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**HOUSE BILL NO. 664****AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**

(Proposed by the House Committee on Appropriations)

House Amendments in [ ] — February 17, 1998

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Almand)

*A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 14.1-112 and 16.1-273, as they are currently effective and as they may become effective, 14.1-134.1, 18.2-251, 18.2-252 [ , 18.2-270.1 ] and 19.2-299 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered 18.2-251.01, 18.2-251.02 and 18.2-271.3, relating to drug assessment of certain offenders; penalty.*

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

**1. That §§ 14.1-112 and 16.1-273, as they are currently effective and as they may become effective, 14.1-134.1, 18.2-251, 18.2-252 [ , 18.2-270.1 ] and 19.2-299 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted, and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding sections numbered 18.2-251.01, 18.2-251.02 and 18.2-271.3, as follows:**

§ 14.1-112. Clerks of circuit courts; generally.

A clerk of a circuit court shall, for services performed by virtue of his office, charge the following fees:

(1) When a writing is admitted to record under Chapter 2 (§ 17-33 et seq.) of Title 17, or Chapter 5 (§ 55-80 et seq.) or Chapter 6 (§ 55-106 et seq.) of Title 55, for everything relating to it, except the recording in the proper book; for receiving proof of acknowledgments, entering orders, endorsing clerk's certificate, and when required, embracing it in a list for the commissioner of the revenue, one dollar.

(2) For recording and indexing in the proper book any writing and all matters therewith, or for recording and indexing anything not otherwise provided for, thirteen dollars, including the fee of one dollar set forth in subdivision (1) for up to four pages and one dollar for each page over four pages, and for recording plats too large to be recorded in the deed books, and for each sheet thereof, thirteen dollars. This fee shall be in addition to the fee for recording a deed or other instrument recorded in conjunction with such plat sheet or sheets including the fee of one dollar set forth in subdivision (1). Only a single fee as authorized by this subdivision shall be charged for recording a certificate of satisfaction that releases the original deed of trust and any corrected or revised deeds of trust. In addition, a fee of one dollar shall be charged for indexing any document for each name indexed exceeding a total of ten in number. One dollar of the fee collected for recording and indexing shall be designated for use in preserving the permanent records of the circuit courts. The sum collected for this purpose shall be administered by The Library of Virginia in cooperation with the circuit court clerks.

(3) [Repealed.]

(4) For appointing and qualifying any personal representative, committee, trustee, guardian, or other fiduciary, in addition to any fees for recording allowed by this section, twenty dollars for estates not exceeding \$50,000, twenty-five dollars for estates not exceeding \$100,000 and thirty dollars for estates exceeding \$100,000. No fee shall be charged for estates of \$5,000 or less.

(5) For entering and granting and for issuing any license, other than a marriage license or a hunting and fishing license, and administering an oath when necessary, ten dollars.

(6) For issuing a marriage license, attaching certificate, administering or receiving all necessary oaths or affidavits, indexing and recording, ten dollars.

(7) For making out any bond, other than those under § 14.1-90 or subdivision (5) of this section, administering all necessary oaths and writing proper affidavits, three dollars.

(8) For issuing any execution, and recording the return thereof, \$1.50 and for all services rendered by the clerk in any garnishment or attachment proceeding the clerk's fee shall be fifteen dollars in cases not exceeding \$500 and twenty-five dollars in all other cases.

(9) [Repealed.]

(10) For making out a copy of any paper or record to go out of the office, which is not otherwise specifically provided for, a fee of fifty cents for each page. However, there shall be no charge to the recipient of a final order or decree to send an attested copy to such party.

(11) For annexing the seal of the court to any paper, writing the certificate of the clerk accompanying it, the clerk shall charge two dollars and for attaching the certificate of the judge, if the clerk is requested to do so, the clerk shall charge an additional fifty cents.

(12) through (14) [Repealed.]

