 for a grant, loan, or investment pursuant to Article 11
(§ 2.2-2351 et seq.) of Chapter 22.

48. Discussion or development of grant proposals by a regional council established pursuant to
Article 26 (§ 2.2-2484 et seq.) of Chapter 24 to be submitted for consideration to the Virginia Growth
and Opportunity Board.

49. Discussion or consideration of (i) individual sexual assault cases by a sexual assault response team established pursuant to § 15.2-1627.4, (ii) individual child abuse or neglect cases or sex offenses involving a child by a child sexual abuse response team established pursuant to § 15.2-1627.5, or (iii) individual cases involving abuse, neglect, or exploitation of adults as defined in § 63.2-1603 pursuant to § 15.2-1627.5 and 63.2-1605.

50. Discussion or consideration by the Board of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership
Authority, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, or any subcommittees thereof, of the
portions of the strategic plan, marketing plan, or operational plan exempt from disclosure pursuant to
subdivision 33 of § 2.2-3705.7.

267 51. Those portions of meetings of the subcommittee of the Board of the Virginia Economic
268 Development Partnership Authority established pursuant to subsection F of § 2.2-2237.3 to review and
269 discuss information received from the Virginia Employment Commission pursuant to subdivision C 2 of
270 § 60.2-114 and the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement pursuant to subsection B
271 of § 2.2-2040.

52. Discussion or consideration by the Commonwealth of Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority
(the Authority), an advisory committee of the Authority, or any other entity designated by the Authority, of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 35 of § 2.2-3705.7.

53. Deliberations of the Virginia Lottery Board conducted pursuant to § 58.1-4105 regarding the
denial or revocation of a license of a casino gaming operator, or the refusal to issue, suspension of, or
revocation of any license or permit related to casino gaming, and discussion, consideration, or review of
matters related to investigations excluded from mandatory disclosure under subdivision 1 of
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54. Deliberations of the Virginia Lottery Board in an appeal conducted pursuant to § 58.1-4007
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B. No resolution, ordinance, rule, contract, regulation or motion adopted, passed or agreed to in a
closed meeting shall become effective unless the public body, following the meeting, reconvenes in open
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C. Public officers improperly selected due to the failure of the public body to comply with the other
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D. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the holding of conferences between two or
 more public bodies, or their representatives, but these conferences shall be subject to the same
 procedures for holding closed meetings as are applicable to any other public body.

298 E. This section shall not be construed to (i) require the disclosure of any contract between the 299 Department of Health Professions and an impaired practitioner entered into pursuant to Chapter 25.1 300 (§ 54.1-2515 et seq.) of Title 54.1 or (ii) require the board of directors of any authority created pursuant to the Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act (§ 15.2-4900 et seq.), or any public body 301 302 empowered to issue industrial revenue bonds by general or special law, to identify a business or industry 303 to which subdivision A 5 applies. However, such business or industry shall be identified as a matter of 304 public record at least 30 days prior to the actual date of the board's authorization of the sale or issuance 305 of such bonds.

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393 19. Discussion of plans to protect public safety as it relates to terrorist activity or specific 394 cybersecurity threats or vulnerabilities and briefings by staff members, legal counsel, or law-enforcement 395 or emergency service officials concerning actions taken to respond to such matters or a related threat to 396 public safety; discussion of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 2 or 14 of § 2.2-3705.2, 397 where discussion in an open meeting would jeopardize the safety of any person or the security of any 398 facility, building, structure, information technology system, or software program; or discussion of reports 399 or plans related to the security of any governmental facility, building or structure, or the safety of 400 persons using such facility, building, or structure.

401 20. Discussion by the Board of the Virginia Retirement System, acting pursuant to § 51.1-124.30, or 402 of any local retirement system, acting pursuant to § 51.1-803, or by a local finance board or board of 403 trustees of a trust established by one or more local public bodies to invest funds for postemployment 404 benefits other than pensions, acting pursuant to Article 8 (§ 15.2-1544 et seq.) of Chapter 15 of Title 405 15.2, or by the board of visitors of the University of Virginia, acting pursuant to § 23.1-2210, or by the Board of the Virginia College Savings Plan, acting pursuant to § 23.1-706, regarding the acquisition, 406 407 holding, or disposition of a security or other ownership interest in an entity, where such security or 408 ownership interest is not traded on a governmentally regulated securities exchange, to the extent that 409 such discussion (i) concerns confidential analyses prepared for the board of visitors of the University of 410 Virginia, prepared by the retirement system, or a local finance board or board of trustees, or the Virginia College Savings Plan or provided to the retirement system, a local finance board or board of trustees, or 411 the Virginia College Savings Plan under a promise of confidentiality, of the future value of such 412 413 ownership interest or the future financial performance of the entity, and (ii) would have an adverse 414 effect on the value of the investment to be acquired, held, or disposed of by the retirement system, a 415 local finance board or board of trustees, the board of visitors of the University of Virginia, or the Virginia College Savings Plan. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prevent the disclosure 416 of information relating to the identity of any investment held, the amount invested, or the present value 417 418 of such investment.

419 21. Those portions of meetings in which individual child death cases are discussed by the State Child 420 Fatality Review Team established pursuant to § 32.1-283.1, those portions of meetings in which 421 individual child death cases are discussed by a regional or local child fatality review team established 422 pursuant to § 32.1-283.2, those portions of meetings in which individual death cases are discussed by 423 family violence fatality review teams established pursuant to § 32.1-283.3, those portions of meetings in 424 which individual adult death cases are discussed by the state Adult Fatality Review Team established 425 pursuant to § 32.1-283.5, those portions of meetings in which individual adult death cases are discussed 426 by a local or regional adult fatality review team established pursuant to § 32.1-283.6, those portions of 427 meetings in which individual death cases are discussed by overdose fatality review teams established 428 pursuant to § 32.1-283.7, those portions of meetings in which individual maternal death cases are

429 discussed by the Maternal Mortality Review Team pursuant to § 32.1-283.8, and those portions of
430 meetings in which individual death cases of persons with developmental disabilities are discussed by the
431 Developmental Disabilities Mortality Review Committee established pursuant to § 37.2-314.1.

432 22. Those portions of meetings of the board of visitors of the University of Virginia or Old 433 Dominion University, as the case may be, and those portions of meetings of any persons to whom 434 management responsibilities for the University of Virginia Medical Center or the Eastern Virginia Health 435 Sciences Center at Old Dominion University, as the case may be, have been delegated, in which there is 436 discussed proprietary, business-related information pertaining to the operations of the University of 437 Virginia Medical Center or the Eastern Virginia Health Sciences Center at Old Dominion University, as 438 the case may be, including business development or marketing strategies and activities with existing or 439 future joint venturers, partners, or other parties with whom the University of Virginia Medical Center or the Eastern Virginia Health Sciences Center at Old Dominion University, as the case may be, has 440 441 formed, or forms, any arrangement for the delivery of health care, if disclosure of such information 442 would adversely affect the competitive position of the University of Virginia Medical Center or the 443 Eastern Virginia Health Sciences Center at Old Dominion University, as the case may be.

444 23. Discussion or consideration by the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority 445 or the board of visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University of any of the following: the acquisition or 446 disposition by the Authority of real property, equipment, or technology software or hardware and related 447 goods or services, where disclosure would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Authority; matters relating to gifts or bequests to, and fund-raising activities of, the 448 449 Authority; grants and contracts for services or work to be performed by the Authority; marketing or 450 operational strategies plans of the Authority where disclosure of such strategies or plans would adversely 451 affect the competitive position of the Authority; and members of the Authority's medical and teaching 452 staffs and qualifications for appointments thereto.

453 24. Those portions of the meetings of the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program Committee within
454 the Department of Health Professions to the extent such discussions identify any practitioner who may
455 be, or who actually is, impaired pursuant to Chapter 25.1 (§ 54.1-2515 et seq.) of Title 54.1.

456 25. Meetings or portions of meetings of the Board of the Virginia College Savings Plan wherein
457 personal information, as defined in § 2.2-3801, which has been provided to the Board or its employees
458 by or on behalf of individuals who have requested information about, applied for, or entered into
459 prepaid tuition contracts or savings trust account agreements pursuant to Chapter 7 (§ 23.1-700 et seq.)
460 of Title 23.1 is discussed.

26. Discussion or consideration, by the former Wireless Carrier E-911 Cost Recovery Subcommittee
created pursuant to former § 56-484.15, of trade secrets submitted by CMRS providers, as defined in
§ 56-484.12, related to the provision of wireless E-911 service.

27. Those portions of disciplinary proceedings by any regulatory board within the Department of
Professional and Occupational Regulation, Department of Health Professions, or the Board of
Accountancy conducted pursuant to § 2.2-4019 or 2.2-4020 during which the board deliberates to reach
a decision or meetings of health regulatory boards or conference committees of such boards to consider
settlement proposals in pending disciplinary actions or modifications to previously issued board orders as
requested by either of the parties.

28. Discussion or consideration of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 11 of
§ 2.2-3705.6 by a responsible public entity or an affected locality or public entity, as those terms are
defined in § 33.2-1800, or any independent review panel appointed to review information and advise the
responsible public entity concerning such records.

474 29. Discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including
475 interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where
476 discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of
477 the public body.

30. Discussion or consideration of grant or loan application information subject to the exclusion insubdivision 17 of § 2.2-3705.6 by the Commonwealth Health Research Board.

480 31. Discussion or consideration by the Commitment Review Committee of information subject to the
481 exclusion in subdivision 5 of § 2.2-3705.2 relating to individuals subject to commitment as sexually
482 violent predators under Chapter 9 (§ 37.2-900 et seq.) of Title 37.2.

32. Discussion or consideration of confidential proprietary information and trade secrets developed
and held by a local public body providing certain telecommunication services or cable television services
and subject to the exclusion in subdivision 18 of § 2.2-3705.6. However, the exemption provided by this
subdivision shall not apply to any authority created pursuant to the BVU Authority Act (§ 15.2-7200 et seq.).

488 33. Discussion or consideration by a local authority created in accordance with the Virginia Wireless
489 Service Authorities Act (§ 15.2-5431.1 et seq.) of confidential proprietary information and trade secrets
490 subject to the exclusion in subdivision 19 of § 2.2-3705.6.

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491 34. Discussion or consideration by the State Board of Elections or local electoral boards of voting492 security matters made confidential pursuant to § 24.2-410.2 or 24.2-625.1.