(15) Upon conviction in felony cases or when a felony defendant's suspension of sentence and probation is revoked pursuant to § 19.2-306, other than a revocation for failure to pay prior court costs, the clerk shall charge the defendant thirty-six dollars in each case, one dollar of which shall be forwarded to the State Treasurer for deposit in the Regional Criminal Justice Academy Training Fund as

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60 provided in § 14.1-133.4, to be used for financial support of the regional criminal justice training  
61 academies.

62 In addition, in each case in which a person is convicted of a violation of any provision of Article 1  
63 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2, the clerk shall assess (i) a fee of ~~\$100~~ \$150 for each  
64 felony conviction and each felony disposition under § 18.2-251 *which shall be taxed as costs to the*  
65 *defendant and shall be paid into the Drug Offender Assessment Fund* and (ii) a fee of \$100 per case for  
66 any forensic laboratory analysis performed for use in prosecution of such violation. ~~Such fees which~~  
67 *shall be taxed as costs to the defendant and shall be paid into the general fund of the state treasury. The*  
68 *court may waive a part or all of the fee to be paid into the Drug Offender Assessment Fund if the court*  
69 *first finds by clear and convincing evidence that the person is financially unable to pay all of the fee.*

70 In addition, in all felony cases, including the revocation of suspension of sentence and probation held  
71 pursuant to § 19.2-306, other than a revocation for failure to pay prior court costs, the clerk shall collect  
72 and tax as costs (i) the expense of reporting or recording the trial or hearing in an amount equal to the  
73 per diem charges of the reporter or reasonable charge attributable to the cost of operating the mechanical  
74 or electronic devices in accordance with § 19.2-165, (ii) a fee of two dollars and fifty cents per charge,  
75 (iii) the fees of the attorney for the Commonwealth as provided for in § 14.1-121, (iv) the compensation  
76 of court-appointed counsel as provided in § 19.2-163, (v) the fees of the public defenders as provided  
77 for in § 19.2-163.2, (vi) the additional costs per charge imposed under § 19.2-368.18 to be deposited  
78 into the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund, and (vii) in any court of record in which electronic  
79 devices are used for the purpose of recording testimony, a sum not to exceed twenty dollars for each  
80 day or part of a day of the trial to be paid by the clerk into a special fund to be used for the purpose of  
81 repairing, replacing or supplementing such electronic devices, or if a sufficient amount is available, to  
82 pay the purchase price of such devices in whole or in part. For the purpose of this subdivision, repairing  
83 shall include maintenance or service contracts.

84 (16) Upon conviction in misdemeanor cases, the clerk shall charge the defendant twenty-six dollars  
85 in each case. Sums shall be collected for and paid to the benefit of the Virginia Crime Victim-Witness  
86 Fund as provided for in § 19.2-11.3 and one dollar of the amount collected hereunder shall be forwarded  
87 to the State Treasurer for deposit in the Regional Criminal Justice Academy Training Fund as provided  
88 in § 14.1-133.4, to be used for financial support of the regional criminal justice training academies,  
89 irrespective of whether the defendant was convicted of a misdemeanor chargeable under the Code of  
90 Virginia or pursuant to a local ordinance.

91 In addition, in each case in which a person is convicted of a violation of any provision of Article 1  
92 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2, the clerk shall assess (i) a fee of ~~fifty~~ seventy-five dollars  
93 for each misdemeanor conviction *which shall be taxed as costs to the defendant and shall be paid into*  
94 *the Drug Offender Assessment Fund, unless such fee has been assessed and taxed in the general district*  
95 *court as provided in § 14.1-134.1* and (ii) a fee of \$100 per case for any forensic laboratory analysis  
96 performed for use in prosecution of such violation. ~~Such fees which~~ shall be taxed as costs to the  
97 defendant and shall be paid into the general fund of the state treasury. *The court may waive a part or*  
98 *all of the fee to be paid into the Drug Offender Assessment Fund if the court first finds by clear and*  
99 *convincing evidence that the person is financially unable to pay all of the fee.*