493 35. Discussion or consideration by the Forensic Science Board or the Scientific Advisory Committee
494 created pursuant to Article 2 (§ 9.1-1109 et seq.) of Chapter 11 of Title 9.1 of criminal investigative
495 files.

496 36. Discussion or consideration by the Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Committee of
497 information or confidential matters subject to the exclusion in subdivision A 3 of § 2.2-3705.4, and
498 meetings of the Committee to deliberate concerning the annual maximum scholarship award, review and
499 consider scholarship applications and requests for scholarship award renewal, and cancel, rescind, or
500 recover scholarship awards.

501 37. Discussion or consideration by the Virginia Port Authority of information subject to the exclusion
502 in subdivision 1 of § 2.2-3705.6 related to certain proprietary information gathered by or for the Virginia
503 Port Authority.

38. Discussion or consideration by the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Retirement System acting pursuant to § 51.1-124.30, by the Investment Advisory Committee appointed pursuant to § 51.1-124.26, by any local retirement system, acting pursuant to § 51.1-803, by the Board of the Virginia College Sor Savings Plan acting pursuant to § 23.1-706, or by the Virginia College Savings Plan's Investment Advisory Committee appointed pursuant to § 23.1-702 of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 24 of § 2.2-3705.7.

510 39. Discussion or consideration of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 3 of 511 § 2.2-3705.6 related to economic development.

40. Discussion or consideration by the Board of Education of information relating to the denial,
suspension, or revocation of teacher licenses subject to the exclusion in subdivision 11 of § 2.2-3705.3.

514 41. Those portions of meetings of the Virginia Military Advisory Council or any commission created 515 by executive order for the purpose of studying and making recommendations regarding preventing 516 closure or realignment of federal military and national security installations and facilities located in 517 Virginia and relocation of such facilities to Virginia, or a local or regional military affairs organization 518 appointed by a local governing body, during which there is discussion of information subject to the 519 exclusion in subdivision 8 of § 2.2-3705.2.

42. Discussion or consideration by the Board of Trustees of the Veterans Services Foundation of
information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 28 of § 2.2-3705.7 related to personally identifiable
information of donors.

43. Discussion or consideration by the Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission of
information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 23 of § 2.2-3705.6 related to certain information
contained in grant applications.

44. Discussion or consideration by the board of directors of the Commercial Space Flight Authority
of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 24 of § 2.2-3705.6 related to rate structures or
charges for the use of projects of, the sale of products of, or services rendered by the Authority and
certain proprietary information of a private entity provided to the Authority.

530 45. Discussion or consideration of personal and proprietary information related to the resource 531 management plan program and subject to the exclusion in (i) subdivision 25 of § 2.2-3705.6 or (ii) 532 subsection E of § 10.1-104.7. This exclusion shall not apply to the discussion or consideration of records 533 that contain information that has been certified for release by the person who is the subject of the 534 information or transformed into a statistical or aggregate form that does not allow identification of the 535 person who supplied, or is the subject of, the information.

46. Discussion or consideration by the Board of Directors of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control
Authority of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 1 of § 2.2-3705.3 related to
investigations of applicants for licenses and permits and of licensees and permittees.

539 47. Discussion or consideration of grant, loan, or investment application records subject to the
540 exclusion in subdivision 28 of § 2.2-3705.6 for a grant, loan, or investment pursuant to Article 11
541 (§ 2.2-2351 et seq.) of Chapter 22.

542 48. Discussion or development of grant proposals by a regional council established pursuant to
543 Article 26 (§ 2.2-2484 et seq.) of Chapter 24 to be submitted for consideration to the Virginia Growth
544 and Opportunity Board.

49. Discussion or consideration of (i) individual sexual assault cases by a sexual assault response
team established pursuant to § 15.2-1627.4, (ii) individual child abuse or neglect cases or sex offenses
involving a child by a child sexual abuse response team established pursuant to § 15.2-1627.5, or (iii)
individual cases involving abuse, neglect, or exploitation of adults as defined in § 63.2-1603 pursuant to
§ 15.2-1627.5 and 63.2-1605.

550 50. Discussion or consideration by the Board of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership 551 Authority, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, or any subcommittees thereof, of the 552 portions of the strategic plan, marketing plan, or operational plan exempt from disclosure pursuant to 553 subdivision 33 of § 2.2-3705.7.

554 51. Those portions of meetings of the subcommittee of the Board of the Virginia Economic 555 Development Partnership Authority established pursuant to subsection F of § 2.2-2237.3 to review and 556 discuss information received from the Virginia Employment Commission pursuant to subdivision C 2 of 557 § 60.2-114 and the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement pursuant to subsection B 558 of § 2.2-2040.

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52. Discussion or consideration by the Commonwealth of Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority 560 (the Authority), an advisory committee of the Authority, or any other entity designated by the Authority, of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 35 of § 2.2-3705.7. 561

53. Deliberations of the Virginia Lottery Board conducted pursuant to § 58.1-4105 regarding the 562 denial or revocation of a license of a casino gaming operator, or the refusal to issue, suspension of, or 563 564 revocation of any license or permit related to casino gaming, and discussion, consideration, or review of 565 matters related to investigations excluded from mandatory disclosure under subdivision 1 of 566 § 2.2-3705.3.

54. Deliberations of the Virginia Lottery Board in an appeal conducted pursuant to § 58.1-4007 567 568 regarding the denial of, revocation of, suspension of, or refusal to renew any license or permit related to 569 sports betting and any discussion, consideration, or review of matters related to investigations excluded 570 from mandatory disclosure under subdivision 1 of § 2.2-3705.3.

571 55. Deliberations of the Virginia Lottery Board in an appeal conducted pursuant to § 58.1-4007 regarding the denial of, revocation of, suspension of, or refusal to renew any license related to skill 572 game machines and any discussion, consideration, or review of matters related to investigations 573 574 excluded from mandatory disclosure under subdivision 1 of § 2.2-3705.3.

575 B. No resolution, ordinance, rule, contract, regulation or motion adopted, passed or agreed to in a 576 closed meeting shall become effective unless the public body, following the meeting, reconvenes in open 577 meeting and takes a vote of the membership on such resolution, ordinance, rule, contract, regulation, or 578 motion that shall have its substance reasonably identified in the open meeting.

579 C. Public officers improperly selected due to the failure of the public body to comply with the other 580 provisions of this section shall be de facto officers and, as such, their official actions are valid until they 581 obtain notice of the legal defect in their election.

582 D. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the holding of conferences between two or 583 more public bodies, or their representatives, but these conferences shall be subject to the same 584 procedures for holding closed meetings as are applicable to any other public body.

585 E. This section shall not be construed to (i) require the disclosure of any contract between the Department of Health Professions and an impaired practitioner entered into pursuant to Chapter 25.1 (§ 54.1-2515 et seq.) of Title 54.1 or (ii) require the board of directors of any authority created pursuant 586 587 588 to the Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act (§ 15.2-4900 et seq.), or any public body 589 empowered to issue industrial revenue bonds by general or special law, to identify a business or industry 590 to which subdivision A 5 applies. However, such business or industry shall be identified as a matter of 591 public record at least 30 days prior to the actual date of the board's authorization of the sale or issuance 592 of such bonds. 593

§ 11-16.3. Exemption; play of authorized skill game machines.

594 This chapter shall not apply to the play of skill game machines or related activity that is lawful 595 under Chapter 42 (§ 58.1-4200 et seq.) of Title 58.1 or to any contract, conduct, or transaction arising 596 from conduct lawful thereunder. 597

§ 18.2-325. Definitions.

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1. As used in this article, unless the context requires a different meaning:

599 "Gambling device" includes:

1. Any device, machine, paraphernalia, equipment, or other thing, including books, records, and 600 601 other papers, that are actually used in an illegal gambling operation or activity; and

602 2. Any machine, apparatus, implement, instrument, contrivance, board, or other thing, or electronic 603 or video versions thereof, including those dependent upon the insertion of a coin or other object for 604 their operation, which operates, either completely automatically or with the aid of some physical act by 605 the player or operator, in such a manner that, depending upon elements of chance, it may eject 606 something of value or determine the prize or other thing of value to which the player is entitled, 607 provided, however, that the return to the user of nothing more than additional chances or the right to use such machine is not deemed something of value within the meaning of this definition, and provided 608 609 further, that machines that only sell, or entitle the user to, items of merchandise of equivalent value that 610 may differ from each other in composition, size, shape, or color, shall not be deemed gambling devices 611 within the meaning of this definition.

Such devices are no less gambling devices if they indicate beforehand the definite result of one or 612 613 more operations but not all the operations. Nor are they any less a gambling device because, apart

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614 from their use or adaptability as such, they may also sell or deliver something of value on a basis other615 than chance.

⁶¹⁶ "Illegal gambling" means the making, placing, or receipt of any bet or wager in the Commonwealth
⁶¹⁷ of money or other consideration or thing of value, made in exchange for a chance to win a prize, stake,
⁶¹⁸ or other consideration or thing of value, dependent upon the result of any game, contest, or any other
⁶¹⁹ event the outcome of which is uncertain or a matter of chance, whether such game, contest, or event
⁶²⁰ occurs or is to occur inside or outside the limits of the Commonwealth.

For the purposes of this subdivision *definition* and notwithstanding any provision in this section to the contrary, the making, placing, or receipt of any bet or wager of money or other consideration or thing of value shall include the purchase of a product, Internet access, or other thing made in exchange for a chance to win a prize, stake, or other consideration or thing of value by means of the operation of a gambling device as described in subdivision 3 + 2 of the definition of "gambling device," regardless of whether the chance to win such prize, stake, or other consideration or thing of value may be offered in the absence of a purchase.

"Illegal gambling" also means the playing or offering for play of any skill game.

629 "Illegal gambling" does not include the playing or offering for play of any skill game machine **630** authorized pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 42 (§ 58.1-4200 et seq.) of Title 58.1.

631 2. "Interstate gambling" means the conduct of an enterprise for profit that engages in the purchase or
632 sale within the Commonwealth of any interest in a lottery of another state or country whether or not
633 such interest is an actual lottery ticket, receipt, contingent promise to pay, order to purchase, or other
634 record of such interest.

635 <u>3. "Gambling device" includes:</u>

a. Any device, machine, paraphernalia, equipment, or other thing, including books, records, and other
 papers, which are actually used in an illegal gambling operation or activity;

- 638 b. Any machine, apparatus, implement, instrument, contrivance, board, or other thing, or electronic or 639 video versions thereof, including but not limited to those dependent upon the insertion of a coin or other 640 object for their operation, which operates, either completely automatically or with the aid of some 641 physical act by the player or operator, in such a manner that, depending upon elements of chance, it 642 may eject something of value or determine the prize or other thing of value to which the player is 643 entitled, provided, however, that the return to the user of nothing more than additional chances or the 644 right to use such machine is not deemed something of value within the meaning of this subsection; and 645 provided further, that machines that only sell, or entitle the user to, items of merchandise of equivalent **646** value that may differ from each other in composition, size, shape, or color, shall not be deemed 647 gambling devices within the meaning of this subsection; and
- 648 c. Skill games.

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649 Such devices are no less gambling devices if they indicate beforehand the definite result of one or 650 more operations but not all the operations. Nor are they any less a gambling device because, apart from 651 their use or adaptability as such, they may also sell or deliver something of value on a basis other than 652 chance.

4. "Operator" includes any person, firm, or association of persons, who conducts, finances, manages,
 supervises, directs, or owns all or part of an illegal gambling enterprise, activity, or operation.

655 5. "Skill" means the knowledge, dexterity, or any other ability or expertise of a natural person.

656 6. "Skill game" means an electronic, computerized, or mechanical contrivance, terminal, machine, or 657 other device that requires the insertion of a coin, currency, ticket, token, or similar object to operate, 658 activate, or play a game, the outcome of which is determined by any element of skill of the player and 659 that may deliver or entitle the person playing or operating the device to receive cash or cash equivalents, 660 gift cards, vouchers, billets, tickets, tokens, or electronic credits to be exchanged for cash or cash equivalents whether the payoff is made automatically from the device or manually. "Skill game" **661** includes (i) a device that contains a meter or measurement device that records the number of free games 662 663 or portions of games that are rewarded and (ii) a device designed or adapted to enable a person using 664 the device to increase the chances of winning free games or portions of games by paying more than the 665 amount that is ordinarily required to play the game. "Skill game" does not include any amusement 666 device, as defined in § 18.2-334.6.

667 7. "Unregulated location" means any location that is not regulated or operated by the Virginia Lottery
668 or *the* Virginia Lottery Board, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Virginia
669 Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority, or the Virginia Racing Commission.

670 § 18.2-334. Exception to article; private residences.

671 Nothing in this article shall be construed to make it illegal to participate in a game of chance
672 conducted in a private residence, provided such private residence is not commonly used for such games
673 of chance and there is no operator as defined in subsection 4 of § 18.2-325.

674 § 18.2-334.7. Exemptions to article; skill game machines.

675 Nothing in this article shall be construed to make it illegal to play any skill game machine or conduct any related activity that is lawful under Chapter 42 (§ 58.1-4200 et seq.) of Title 58.1. 676

§ 19.2-389. Dissemination of criminal history record information. 677

678 A. Criminal history record information shall be disseminated, whether directly or through an 679 intermediary, only to:

680 1. Authorized officers or employees of criminal justice agencies, as defined by § 9.1-101, for 681 purposes of the administration of criminal justice and the screening of an employment application or **682** review of employment by a criminal justice agency with respect to its own employees or applicants, and 683 dissemination to the Virginia Parole Board, pursuant to this subdivision, of such information on all **684** state-responsible inmates for the purpose of making parole determinations pursuant to subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 of § 53.1-136 shall include collective dissemination by electronic means every 30 days. For **685** purposes of this subdivision, criminal history record information includes information sent to the Central 686 Criminal Records Exchange pursuant to §§ 37.2-819 and 64.2-2014 when disseminated to any full-time 687 or part-time employee of the State Police, a police department or sheriff's office that is a part of or 688 administered by the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof, and who is responsible for the 689 690 prevention and detection of crime and the enforcement of the penal, traffic, or highway laws of the 691 Commonwealth for the purposes of the administration of criminal justice;

2. Such other individuals and agencies that require criminal history record information to implement **692** 693 a state or federal statute or executive order of the President of the United States or Governor that 694 expressly refers to criminal conduct and contains requirements or exclusions expressly based upon such 695 conduct, except that information concerning the arrest of an individual may not be disseminated to a 696 noncriminal justice agency or individual if an interval of one year has elapsed from the date of the arrest and no disposition of the charge has been recorded and no active prosecution of the charge is 697 698 pending:

699 3. Individuals and agencies pursuant to a specific agreement with a criminal justice agency to provide 700 services required for the administration of criminal justice pursuant to that agreement which shall specifically authorize access to data, limit the use of data to purposes for which given, and ensure the 701 702 security and confidentiality of the data;

703 4. Individuals and agencies for the express purpose of research, evaluative, or statistical activities 704 pursuant to an agreement with a criminal justice agency that shall specifically authorize access to data, 705 limit the use of data to research, evaluative, or statistical purposes, and ensure the confidentiality and 706 security of the data;

707 5. Agencies of state or federal government that are authorized by state or federal statute or executive 708 order of the President of the United States or Governor to conduct investigations determining 709 employment suitability or eligibility for security clearances allowing access to classified information; 710

6. Individuals and agencies where authorized by court order or court rule;

711 7. Agencies of any political subdivision of the Commonwealth, public transportation companies 712 owned, operated, or controlled by any political subdivision, and any public service corporation that operates a public transit system owned by a local government for the conduct of investigations of 713 applicants for employment, permit, or license whenever, in the interest of public welfare or safety, it is 714 715 necessary to determine under a duly enacted ordinance if the past criminal conduct of a person with a conviction record would be compatible with the nature of the employment, permit, or license under 716 717 consideration;

718 7a. Commissions created pursuant to the Transportation District Act of 1964 (§ 33.2-1900 et seq.) of 719 Title 33.2 and their contractors, for the conduct of investigations of individuals who have been offered a 720 position of employment whenever, in the interest of public welfare or safety and as authorized in the 721 Transportation District Act of 1964, it is necessary to determine if the past criminal conduct of a person 722 with a conviction record would be compatible with the nature of the employment under consideration;

723 8. Public or private agencies when authorized or required by federal or state law or interstate 724 compact to investigate (i) applicants for foster or adoptive parenthood or (ii) any individual, and the adult members of that individual's household, with whom the agency is considering placing a child or 725 from whom the agency is considering removing a child due to abuse or neglect, on an emergency, 726 temporary, or permanent basis pursuant to §§ 63.2-901.1 and 63.2-1505, subject to the restriction that 727 the data shall not be further disseminated to any party other than a federal or state authority or court as 728 729 may be required to comply with an express requirement of law;

730 9. To the extent permitted by federal law or regulation, public service companies as defined in § 56-1, for the conduct of investigations of applicants for employment when such employment involves 731 732 personal contact with the public or when past criminal conduct of an applicant would be incompatible 733 with the nature of the employment under consideration;

10. The appropriate authority for purposes of granting citizenship and for purposes of international 734 735 travel, including, but not limited to, issuing visas and passports;

736 11. A person requesting a copy of his own criminal history record information as defined in

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737 § 9.1-101 at his cost, except that criminal history record information shall be supplied at no charge to a
738 person who has applied to be a volunteer with (i) a Virginia affiliate of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of
739 America; (ii) a volunteer fire company; (iii) the Volunteer Emergency Families for Children; (iv) any
740 affiliate of Prevent Child Abuse, Virginia; (v) any Virginia affiliate of Compeer; or (vi) any board
741 member or any individual who has been offered membership on the board of a Crime Stoppers, Crime
742 Solvers, or Crime Line program as defined in § 15.2-1713.1;

743 12. Administrators and board presidents of and applicants for licensure or registration as a child 744 welfare agency as defined in § 63.2-100 for dissemination to the Commissioner of Social Services' 745 representative pursuant to § 63.2-1702 for the conduct of investigations with respect to employees of and 746 volunteers at such facilities, caretakers, and foster and adoptive parent applicants of private child-placing 747 agencies, pursuant to §§ 63.2-1719, 63.2-1720, and 63.2-1721, subject to the restriction that the data 748 shall not be further disseminated by the facility or agency to any party other than the data subject, the 749 Commissioner of Social Services' representative or a federal or state authority or court as may be 750 required to comply with an express requirement of law for such further dissemination; however, nothing 751 in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit the Commissioner of Social Services' representative 752 from issuing written certifications regarding the results of a background check that was conducted before 753 July 1, 2021, in accordance with subsection J of § 22.1-289.035 or § 22.1-289.039;

754 13. The school boards of the Commonwealth for the purpose of screening individuals who are
755 offered or who accept public school employment and those current school board employees for whom a
756 report of arrest has been made pursuant to § 19.2-83.1;

14. The Virginia Lottery for the conduct of investigations as set forth in the Virginia Lottery Law
(§ 58.1-4000 et seq.) and, casino gaming as set forth in Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.) of Title 58.1,
and skill game machines as set forth in Chapter 42 (§ 58.1-4200 et seq.) of Title 58.1, and the
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the conduct of investigations as set forth in
Article 1.1:1 (§ 18.2-340.15 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2;

15. Licensed nursing homes, hospitals, and home care organizations for the conduct of investigations
of applicants for compensated employment in licensed nursing homes pursuant to § 32.1-126.01, hospital
pharmacies pursuant to § 32.1-126.02, and home care organizations pursuant to § 32.1-162.9:1, subject to
the limitations set out in subsection E;

16. Licensed assisted living facilities and licensed adult day care centers for the conduct of
investigations of applicants for compensated employment in licensed assisted living facilities and
licensed adult day care centers pursuant to § 63.2-1720, subject to the limitations set out in subsection F;
17. The Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority for the conduct of investigations as set forth
in § 4.1-103.1;

18. The State Board of Elections and authorized officers and employees thereof and general registrars
appointed pursuant to § 24.2-110 in the course of conducting necessary investigations with respect to
voter registration, limited to any record of felony convictions;

19. The Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (the Commissioner) or his
designees for individuals who are committed to the custody of or being evaluated by the Commissioner
pursuant to §§ 19.2-168.1, 19.2-169.1, 19.2-169.2, 19.2-169.5, 19.2-169.6, 19.2-182.2, 19.2-182.3,
19.2-182.8, and 19.2-182.9 where such information may be beneficial for the purpose of placement,
evaluation, treatment, or discharge planning;

20. Any alcohol safety action program certified by the Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety
Action Program for (i) interventions with first offenders under § 18.2-251 or (ii) services to offenders
under § 18.2-51.4, 18.2-266, or 18.2-266.1;