100 In addition, for each misdemeanor case the clerk shall collect and tax as costs (i) the fees of the  
101 attorneys for the Commonwealth as provided for in § 14.1-121, (ii) the compensation of court-appointed  
102 counsel as provided in § 19.2-163, (iii) the fees of the public defenders as provided for in § 19.2-163.2,  
103 (iv) the additional costs imposed under § 19.2-368.18 to be deposited into the Criminal Injuries  
104 Compensation Fund, and (v) in any court in which electronic devices are used for the purpose of  
105 recording testimony, a sum not to exceed five dollars for each day or part of a day of the trial to be  
106 paid by the clerk into a special fund to be used for the purpose of repairing, replacing or supplementing  
107 such electronic devices, or if a sufficient amount is available, to pay the purchase price of such devices  
108 in whole or in part. For the purpose of this subdivision, repairing shall include maintenance or service  
109 contracts.

110 (16a) Upon the defendant's being required to successfully complete traffic school or a driver  
111 improvement clinic in lieu of a finding of guilty, the court shall charge the defendant fees and costs as  
112 if he had been convicted.

113 (17) In all actions at law the clerk's fee chargeable to the plaintiff shall be fifty dollars in cases not  
114 exceeding \$50,000, \$100 in cases not exceeding \$100,000, and \$150 in cases exceeding \$100,000; and  
115 in condemnation cases, a fee of twenty-five dollars, to be paid by the plaintiff at the time of instituting  
116 the action, this fee to be in lieu of any other fees. There shall be no fee charged for the filing of a  
117 cross-claim or setoff in any pending action. However, the fees prescribed by this subdivision shall be  
118 charged upon the filing of a counterclaim. The fees prescribed above shall be collected upon the filing  
119 of papers for the commencement of civil actions. This subdivision shall not be applicable to cases filed  
120 in the Supreme Court of Virginia.

121 (17a) In addition to the fees chargeable for actions at law, for the costs of proceedings for judgments

by confession under §§ 8.01-432 through 8.01-440, the clerk shall tax as costs (i) the cost of registered or certified mail, (ii) the statutory writ tax, in the amount required by law to be paid on a suit for the amount of the confessed judgment, (iii) for the sheriff for serving each copy of the order entering judgment, one dollar and twenty-five cents, and (iv) for docketing the judgment and issuing executions thereon, the same fees as prescribed in subdivision (22) of this section.

(18) [Repealed.]

(19) For qualifying notaries public, including the making out of the bond and any copies thereof, administering the necessary oaths, and entering the order, ten dollars.

(20) For each habeas corpus proceeding, the clerk shall receive ten dollars for all services required thereunder. This subdivision shall not be applicable to such suits filed in the Supreme Court of Virginia.

(21) [Repealed.]

(22) For docketing and indexing a judgment from any other court of this Commonwealth, for docketing and indexing a judgment in the new name of a judgment debtor pursuant to the provisions of § 8.01-451, but not when incident to a divorce, for noting and filing the assignment of a judgment pursuant to § 8.01-452, a fee of five dollars; and for issuing an abstract of any recorded judgment, when proper to do so, a fee of five dollars; and for filing, docketing, indexing and mailing notice of a foreign judgment, a fee of twenty dollars.

(23) For all services rendered by the clerk in any court proceeding for which no specific fee is provided by law, the clerk shall charge ten dollars, to be paid by the party filing said papers at the time of filing; however, this subdivision shall not be applicable in a divorce cause prior to and including the entry of a decree of divorce from the bond of matrimony.

(24) For receiving and processing an application for a tax deed, ten dollars.

(25) For all services rendered by the clerk in any condemnation proceeding instituted by the Commonwealth, twenty-five dollars.

(26), (27) [Repealed.]

(28) For making the endorsements on a forthcoming bond and recording the matters relating to such bond pursuant to the provisions of § 8.01-529, one dollar.

(29) For all services rendered by the clerk in any proceeding pursuant to § 57-8 or § 57-15, ten dollars.