782 21. Residential facilities for juveniles regulated or operated by the Department of Social Services, the
783 Department of Education, or the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for the
784 purpose of determining applicants' fitness for employment or for providing volunteer or contractual
785 services;

786 22. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and facilities operated by the
787 Department for the purpose of determining an individual's fitness for employment pursuant to
788 departmental instructions;

789 23. Pursuant to § 22.1-296.3, the governing boards or administrators of private elementary or
790 secondary schools which are accredited pursuant to § 22.1-19 or a private organization coordinating such
791 records information on behalf of such governing boards or administrators pursuant to a written
792 agreement with the Department of State Police;

793 24. Public institutions of higher education and nonprofit private institutions of higher education for794 the purpose of screening individuals who are offered or accept employment;

25. Members of a threat assessment team established by a local school board pursuant to § 22.1-79.4,
by a public institution of higher education pursuant to § 23.1-805, or by a private nonprofit institution of
higher education, for the purpose of assessing or intervening with an individual whose behavior may

798 present a threat to safety; however, no member of a threat assessment team shall redisclose any criminal
799 history record information obtained pursuant to this section or otherwise use any record of an individual
800 beyond the purpose that such disclosure was made to the threat assessment team;

801 26. Executive directors of community services boards or the personnel director serving the community services board for the purpose of determining an individual's fitness for employment, approval as a sponsored residential service provider, permission to enter into a shared living arrangement with a person receiving medical assistance services pursuant to a waiver, or permission for any person under contract with the community services board to serve in a direct care position on behalf of the community services board pursuant to §§ 37.2-506, 37.2-506.1, and 37.2-607;

27. Executive directors of behavioral health authorities as defined in § 37.2-600 for the purpose of
determining an individual's fitness for employment, approval as a sponsored residential service provider,
permission to enter into a shared living arrangement with a person receiving medical assistance services
pursuant to a waiver, or permission for any person under contract with the behavioral health authority to
serve in a direct care position on behalf of the behavioral health authority pursuant to §§ 37.2-506,
37.2-506.1, and 37.2-607;

813 28. The Commissioner of Social Services for the purpose of locating persons who owe child support
814 or who are alleged in a pending paternity proceeding to be a putative father, provided that only the
815 name, address, demographics, and social security number of the data subject shall be released;

816 29. Authorized officers or directors of agencies licensed pursuant to Article 2 (§ 37.2-403 et seq.) of 817 Chapter 4 of Title 37.2 by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for the 818 purpose of determining if any applicant who accepts employment in any direct care position or requests 819 approval as a sponsored residential service provider, permission to enter into a shared living arrangement 820 with a person receiving medical assistance services pursuant to a waiver, or permission for any person under contract with the provider to serve in a direct care position has been convicted of a crime that 821 822 affects his fitness to have responsibility for the safety and well-being of individuals with mental illness, 823 intellectual disability, or substance abuse pursuant to §§ 37.2-416, 37.2-416.1, 37.2-506, 37.2-506.1, and 37.2-607; 824

825 30. The Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, for the purpose of evaluating applicants
826 for and holders of a motor carrier certificate or license subject to the provisions of Chapters 20
827 (§ 46.2-2000 et seq.) and 21 (§ 46.2-2100 et seq.) of Title 46.2;

828 31. The Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary or the Chairman of the House
829 Committee for Courts of Justice for the purpose of determining if any person being considered for
830 election to any judgeship has been convicted of a crime;

831 32. Heads of state agencies in which positions have been identified as sensitive for the purpose of
832 determining an individual's fitness for employment in positions designated as sensitive under Department
833 of Human Resource Management policies developed pursuant to § 2.2-1201.1;

834 33. The Office of the Attorney General, for all criminal justice activities otherwise permitted under
835 subdivision A 1 and for purposes of performing duties required by the Civil Commitment of Sexually
836 Violent Predators Act (§ 37.2-900 et seq.);

837 34. Shipyards, to the extent permitted by federal law or regulation, engaged in the design,
838 construction, overhaul, or repair of nuclear vessels for the United States Navy, including their subsidiary
839 companies, for the conduct of investigations of applications for employment or for access to facilities,
840 by contractors, leased laborers, and other visitors;

841 35. Any employer of individuals whose employment requires that they enter the homes of others, for842 the purpose of screening individuals who apply for, are offered, or have accepted such employment;

36. Public agencies when and as required by federal or state law to investigate (i) applicants as
providers of adult foster care and home-based services or (ii) any individual with whom the agency is
considering placing an adult on an emergency, temporary, or permanent basis pursuant to § 63.2-1601.1,
subject to the restriction that the data shall not be further disseminated by the agency to any party other
than a federal or state authority or court as may be required to comply with an express requirement of
law for such further dissemination, subject to limitations set out in subsection G;

849 37. The Department of Medical Assistance Services, or its designee, for the purpose of screening
850 individuals who, through contracts, subcontracts, or direct employment, volunteer, apply for, are offered,
851 or have accepted a position related to the provision of transportation services to enrollees in the
852 Medicaid Program or the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) Program, or any other
853 program administered by the Department of Medical Assistance Services;

854 38. The State Corporation Commission for the purpose of investigating individuals who are current
855 or proposed members, senior officers, directors, and principals of an applicant or person licensed under
856 Chapter 16 (§ 6.2-1600 et seq.), Chapter 19 (§ 6.2-1900 et seq.), or Chapter 26 (§ 6.2-2600 et seq.) of
857 Title 6.2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if an application is denied based in whole or in
858 part on information obtained from the Central Criminal Records Exchange pursuant to Chapter 16, 19,
859 or 26 of Title 6.2, the Commissioner of Financial Institutions or his designee may disclose such

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860 information to the applicant or its designee;

39. The Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation for the purpose of investigatingindividuals for initial licensure pursuant to § 54.1-2106.1;

40. The Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services and the Department for the Blind and
Vision Impaired for the purpose of evaluating an individual's fitness for various types of employment
and for the purpose of delivering comprehensive vocational rehabilitation services pursuant to Article 11

866 (§ 51.5-170 et seq.) of Chapter 14 of Title 51.5 that will assist the individual in obtaining employment;

867 41. Bail bondsmen, in accordance with the provisions of § 19.2-120;

42. The State Treasurer for the purpose of determining whether a person receiving compensation for wrongful incarceration meets the conditions for continued compensation under § 8.01-195.12;

870 43. The Department of Education or its agents or designees for the purpose of screening individuals
871 seeking to enter into a contract with the Department of Education or its agents or designees for the
872 provision of child care services for which child care subsidy payments may be provided;

44. The Department of Juvenile Justice to investigate any parent, guardian, or other adult members of
a juvenile's household when completing a predispositional or postdispositional report required by
§ 16.1-273 or a Board of Juvenile Justice regulation promulgated pursuant to § 16.1-233;

45. The State Corporation Commission, for the purpose of screening applicants for insurance877 licensure under Chapter 18 (§ 38.2-1800 et seq.) of Title 38.2;

878 46. Administrators and board presidents of and applicants for licensure or registration as a child day 879 program or family day system, as such terms are defined in § 22.1-289.02, for dissemination to the 880 Superintendent of Public Instruction's representative pursuant to § 22.1-289.013 for the conduct of 881 investigations with respect to employees of and volunteers at such facilities pursuant to §§ 22.1-289.034 882 through 22.1-289.037, subject to the restriction that the data shall not be further disseminated by the 883 facility or agency to any party other than the data subject, the Superintendent of Public Instruction's 884 representative, or a federal or state authority or court as may be required to comply with an express 885 requirement of law for such further dissemination; however, nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit the Superintendent of Public Instruction's representative from issuing written 886 887 certifications regarding the results of prior background checks in accordance with subsection J of 888 § 22.1-289.035 or § 22.1-289.039;

889 47. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children for the purpose of screening individuals890 who are offered or accept employment or will be providing volunteer or contractual services with the891 National Center for Missing and Exploited Children; and

892 48. Other entities as otherwise provided by law.

893 Upon an ex parte motion of a defendant in a felony case and upon the showing that the records
894 requested may be relevant to such case, the court shall enter an order requiring the Central Criminal
895 Records Exchange to furnish the defendant, as soon as practicable, copies of any records of persons
896 designated in the order on whom a report has been made under the provisions of this chapter.

897 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, upon a written request sworn to 898 before an officer authorized to take acknowledgments, the Central Criminal Records Exchange, or the 899 criminal justice agency in cases of offenses not required to be reported to the Exchange, shall furnish a 900 copy of conviction data covering the person named in the request to the person making the request; 901 however, such person on whom the data is being obtained shall consent in writing, under oath, to the 902 making of such request. A person receiving a copy of his own conviction data may utilize or further 903 disseminate that data as he deems appropriate. In the event no conviction data is maintained on the data 904 subject, the person making the request shall be furnished at his cost a certification to that effect.

B. Use of criminal history record information disseminated to noncriminal justice agencies under this
section shall be limited to the purposes for which it was given and may not be disseminated further,
except as otherwise provided in subdivision A 46.

908 C. No criminal justice agency or person shall confirm the existence or nonexistence of criminal 909 history record information for employment or licensing inquiries except as provided by law.

910 D. Criminal justice agencies shall establish procedures to query the Central Criminal Records 911 Exchange prior to dissemination of any criminal history record information on offenses required to be 912 reported to the Central Criminal Records Exchange to ensure that the most up-to-date disposition data is 913 being used. Inquiries of the Exchange shall be made prior to any dissemination except in those cases 914 where time is of the essence and the normal response time of the Exchange would exceed the necessary 915 time period. A criminal justice agency to whom a request has been made for the dissemination of 916 criminal history record information that is required to be reported to the Central Criminal Records 917 Exchange may direct the inquirer to the Central Criminal Records Exchange for such dissemination. 918 Dissemination of information regarding offenses not required to be reported to the Exchange shall be 919 made by the criminal justice agency maintaining the record as required by § 15.2-1722.

920 E. Criminal history information provided to licensed nursing homes, hospitals and to home care

921 organizations pursuant to subdivision A 15 shall be limited to the convictions on file with the Exchange 922 for any offense specified in §§ 32.1-126.01, 32.1-126.02, and 32.1-162.9:1.

923 F. Criminal history information provided to licensed assisted living facilities and licensed adult day 924 care centers pursuant to subdivision A 16 shall be limited to the convictions on file with the Exchange 925 for any offense specified in § 63.2-1720.

926 G. Criminal history information provided to public agencies pursuant to subdivision A 36 shall be 927 limited to the convictions on file with the Exchange for any offense set forth in clause (i) of the 928 definition of barrier crime in § 19.2-392.02.

929 H. Upon receipt of a written request from an employer or prospective employer, the Central Criminal 930 Records Exchange, or the criminal justice agency in cases of offenses not required to be reported to the 931 Exchange, shall furnish at the employer's cost a copy of conviction data covering the person named in 932 the request to the employer or prospective employer making the request, provided that the person on 933 whom the data is being obtained has consented in writing to the making of such request and has 934 presented a photo-identification to the employer or prospective employer. In the event no conviction data 935 is maintained on the person named in the request, the requesting employer or prospective employer shall 936 be furnished at his cost a certification to that effect. The criminal history record search shall be 937 conducted on forms provided by the Exchange.

938 I. Nothing in this section shall preclude the dissemination of a person's criminal history record 939 information pursuant to the rules of court for obtaining discovery or for review by the court.

940 § 37.2-314.2. Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Fund. 941

A. As used in this section:

"Compulsive gambling" means persistent and recurrent problem gambling behavior leading to 942 943 clinically significant impairment or distress, as indicated by an individual exhibiting four or more of the criteria as defined by the Diagnostic Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders in a 12-month period and 944 945 where the behavior is not better explained by a manic episode.

946 "Problem gambling" means a gambling behavior that causes disruptions in any major area of life, 947 including the psychological, social, or vocational areas of life, but does not fulfill the criteria for 948 diagnosis as a gambling disorder.

949 B. There is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund to be known as the 950 Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Fund, referred to in this section as "the Fund." The Fund 951 shall be established on the books of the Comptroller. All revenue accruing to the Fund pursuant to 952 subsection A of § 58.1-4038 and, moneys required to be deposited into the Fund pursuant to Chapter 41 953 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.) of Title 58.1, and moneys required to be deposited into the Fund pursuant to 954 subdivision B 1 of § 58.1-4212 shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Fund. Interest 955 earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys remaining in the Fund, including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund 956 957 but shall remain in the Fund. Moneys in the Fund shall be used solely for the purposes of (i) providing 958 counseling and other support services for compulsive and problem gamblers, (ii) developing and 959 implementing compulsive and problem gambling treatment and prevention programs, and (iii) providing 960 grants to support organizations that provide assistance to compulsive and problem gamblers. 961 Expenditures and disbursements from the Fund shall be made by the State Treasurer on warrants issued 962 by the Comptroller upon written request signed by the Commissioner.

§ 58.1-4002. Definitions. 963 964

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

"Board" means the Virginia Lottery Board established by this chapter.

"Casino gaming" or "game" means baccarat, blackjack, twenty-one, poker, craps, dice, slot machines, roulette wheels, Klondike tables, punchboards, faro layouts, numbers tickets, push cards, jar tickets, or 966 967 pull tabs and any other activity that is authorized by the Board as a wagering game or device under Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.). "Casino gaming" or "game" includes on-premises mobile casino 968 969 970 gaming.

971 "Department" means the independent agency responsible for the administration of the Virginia 972 Lottery pursuant to this article and the regulation of sports betting pursuant to Article 2 (§ 58.1-4030 et 973 seq.), casino gaming pursuant to Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.), and skill game machines pursuant to 974 Chapter 42 (§ 58.1-4200 et seq.).

975 "Director" means the Director of the Virginia Lottery.

976 "Lottery" or "state lottery" means the lottery or lotteries established and operated pursuant to this 977 chapter article.

978 'On-premises mobile casino gaming" means casino gaming offered by a casino gaming operator at a 979 casino gaming establishment using a computer network of both federal and nonfederal interoperable 980 packet-switched data networks through which the casino gaming operator may offer casino gaming to 981 individuals who have established an on-premises mobile casino gaming account with the casino gaming 982 operator and who are physically present on the premises of the casino gaming establishment, as

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983 authorized by regulations promulgated by the Board. **984**

"Sports betting" means placing wagers on sporting events as such activity is regulated by the Board.

985 "Ticket courier service" means a service operated for the purpose of purchasing Virginia Lottery 986 tickets on behalf of individuals located within or outside of the Commonwealth and delivering or 987 transmitting such tickets, or electronic images thereof, to such individuals as a business-for-profit **988** delivery service.

989 "Voluntary exclusion program" means a program established by the Board pursuant to § 58.1-4015.1 990 that allows individuals to voluntarily exclude themselves from engaging in the activities described in 991 subdivision B 1 of § 58.1-4015.1 by placing their name on a voluntary exclusion list and following the 992 procedures set forth by the Board.

993 § 58.1-4003. Virginia Lottery established.

994 Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 1 (§ 18.2-325 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2 or any 995 other provision of law, there is hereby established as an independent agency of the Commonwealth, 996 exclusive of the legislative, executive, or judicial branches of government, the Virginia Lottery, which 997 shall include a Director and a the Virginia Lottery Board for the purpose purposes of operating a state **998** lottery and regulating sports betting pursuant to Article 2 (§ 58.1-4030 et seq.), casino gaming pursuant 999 to Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.), and skill game machines pursuant to Chapter 42 (§ 58.1-4200 et 1000 seq.). 1001

§ 58.1-4006. Powers of the Director.

A. The Director shall supervise and administer:

1003 1. The operation of the lottery in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and with the rules 1004 and regulations promulgated hereunder pursuant to this chapter; and

1005 2. The regulation of sports betting in accordance with Article 2 (§ 58.1-4030 et seq.) and with the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this chapter; 1006

1007 3. The regulation of casino gaming in accordance with Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.) and with the 1008 rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to that chapter; and

1009 4. The regulation of skill game machines in accordance with Chapter 42 (§ 58.1-4200 et seq.) and 1010 with the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to that chapter.

1011 B. The Director shall also:

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1012 1. Employ such deputy directors, professional, technical, and clerical assistants, and other employees 1013 as may be required to carry out the functions and duties of the Department.

1014 2. Act as secretary and executive officer of the Board.

1015 3. Require bond or other surety satisfactory to the Director from licensed agents as provided in 1016 subsection E of § 58.1-4009 and Department employees with access to Department funds or lottery 1017 funds, in such amount as provided in the rules and regulations of the Board. The Director may also 1018 require bond from other employees as he deems necessary.

1019 4. Confer regularly, but not less than four times each year, with the Board on the operation and 1020 administration of the lottery, and the regulation of sports betting, casino gaming, and skill game 1021 machines; make available for inspection by the Board, upon request, all books, records, files, and other information and documents of the Department; and advise the Board and recommend such matters as he 1022 1023 deems necessary and advisable to improve the operation and administration of the lottery and the 1024 regulation of sports betting, casino gaming, and skill game machines.

1025 5. Suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew any license issued pursuant to this chapter or the rules and 1026 regulations adopted hereunder pursuant to this chapter.

1027 6. Suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew any license or permit issued pursuant to Chapter 41 1028 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.).

1029 7. Eject or exclude from a casino gaming establishment any person, whether or not he possesses a 1030 license or permit, whose conduct or reputation is such that his presence may, in the opinion of the 1031 Director, reflect negatively on the honesty and integrity of casino gaming or interfere with the orderly 1032 gaming operations.

1033 8. Immediately upon the receipt of a credible complaint of an alleged criminal violation of Chapter 1034 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.), report the complaint to the Attorney General and the State Police for 1035 appropriate action.

1036 9. Inspect and investigate, and have free access to, the offices, facilities, or other places of business 1037 of any licensee or permit holder and may compel the production of any of the books, documents, 1038 records, or memoranda of any licensee or permit holder for the purpose of ensuring compliance with 1039 Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.) and Department regulations.

1040 10. Compel any person holding a license or permit pursuant to Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.) to 1041 file with the Department such information as shall appear to the Director to be necessary for the 1042 performance of the Department's functions, including financial statements and information relative to 1043 principals and all others with any pecuniary interest in such person.

1044 11. Impose a fine or penalty not to exceed \$1 million upon any person determined, in proceedings 1045 commenced pursuant to § 58.1-4105, to have violated any of the provisions of Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 1046 et seq.) or regulations promulgated by the Board.

1047 12. Enter into arrangements with any foreign or domestic governmental agency for the purposes of 1048 exchanging information or performing any other act to better ensure the proper conduct of casino 1049 gaming operations or the efficient conduct of the Director's duties.

1050 13. Enter into contracts for the operation of the lottery, or any part thereof, for the promotion of the 1051 lottery and into interstate lottery contracts with other states. A contract awarded or entered into by the 1052 Director shall not be assigned by the holder thereof except by specific approval of the Director.

1053 14. Certify monthly to the State Comptroller and the Board a full and complete statement of lottery 1054 revenues, prize disbursements and other expenses for the preceding month.

15. Report monthly to the Governor, the Secretary of Finance, and the Chairmen of the Senate 1055 1056 Committee on Finance and Appropriations, House Committee on Finance, and House Committee on 1057 Appropriations the total lottery revenues, prize disbursements, and other expenses for the preceding 1058 month and make an annual report, which shall include a full and complete statement of lottery revenues, 1059 prize disbursements, and other expenses, as well as a separate financial statement of the expenses 1060 incurred in the regulation of casino gaming operations as defined in § 58.1-4100, to the Governor and the General Assembly. Such annual report shall also include such recommendations for changes in this 1061 1062 chapter and Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.) as the Director and Board deem necessary or desirable.

1063 16. Report immediately to the Governor and the General Assembly any matters that require immediate changes in the laws of the Commonwealth in order to prevent abuses and evasions of this chapter and, Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.), and Chapter 42 (§ 58.1-4200 et seq.), or the rules and 1064 1065 1066 regulations adopted hereunder pursuant to the provisions of such chapters, or to rectify undesirable 1067 conditions in connection with the administration or operation of the lottery.

1068 17. Notify prize winners and appropriate state and federal agencies of the payment of prizes in excess of \$600 in the manner required by the lottery rules and regulations. 1069

1070 18. Provide for the withholding of the applicable amount of state and federal income tax of persons 1071 claiming a prize for a winning ticket in excess of \$5,001.

1072 19. Participate in the Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Advisory Committee established pursuant to § 37.2-304 by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to enable 1073 collaboration among prevention and treatment providers and operators of legal gaming in the 1074 Commonwealth on efforts to reduce the negative effects of problem gambling. 1075

1076 C. The Director and the director of security or investigators appointed by the Director shall be vested 1077 with the powers of sheriff and sworn to enforce the statutes and regulations pertaining to the Department 1078 and to investigate violations of the statutes and regulations that the Director is required to enforce.