(30) For preparation and issuance of a subpoena duces tecum or a summons for interrogation by an execution creditor, five dollars.

(31) For all services rendered by the clerk in matters under § 8.01-217 relating to change of name, twenty dollars; however, this subdivision shall not be applicable in cases where the change of name is incident to a divorce.

(32) For providing court records or documents on microfilm, per frame, ten cents.

(33) In all chancery causes, the clerk's fee chargeable to the plaintiff shall be fifty dollars to be paid by the plaintiff at the time of instituting the suit, which shall include the furnishing of a duly certified copy of the final decree. However, no fee shall be charged for the filing of a cross-bill in any pending suit. In divorce cases, when there is a merger of a divorce of separation a mensa et thoro into a decree of divorce a vinculo, the above mentioned fee shall include the furnishing of a duly certified copy of both such decrees.

(34) For the acceptance of credit cards in lieu of money to collect and secure all fees, fines, restitution, forfeiture, penalties and costs in accordance with § 19.2-353.3, the clerk shall collect a service charge of four percent of the amount paid.

(35) For the return of any check unpaid by the financial institution on which it was drawn or notice is received from the credit card issuer that payment will not be made for any reason, the clerk shall collect, if allowed by the court, a fee of twenty dollars or ten percent of the amount to be paid, whichever is greater, in accordance with § 19.2-353.3.

(36) For all services rendered in an adoption proceeding, a fee of twenty dollars, in addition to the fee imposed under § 63.1-236.1, to be paid by the petitioner or petitioners.

(37) For issuing a duplicate license for one lost or destroyed as provided in § 29.1-334, a fee in the same amount as the fee for the original license.

(38) For the filing of any petition as provided in §§ 33.1-124, 33.1-125 and 33.1-129, a fee of five dollars to be paid by the petitioner; and for the recordation of a certificate or copy thereof, as provided for in § 33.1-122, as well as for any order of the court relating thereto, the clerk shall charge the same fee as for recording a deed as provided for in this section, to be paid by the party upon whose request such certificate is recorded or order is entered.

(39) For making up, certifying and transmitting original record pursuant to the Rules of the Supreme Court, including all papers necessary to be copied and other services rendered, a fee of twenty dollars.

(40) For issuance of hunting and trapping permits in accordance with § 10.1-1154, twenty-five cents.

(41) For filings, etc., under the Uniform Federal Lien Registration Act (§ 55-142.1 et seq.), the fees

183 shall be as prescribed in that Act.

184 (42) [Repealed.]

185 (43) For filing the appointment of a resident agent for a nonresident property owner in accordance  
186 with § 55-218.1, a fee of one dollar.

187 (44) For filing power of attorney for service of process, or resignation or revocation thereof, in  
188 accordance with § 59.1-71, a fee of twenty-five cents.

189 (45) For recordation of certificate and registration of names of nonresident owners in accordance with  
190 § 59.1-74, a fee of ten dollars.

191 (46) For maintaining the information required under the Overhead High Voltage Line Safety Act  
192 (§ 59.1-406 et seq.), the fee as prescribed in § 59.1-411.

193 (47) For lodging, indexing and preserving a will in accordance with § 64.1-56, a fee of two dollars.

194 (48) For filing a financing statement in accordance with § 8.9-403, the fee shall be as prescribed  
195 under that section.

196 (49) For filing a termination statement in accordance with § 8.9-404, the fee shall be as prescribed  
197 under that section.

198 (50) For filing assignment of security interest in accordance with § 8.9-405, the fee shall be as  
199 prescribed under that section.

200 (51) For filing a petition as provided in §§ 37.1-134.7 and 37.1-134.17, the fee shall be ten dollars.

201 In accordance with § 14.1-133.2, the clerk shall collect fees under subdivisions (8), (15), (16), (17),  
202 (20), (23) if applicable, (25), (29), (31), (33), (36), and (38) to be designated for courthouse  
203 construction, renovation or maintenance.