1079 D. The Director may authorize temporary bonus or incentive programs for payments to licensed sales 1080 agents that he determines will be cost effective and support increased sales of lottery products. 1081

§ 58.1-4007. Powers of the Board.

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1082 A. The Board shall have the power to adopt regulations governing the establishment and operation of 1083 a lottery pursuant to this article and, sports betting pursuant to Article 2 (§ 58.1-4030 et seq.), casino 1084 gaming pursuant to Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.), and skill game machines pursuant to Chapter 42 1085 (§ 58.1-4200 et seq.). The regulations governing the establishment and operation of the lottery and, 1086 sports betting, casino gaming, and skill game machines shall be promulgated by the Board after 1087 consultation with the Director. Such regulations shall be in accordance with the Administrative Process 1088 Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.). The regulations shall provide for all matters necessary or desirable for the 1089 efficient, honest, and economical operation and administration of the lottery and, sports betting, casino gaming, and skill game machines and for the convenience of the purchasers of tickets or shares, the 1090 1091 holders of winning tickets or shares, and sports bettors, casino gaming patrons, and the players of skill 1092 game machines. The regulations, which may be amended, repealed, or supplemented as necessary, shall 1093 include the following: 1094

1. The type or types of lottery or game to be conducted in accordance with § 58.1-4001.

2. The price or prices of tickets or shares in the lottery.

3. The numbers and sizes of the prizes on the winning tickets or shares, including informing the 1096 1097 public of the approximate odds of winning and the proportion of lottery revenues (i) disbursed as prizes 1098 and (ii) returned to the Commonwealth as net revenues.

1099 4. The manner of selecting the winning tickets or shares.

1100 5. The manner of payment of prizes to the holders of winning tickets or shares.

6. The frequency of the drawings or selections of winning tickets or shares without limitation. 1101

7. Without limitation as to number, the type or types of locations at which tickets or shares may be 1102 1103 sold.

8. The method to be used in selling tickets or shares, including the sale of tickets or shares over the 1104 1105 Internet.

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1106 9. The advertisement of the lottery in accordance with the provisions of subsection E of § 58.1-4022.

1107 10. The licensing of agents to sell tickets or shares who will best serve the public convenience and 1108 promote the sale of tickets or shares. No person under the age of 18 shall be licensed as an agent. A 1109 licensed agent may employ a person who is 16 years of age or older to sell or otherwise vend tickets at 1110 the agent's place of business so long as the employee is supervised in the selling or vending of tickets 1111 by the manager or supervisor in charge at the location where the tickets are being sold. Employment of 1112 such person shall be in compliance with Chapter 5 (\S 40.1-78 et seq.) of Title 40.1.

1113 11. The manner and amount of compensation, if any, to be paid licensed sales agents necessary to 1114 provide for the adequate availability of tickets or shares to prospective buyers and for the convenience 1115 of the public. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision, the Board shall not be required to 1116 approve temporary bonus or incentive programs for payments to licensed sales agents.

1117 12. Apportionment of the total revenues accruing from the sale of tickets or shares and from all other 1118 sources and establishment of the amount of the special reserve fund as provided in § 58.1-4022.

13. Such other matters necessary or desirable for the efficient and economical operation and 1119 1120 administration of the lottery.

1121 14. The operation of sports betting pursuant to Article 2 (§ 58.1-4030 et seq.). In adopting such 1122 regulations, the Board shall establish a consumer protection program and publish a consumer protection 1123 bill of rights. Such program and bill of rights shall include measures to protect sports bettors, as defined 1124 in § 58.1-4030, with respect to identity, funds and accounts, consumer complaints, self-exclusion, and 1125 any other consumer protection measure the Board determines to be reasonable. 1126

15. The administration of a voluntary exclusion program as provided in § 58.1-4015.1.

1127 The Department shall not be subject to the provisions of Chapter 43 the Virginia Public Procurement 1128 Act (§ 2.2-4300 et seq.) of Title 2.2; however, the Board shall promulgate regulations, after consultation 1129 with the Director, relative to departmental procurement which include standards of ethics for 1130 procurement consistent with the provisions of Article 6 (§ 2.2-4367 et seq.) of Chapter 43 of Title 2.2 1131 the Virginia Public Procurement Act and which ensure that departmental procurement will be based on 1132 competitive principles.

1133 The Board shall have the power to advise and recommend, but shall have no power to veto or 1134 modify administrative decisions of the Director. However, the Board shall have the power to accept, 1135 modify, or reject any revenue projections before such projections are forwarded to the Governor.

1136 B. The Board shall carry on a continuous study and investigation of the lottery and, sports betting, 1137 casino gaming, and skill game machines throughout the Commonwealth to:

1138 1. Ascertain any defects of this chapter or the regulations issued hereunder which pursuant to this 1139 chapter that cause abuses in the administration and operation of the lottery and, sports betting and, 1140 casino gaming, or skill game machines or any evasions of such provisions.

1141 2. Formulate, with the Director, recommendations for changes in this chapter and the regulations 1142 promulgated hereunder pursuant to this chapter to prevent such abuses and evasions.

1143 3. Guard against the use of this chapter and the regulations promulgated hereunder pursuant to this 1144 *chapter* as a subterfuge for organized crime and illegal gambling.

1145 4. Ensure that this law and the regulations of the Board are in such form and are so administered as 1146 to serve the true purpose of this chapter.

1147 C. The Board shall make a continuous study and investigation of (i) the operation and the 1148 administration of similar laws that may be in effect in other states or countries; (ii) any literature on the 1149 subject that may be published or available; (iii) any federal laws that may affect the operation of the 1150 lottery and, sports betting, casino gaming, and skill game machines; and (iv) the reaction of Virginia 1151 citizens to the potential features of the lottery and, sports betting, casino gaming, and skill game 1152 machines with a view to recommending or effecting changes that will serve the purpose of this chapter. 1153

D. The Board shall hear and decide an appeal of any denial:

1154 1. Denial by the Director of the licensing or revocation of a license of a lottery agent pursuant to 1155 subdivision A 10 of this section and subdivision B 5 of § 58.1-4006. The Board shall hear and decide 1156 an appeal of any penalty;

2. Penalty, denial of a permit or renewal, or suspension or revocation of a permit imposed by the 1157 1158 Director pursuant to Article 2 (§ 58.1-4030 et seq.);

1159 3. Penalty, denial of a permit or license or renewal, or suspension or revocation of a permit or 1160 license imposed by the Director pursuant to Chapter 41 (§ 58.1-4100 et seq.); and

1161 4. Penalty, denial by the Director of a license or renewal, or suspension or revocation of a license 1162 imposed by the Director pursuant to Chapter 42 (§ 58,1-4200 et seq.).

1163 E. The Board shall have the authority to initiate procedures for the planning, acquisition, and construction of capital projects as set forth in Article 4 (§ 2.2-1129 et seq.) of Chapter 11 and Article 3 1164 1165 (§ 2.2-1819 et seq.) of Chapter 18 of Title 2.2.

1166 F. The Board may adjust the percentage of uncollectible gaming receivables allowed to be subtracted 1170

1167 from adjusted gross revenue, as defined in § 58.1-4030, if it determines that a different percentage is 1168 reasonable and customary in the sports betting industry. 1169

CHAPTER 42.

VIRGINIA SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT.

1171 § 58.1-4200. Definitions.

1172 As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

1173 "ABC retail licensee" means a person who possesses a valid retail license issued by the Board of 1174 Directors of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority and who is in good standing.

1175 "Board" means the Virginia Lottery Board.

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"Department" means the Virginia Department of Taxation. "Distributor" means a person registered with the Board that sells, leases, offers, or provides and 1177 1178 distributes skill game machines to an operator for use or play in the Commonwealth.

1179 "Establishment" means a person registered with the Board that permits an operator to place and 1180 operate skill game machines on the establishment's premises pursuant to this chapter.

1181 "Gross revenue" means all revenue generated from the play of skill game machines minus prizes 1182 paid out to players.

1183 "Inducement" means (i) consideration paid, directly or indirectly, from a distributor or operator, or 1184 another person on behalf of a distributor or operator, to an establishment, or an employee of the 1185 establishment, directly or indirectly, as an enticement to solicit or maintain the establishment's business 1186 or (ii) cash, incentive, marketing and advertising cost, gift, food, beverage, loan, prepayment of skill 1187 game revenue, or other contribution or payment that offsets an establishment's operational costs, or as 1188 otherwise determined by the Board.

1189 "Operator" means a person registered with the Board to operate skill game machines by (i) purchasing or leasing skill game machines from a registered distributor, (ii) providing skill game 1190 1191 machines to registered establishments, (iii) ensuring payment of prizes to players and collection of skill game machine revenue, and (iv) providing onsite collection of skill game machine data reporting as 1192 1193 required by this chapter.

1194 "Person" means an individual, partnership, joint venture, association, limited liability company, stock 1195 corporation, or nonstock corporation and includes any person that directly or indirectly controls or is 1196 under common control with another person.

1197 "Single play" means the period beginning when a player activates and pays for the interactive 1198 gameplay function of a skill game and ending at the time when the gameplay function or series of free 1199 subgames thereunder will not continue without payment by the player of additional consideration.

1200 Skill game" or "skill game machine" means an electronic, computerized, or mechanical contrivance, 1201 terminal, machine, or other device that requires the insertion of a coin, currency, ticket, token, or 1202 similar object to operate, activate, or play a game, the outcome of which is determined by the 1203 predominant skill of the player and that may deliver or entitle the person playing or operating the 1204 device to receive cash or cash equivalents, gift cards, vouchers, billets, tickets, tokens, or electronic 1205 credits to be exchanged for cash or cash equivalents whether the payoff is made automatically from the device or manually. "Skill game" or "skill game machine" includes (i) any device that contains a meter 1206 1207 or measurement device that records the number of free games or portions of games that are rewarded and (ii) any device designed or adapted to enable a person using the device to increase the chances of 1208 1209 winning free games or portions of games by paying more than the amount that is ordinarily required to 1210 play the game. Skill game machines shall be programmed so that the maximum consideration to play is 1211 \$5 and the maximum winnings per a single play does not exceed \$5,000.

1212 "Truck stop" means an establishment that (i) is equipped with diesel islands used for fueling 1213 commercial motor vehicles; (ii) has sold, on average, at least 50,000 gallons of diesel or biodiesel fuel each month for the previous 12 months, or is projected to sell an average of at least 50,000 gallons of 1214 1215 diesel or biodiesel fuel each month for the next 12 months; (iii) has parking spaces dedicated to 1216 commercial motor vehicles; (iv) has a convenience store; and (v) is situated on not less than three acres 1217 of land that the establishment owns or leases. 1218

§ 58.1-4201. Powers and duties of the Board related to skill game machines; penalty.

1219 A. The Board shall promulgate regulations governing the ownership, placement, use, and operation 1220 of skill game machines and any associated equipment.

1221 B. The Board shall designate three nationally recognized and accredited laboratories to conduct the 1222 requisite skill game machine equipment and software evaluation and approval pursuant to the 1223 requirements in § 58.1-4208.

1224 C. The Board shall conduct a background investigation, to include a criminal history records search, 1225 which may include a fingerprint-based national criminal history records search, on each applicant for 1226 registration. The Board may refuse to issue a registration to any person or entity that has engaged in 1227 conduct prejudicial to public confidence in the Board or been (i) convicted of a crime involving moral 1228 turpitude, (ii) convicted of any form of illegal gambling, or (iii) convicted of a felony. The Board may

refuse to grant a registration or may suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a registration issued pursuant
to this chapter to a corporation, limited liability company, or partnership if the Board determines that
any officer, director, manager, or general or limited partner has engaged in conduct prejudicial to
public confidence in the Board or been (a) convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, (b) convicted
of any form of illegal gambling, or (c) convicted of a felony. Any person that knowingly falsifies,
conceals, or misrepresents a material fact or knowingly makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement
or representation in any application for registration to the Board is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

1236 D. The Board shall require that each distributor submit a monthly report detailing the following:

1237 1. The total number of skill game machines provided for play in Virginia by the operator;

1238 2. The address of each location where skill game machines are provided for play by the operator;

1239 3. The total number of skill game machines provided for play by the operator at each respective 1240 location;

4. The total amount wagered during the previous month on each skill game machine provided for play by the operator at each establishment where the skill game machine was provided; and

1243 5. The total amount of prizes or winnings awarded during the previous month on each skill game 1244 machine provided for play by the operator at each establishment where the skill game machine was 1245 provided.

1246 E. The Board shall issue decals for each skill game machine registered pursuant to this chapter
1247 bearing the seal of the Commonwealth that include the words "Certified Skill Game Machine" and bear
1248 the effective dates of registration. Such decals shall be affixed by the operator on each registered skill
1249 game machine provided to each establishment for play.

F. Whenever it appears to the Board that any person has violated any provision of this chapter, the
Director may apply to the appropriate circuit court for an injunction against such person. Any order
granting or refusing such injunction shall be subject to appeal as in other cases in equity.

1253 G. Whenever the Board has reasonable cause to believe that a violation of this chapter may have 1254 occurred, the Board, upon its own motion or upon complaint of any person, may investigate any 1255 distributor, operator, or establishment to determine whether such distributor, operator, or establishment 1256 has violated the provisions of this chapter.

1257 § 58.1-4202. Registration of distributors, operators, and establishments required; certification of 1258 skill game machines required; recordkeeping; application; application fees.

1259 A. No operator shall place any skill game machine in the Commonwealth without first being 1260 registered with the Board. No distributor shall sell, lease, offer, or provide any skill game machine to 1261 an operator for use or play in the Commonwealth without first being registered with the Board. No 1262 establishment shall offer any skill game machine for play without first being registered with the Board. 1263 Applications for registration shall be on forms prescribed by the Board. The Board shall require each 1264 distributor that submits an application pursuant to this section to certify that any skill game machine 1265 such distributor seeks to sell, lease, offer, or provide for use or play in the Commonwealth has received 1266 proper certification from an independent testing laboratory certifying that such skill game machine and any associated equipment aligns with the definition of "skill game" in § 58.1-4200. 1267

1268 B. Every registration submitted pursuant to this chapter shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable **1269** fee as follows:

1270 *1. For initial registration:*

- *a. Distributor: \$500,000;*
- 1272 b. Operator: \$100,000; and
- **1273** *c. Establishment:* \$250.
- **1274** *2. For registration renewal:*
- **1275** *a. Distributor:* \$250,000;
- 1276 b. Operator: \$10,000; and
- 1277 c. Establishment: \$100.

1278 C. Each application for registration as a distributor shall be accompanied by a bond with surety for
1279 \$1 million to be filed with the Board. Each application for registration as an operator shall be accompanied by a bond with surety for \$250,000 to be filed with the Board. Such bonds shall be for the purpose of covering any indebtedness by such registrants to the Board.

1282 D. No person registered as a distributor shall be eligible to register as an operator or an
1283 establishment or have any interest in any person registered as an operator or an establishment pursuant
1284 to the provisions of this chapter.

1285 No person registered as an operator shall be eligible to register as a distributor or an establishment
1286 or have any interest in any person registered as a distributor or establishment pursuant to the
1287 provisions of this chapter.

1288 No person registered as an establishment shall be eligible to register as an operator or a distributor **1289** or have any interest in any person registered as an operator or a distributor pursuant to the provisions

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1290 of this chapter.

1291 E. Each distributor and operator registered pursuant to this chapter shall maintain complete, 1292 accurate, and separate records for a period of two years of all funds expended for play in each skill 1293 game machine and all game outcomes, including information sufficient to ensure the collection of the 1294 tax required by § 58.1-4212. The records shall be available for inspection and copying by the Board 1295 during reasonable hours. Each skill game machine shall be made available for the Board to conduct 1296 periodic audits. 1297

§ 58.1-4203. Suspension or revocation of registration; civil penalty.

1298 A. After a hearing with 15 days' notice, the Board may suspend or revoke any registration or impose 1299 on such distributor, operator, or establishment a civil penalty of not more than \$25,000 for each 1300 violation of this chapter, not to exceed \$100,000, in any case where a violation of this chapter has been 1301 shown by a preponderance of the evidence.

1302 B. If any such registration is suspended or revoked, the Board shall state its reasons for doing so, 1303 which shall be entered of record. Such action shall be final unless appealed in accordance with 1304 § 58.1-4204. Suspension or revocation of a registration issued by the Board for any violation shall not 1305 preclude civil liability for such violation.

1306 C. All civil penalties shall be paid into the Virginia Small Business Economic Development Fund 1307 established in § 58.1-4206. 1308

§ 58.1-4204. Hearing and appeal.

1309 Any person aggrieved by a denial of the Board to issue a registration, the suspension or revocation 1310 of a registration, the imposition of any fine or civil penalty, or any other action of the Board may seek review of such action in accordance with Article 5 (§ 2.2-4025 et seq.) of the Administrative Process Act 1311 1312 in the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond. Further appeals shall also be in accordance with Article 5 1313 of the Administrative Process Act. 1314

§ 58.1-4205. Registration not endorsement.

1315 No registered operator shall use or exploit the fact of registration pursuant to this chapter so as to 1316 lead the public to believe that such registration in any manner constitutes an endorsement or approval 1317 by the Commonwealth. 1318

§ 58.1-4206. Virginia Small Business Economic Development Fund.

1319 There is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund to be known as the Virginia 1320 Small Business Economic Development Fund, referred to in this section as "the Fund." The Fund shall 1321 be established on the books of the Comptroller. All fees, charges, and civil penalties collected by the 1322 Board as provided in this chapter shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Fund. Interest 1323 earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys remaining in the Fund, including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Moneys in the Fund shall be used solely for the purposes of financing the 1324 1325 1326 administration and operation of skill game machines pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. Expenditures and disbursements from the Fund shall be made by the State Treasurer on warrants issued 1327 1328 by the Comptroller upon written request signed by the Director.

§ 58.1-4207. PreK-12 Priority Fund.

1330 There is hereby created in the state treasury a special permanent, nonreverting, interest-bearing fund 1331 to be known as the PreK-12 Priority Fund, referred to in this section as "the Fund." The Fund shall be 1332 established on the books of the Comptroller. The Fund shall consist of (i) any gross revenue tax 1333 distributed pursuant to subdivision $B \ 6 \ of \ 8 \ 58.1-4212$; (ii) any other moneys appropriated to it by the 1334 General Assembly; and (iii) such other sums as may be made available to it from any other source, 1335 public or private, all of which shall be credited to the Fund. Any moneys remaining in the Fund, 1336 including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall remain in the Fund and shall not revert 1337 to the general fund. All amounts credited to the Fund shall be used solely for public education purposes 1338 in the Commonwealth in accordance with the general appropriation act. Expenditures and disbursements 1339 from the Fund shall be made by the State Treasurer on warrants issued by the Comptroller upon written 1340 request signed by the Director. 1341

§ 58.1-4208. Software testing required; submission to Board.

1342 No skill game machine or associated equipment may be sold, leased, or used in the operation of skill 1343 game machines until an identical machine containing identical software has been evaluated and 1344 approved by a testing laboratory that has been formally recognized by the Board to uphold established 1345 standards of integrity in accordance with subsection B of § 58.1-4201. 1346

§ 58.1-4209. Limits on number of skill game machines.

1347 A. No operator shall locate more than three skill game machines in any ABC retail licensee or more 1348 than seven skill game machines in any truck stop.

B. The aggregate number of skill game machines in the Commonwealth shall not exceed 15.000. 1349

- 1350 § 58.1-4210. Restriction on age of player; attachment of notice to skill game machine; penalty.
- 1351 A. No person younger than 21 years of age shall be eligible to operate a skill game machine

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- **1352** regulated pursuant to this chapter. A distributor shall adhere to the front of all skill game machines a **1353** notice in 16-point Times New Roman bold font the following notice: "It is unlawful for any person
- 1354 under the age of 21 to play this game."