204 In accordance with § 14.1-125.1, the clerk shall collect fees under subdivisions (8), (17), (20), (23) if  
205 applicable, (25), (29), (31), (33), (36), and (38) to be designated for services provided for the poor,  
206 without charge, by a nonprofit legal aid program.

207 In accordance with § 14.1-133.3, the clerk shall collect fees under subdivisions (15) and (16) to be  
208 designated for the Intensified Drug Enforcement Jurisdiction Fund.

209 In accordance with § 42.1-70, the clerk shall collect fees under subdivisions (8), (17), (20), (23) if  
210 applicable, (25), (29), (31), (33), (36), and (38) to be designated for public law libraries.

211 The provisions of this section shall control the fees charged by clerks of circuit courts for the  
212 services above described.

213 § 14.1-112. (Delayed effective date) Clerks of circuit courts; generally.

214 A clerk of a circuit court shall, for services performed by virtue of his office, charge the following  
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216 (1) When a writing is admitted to record under Chapter 2 (§ 17-33 et seq.) of Title 17, or Chapter 5  
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231 purpose shall be administered by The Library of Virginia in cooperation with the circuit court clerks.

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237 (5) For entering and granting and for issuing any license, other than a marriage license or a hunting  
238 and fishing license, and administering an oath when necessary, ten dollars.

239 (6) For issuing a marriage license, attaching certificate, administering or receiving all necessary oaths  
240 or affidavits, indexing and recording, ten dollars.

241 (7) For making all any bond, other than those under § 14.1-90 or subdivision (5) of this section,  
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243 (8) For issuing any execution, and recording the return thereof, \$1.50 and for all services rendered by  
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exceeding \$500 and twenty-five dollars in all other cases.

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(10) For making out a copy of any paper or record to go out of the office, which is not otherwise specifically provided for, a fee of fifty cents for each page. However, there shall be no charge to the recipient of a final order or decree to send an attested copy to such party.

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In addition, in each case in which a person is convicted of a violation of any provision of Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2, the clerk shall assess (i) a fee of ~~\$100~~ \$150 for each felony conviction and each felony disposition under § 18.2-251 *which shall be taxed as costs to the defendant and shall be paid into the Drug Offender Assessment Fund*; and (ii) a fee of \$100 per case for any forensic laboratory analysis performed for use in prosecution of such violation. ~~Such fees which shall be taxed as costs to the defendant and shall be paid into the general fund of the state treasury. The court may waive a part or all of the fee to be paid into the Drug Offender Assessment Fund if the court first finds by clear and convincing evidence that the person is financially unable to pay all of the fee.~~

In addition, in all felony cases, including the revocation of suspension of sentence and probation held pursuant to § 19.2-306, other than a revocation for failure to pay prior court costs, the clerk shall collect and tax as costs (i) the expense of reporting or recording the trial or hearing in an amount equal to the per diem charges of the reporter or reasonable charge attributable to the cost of operating the mechanical or electronic devices in accordance with § 19.2-165, (ii) a fee of two dollars and fifty cents per charge, (iii) the fees of the attorney for the Commonwealth as provided for in § 14.1-121, (iv) the compensation of court-appointed counsel as provided in § 19.2-163, (v) the fees of the public defenders as provided for in § 19.2-163.2, (vi) the additional costs per charge imposed under § 19.2-368.18 to be deposited into the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund, and (vii) in any court of record in which electronic devices are used for the purpose of recording testimony, a sum not to exceed twenty dollars for each day or part of a day of the trial to be paid by the clerk into a special fund to be used for the purpose of repairing, replacing or supplementing such electronic devices, or if a sufficient amount is available, to pay the purchase price of such devices in whole or in part. For the purpose of this subdivision, repairing shall include maintenance or service contracts.