B. No establishment registered with the Board shall knowingly allow any person younger than 21
years of age to play any skill game machine or redeem any winnings from the operation of a skill game
machine. Any person convicted of violating this section is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

- 1358 § 58.1-4211. Inducement prohibited.
- 1359 No distributor or operator shall offer to or otherwise provide any inducement to any establishment.
- 1360 § 58.1-4212. Tax on gross revenue; distribution of gross and net revenue.
- A. Distributors shall remit to the Department a monthly tax equal to 22 percent of the gross revenuefor each skill game machine that such distributor provided for play during the previous month.
- **1363** B. The Department shall allocate the gross revenue tax collected pursuant to subsection A as **1364** follows:
- **1365** 1. Two percent to the Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Fund established pursuant to **1366** § 37.2-314.2;
- 1367 2. Six percent to the Department to cover the costs incurred in administering the provisions of this
 1368 section and, of the amounts remaining after such allocation to the Department, to the Board for the
 1369 purposes of implementing this chapter;
- 1370 3. Fifteen percent to the Department for distribution to the localities in which skill game machines 1371 are located;
- 4. One percent to the law-enforcement agencies that have primary law-enforcement responsibilities in any locality in which skill game machines are located;
- 1374 5. One percent to the Department of State Police to be used by the Office of the Gaming 1375 Enforcement Coordinator established pursuant to § 52-54; and
- 1376 6. Seventy-five percent to the PreK-12 Priority Fund established pursuant to § 58.1-4207.
- 1377 C. Allocation of funds by the Department pursuant to this section shall occur no later than 60 days 1378 after such funds are collected.
- 1379 § 58.1-4213. Limited disclosure of information permitted.
- 1380 Notwithstanding the provisions of § 58.1-3, the Department shall be permitted to disclose information
 1381 to the Board regarding the tax remitted by any distributor pursuant to this chapter.
- 1381 10 the Board regarding the dix remined by any distributor pursuant to this chap 1382 § 58.1-4214. Seizure of unlawful skill game machines; civil penalties.
- A. In addition to the penalties provided for in § 58.1-4203, any person or employee of such person who knowingly violates any provision of this chapter shall be liable for a civil penalty of not more than \$25,000 for each such violation. Such amount shall be recovered in a civil action brought by the Board and paid into the Virginia Small Business Economic Development Fund established in § 58.1-4206.
- B. In the event that a law-enforcement agency or the Board makes a determination that, other than as expressly provided for in this chapter or otherwise allowed by law, any other skill game machine is placed, exists, or is in operation in any establishment in violation of this chapter or the laws of the Commonwealth, including the operation of more than the maximum number of skill game machines authorized pursuant to § 58.1-4209, the law-enforcement agency or the Board may seize any such device pursuant to § 18.2-331.1, and the distributor, operator, or establishment shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$25,000 nor more than \$100,000 per device.
- 1394 § 58.1-4215. Skill game machines operated pursuant to this chapter not illegal gambling.
- 1395 Nothing contained in Article 1 (§ 18.2-325 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2 shall be applicable to a 1396 skill game machine operated in accordance with this chapter. The award of any prize money for the 1397 operation of any skill game machine shall not be deemed to be part of any gaming contract within the 1398 purview of § 11-14.
- 1399 2. That the Virginia Lottery Board (the Board) shall prescribe the forms for registration of 1400 distributors, operators, and establishments, accept payment of the required registration fees, and 1401 designate three nationally recognized laboratories as being authorized to conduct the requisite skill 1402 game machine equipment and software evaluation pursuant to the provisions of the first enactment 1403 of this act.
- 1404 3. That, by January 1, 2026, the Virginia Lottery Board (the Board) shall adopt regulations 1405 necessary to implement the provisions of this act. The Board's initial adoption of such regulations 1406 shall be exempt from the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq. of the Code of Virginia), 1407 except that the Board shall provide an opportunity for public comment on the regulations prior to 1408 adoption. The Board shall certify in writing to the Virginia Code Commission the date of final 1409 adoption of such regulations.
- 1410 4. That, notwithstanding the provisions of the first enactment of this act to the contrary, until the
- 1411 Virginia Lottery Board (the Board) adopts the regulations necessary to implement the provisions 1412 of this act pursuant to the third enactment of this act, the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control

1413 Authority (the Authority) may issue a provisional registration to any entity that is duly licensed or 1414 registered to engage in the distribution, operation, or hosting of any skill game machine in another state on July 1, 2024. The Authority shall establish procedures for the issuance of any provisional 1415 registration. The granting of a provisional registration pursuant to this enactment shall not entitle 1416 any such registered entity to the automatic granting of a registration by the Board pursuant to the 1417 1418 first enactment of this act. Distributing, operating, or hosting any skill game machine at any time 1419 between July 1, 2024, and the date upon which the regulations necessary to implement the 1420 provisions of this act are adopted by the Board pursuant to the third enactment of this act without 1421 obtaining a provisional registration from the Authority pursuant to this enactment may permanently disqualify a person from obtaining a registration from the Board pursuant to the 1422 1423 first enactment of this act. Any such disqualifications shall be within the sole discretion of the 1424 Board.

1425 5. That, notwithstanding the provisions of the first enactment of this act to the contrary, until the 1426 Virginia Lottery Board (the Board) adopts the regulations necessary to implement the provisions 1427 of this act pursuant to the third enactment of this act, any distributor with a provisional 1428 registration issued pursuant to the fourth enactment of this act shall remit a monthly tax to the 1429 Department of Taxation (the Department) equal to 22 percent of the gross revenue for each skill 1430 game machine that such distributor provided for play in Virginia during the previous month. The 1431 Department shall allocate (i) two percent of the tax revenue collected pursuant to this enactment 1432 to the Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Fund, established pursuant to § 37.2-314.2 of 1433 the Code of Virginia, as amended by this act; (ii) six percent of the tax revenue collected pursuant to this enactment to the Department for the costs of administering the tax collected pursuant to 1434 1435 this enactment and, of the amounts remaining after such allocation to the Department, to the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority (the Authority) for the purposes of implementing 1436 1437 the fourth enactment of this act; (iii) 15 percent of the tax revenue collected pursuant to this 1438 enactment to the localities in which the skill games are located; (iv) one percent of the tax revenue 1439 collected pursuant to this enactment to the law-enforcement agencies that have primary 1440 law-enforcement responsibilities in any locality in which skill game machines are located; (v) one 1441 percent of the tax revenue collected pursuant to this enactment to the Department of State Police 1442 to be used by the Office of the Gaming Enforcement Coordinator, established pursuant to § 52-54 1443 of the Code of Virginia; and (vi) 75 percent of the tax revenue collected pursuant to this enactment to the PreK-12 Priority Fund established pursuant to § 58.1-4207 of the Code of 1444 1445 Virginia, as created by this act. Allocation of funds by the Department pursuant to this enactment 1446 shall occur no later than 60 days after such funds are collected. For purposes of this enactment and the sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth enactments of this act, "distributor" means any person 1447 1448 that (a) manufactures and sells skill game machines, including software and hardware, and 1449 distributes such machines to an ABC retail licensee or a truck stop or (b) purchases or leases skill 1450 game machines from a manufacturer and provides such machines to an ABC retail licensee or a 1451 truck stop, and who otherwise maintains such skill game machines and is responsible for on-site data collection and accounting. For purposes of this enactment, "ABC retail licensee" means a 1452 1453 person that possesses a valid retail license issued by the Board of Directors of the Authority and 1454 who is in good standing. For purposes of this enactment, "truck stop" means an establishment (1) 1455 that is equipped with diesel islands used for fueling commercial motor vehicles; (2) has sold, on average, at least 50,000 gallons of diesel or biodiesel fuel each month for the previous 12 months, 1456 1457 or is projected to sell an average of at least 50,000 gallons of diesel or biodiesel fuel each month 1458 for the next 12 months; (3) has parking spaces dedicated to commercial motor vehicles; (4) has a 1459 convenience store; and (5) is situated on not less than three acres of land that the establishment 1460 owns or leases.

1461 6. That, beginning July 1, 2024, and each month following until the Virginia Lottery Board (the 1462 Board) adopts the regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act pursuant to the 1463 third enactment of this act, any distributor provisionally registered pursuant to the fourth 1464 enactment of this act shall submit a report to the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority 1465 (the Authority), in such form as required by the Authority, detailing (i) the total number of skill 1466 game machines provided for play in Virginia by the distributor, (ii) the address of each location 1467 where skill game machines are provided for play in Virginia by the distributor, (iii) the total number of skill game machines provided for play by the distributor at each respective location, 1468 1469 (iv) the total amount wagered during the previous month on each skill game machine provided for 1470 play in Virginia by the distributor at each respective location, and (v) the total amount of prizes 1471 or winnings awarded during the previous month on each skill game machine provided for play in Virginia by the distributor at each respective location. The Authority shall maintain and aggregate 1472 1473 information collected pursuant to this enactment and submit a report to the Governor, the 1474 Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, the Chairmen of the House

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- 1475 Committees on Appropriations and Finance, and the Director of the Virginia Lottery on a monthly 1476 basis. All such information collected and maintained shall also be provided to the Board when it 1477 adopts the regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act pursuant to the third 1478 enactment of this act. To the extent practicable, the Board of Directors of the Authority shall 1479 provide assistance to the Board in identifying any potential regulatory modifications necessary to 1480 assist the Board in promulgating regulations to implement the provisions of the first enactment of 1481 this act.
- 1482 7. That the total number of skill game machines provided for play in Virginia by a distributor
 1483 shall not exceed the total number of skill game machines reported by that distributor to the
 1484 Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority on its application for provisional registration,
 1485 pursuant to the fourth and sixth enactments of this act.
- 1486 8. That any distributor found by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority (the 1487 Authority) to be in violation of the fifth, sixth, or seventh enactments of this act shall be subject to 1488 a civil penalty of not less than \$25,000 and not more than \$50,000 per incident. Civil penalties 1489 collected pursuant to this enactment shall be paid to the Authority and remitted by the Authority 1490 to the PreK-12 Priority Fund established pursuant to \$ 58.1-4207 of the Code of Virginia, as 1491 created by this act.
- 9. That, notwithstanding the provisions of § 58.1-3 of the Code of Virginia, the Department of
 Taxation shall be permitted to disclose information to the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control
 Authority regarding the tax remitted by any distributor pursuant to the fifth enactment of this
- 1495 act.
- 1496 10. That, notwithstanding the provisions of § 58.1-3 of the Code of Virginia, the Department of 1497 Taxation shall be permitted to disclose information to the Virginia Lottery Board regarding the 1498 tax remitted by any distributor pursuant to § 58.1-4212 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this 1499 act.
- 1500 11. That the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth enactments of this act shall expire on 1501 the date that the Virginia Lottery Board (the Board) adopts the regulations necessary to 1502 implement the provisions of this act pursuant to the third enactment of this act.
- 1503 12. That, except for § 58.1-4207 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act, which shall become
- 1504 effective in due course, the first and tenth enactments of this act shall become effective on the date 1505 that the Virginia Lottery Board (the Board) adopts the regulations necessary to implement the
- 1506 provisions of this act pursuant to the third enactment of this act.
- 1507 13. That § 18.2-334.6 of the Code of Virginia is repealed.

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