(16) Upon conviction in misdemeanor cases, the clerk shall charge the defendant twenty-six dollars in each case. Sums shall be collected for the benefit of and paid to the Virginia Crime Victim-Witness Fund as provided for in § 19.2-11.3 and one dollar of the amount collected hereunder shall be forwarded to the State Treasurer for deposit in the Regional Criminal Justice Academy Training Fund as provided in § 14.1-133.4, to be used for financial support of the regional criminal justice training academies, irrespective of whether the defendant was convicted of a misdemeanor chargeable under the Code of Virginia or pursuant to a local ordinance.

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In addition, for each misdemeanor case the clerk shall collect and tax as costs (i) the fees of the attorneys for the Commonwealth as provided for in § 14.1-121, (ii) the compensation of court-appointed counsel as provided in § 19.2-163, (iii) the fees of the public defenders as provided for in § 19.2-163.2, (iv) the additional costs imposed under § 19.2-368.18 to be deposited into the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund, and (v) in any court in which electronic devices are used for the purpose of recording testimony, a sum not to exceed five dollars for each day or part of a day of the trial to be paid by the clerk into a special fund to be used for the purpose of repairing, replacing or supplementing such electronic devices, or if a sufficient amount is available, to pay the purchase price of such devices

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324 thereon, the same fees as prescribed in subdivision (22) of this section.

325 (18) [Repealed.]

326 (19) For qualifying notaries public, including the making out of the bond and any copies thereof,  
327 administering the necessary oaths, and entering the order, ten dollars.

328 (20) For each habeas corpus proceeding, the clerk shall receive ten dollars for all services required  
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331 (22) For docketing and indexing a judgment from any other court of this Commonwealth, for  
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334 pursuant to § 8.01-452, a fee of five dollars; and for issuing an abstract of any recorded judgment, when  
335 proper to do so, a fee of five dollars; and for filing, docketing, indexing and mailing notice of a foreign  
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340 (24) For receiving and processing an application for a tax deed, ten dollars.

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350 (31) For all services rendered by the clerk in matters filed in circuit court under § 8.01-217 relating  
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352 change of name is incident to a divorce.

353 (32) For providing court records or documents on microfilm, per frame, ten cents.

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360 (34) For the acceptance of credit cards in lieu of money to collect and secure all fees, fines,  
361 restitution, forfeiture, penalties and costs in accordance with § 19.2-353.3, the clerk shall collect a  
362 service charge of four percent of the amount paid.

363 (35) For the return of any check unpaid by the financial institution on which it was drawn or notice  
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367 (36) For all services rendered in an adoption proceeding, a fee of twenty dollars, in addition to the

fee imposed under § 63.1-236.1, to be paid by the petitioner or petitioners.

(37) For issuing a duplicate license for one lost or destroyed as provided in § 29.1-334, a fee in the same amount as the fee for the original license.

(38) For the filing of any petition as provided in §§ 33.1-124, 33.1-125 and 33.1-129, a fee of five dollars to be paid by the petitioner; and for the recordation of a certificate or copy thereof, as provided for in § 33.1-122, as well as for any order of the court relating thereto, the clerk shall charge the same fee as for recording a deed as provided for in this section, to be paid by the party upon whose request such certificate is recorded or order is entered.

(39) For making up, certifying and transmitting original record pursuant to the Rules of the Supreme Court, including all papers necessary to be copied and other services rendered, a fee of twenty dollars.

(40) For issuance of hunting and trapping permits in accordance with § 10.1-1154, twenty-five cents.

(41) For filings, etc., under the Uniform Federal Lien Registration Act (§ 55-142.1 et seq.), the fees shall be as prescribed in that Act.

(42) [Repealed.]

(43) For filing the appointment of a resident agent for a nonresident property owner in accordance with § 55-218.1, a fee of one dollar.

(44) For filing power of attorney for service of process, or resignation or revocation thereof, in accordance with § 59.1-71, a fee of twenty-five cents.

(45) For recordation of certificate and registration of names of nonresident owners in accordance with § 59.1-74, a fee of ten dollars.

(46) For maintaining the information required under the Overhead High Voltage Line Safety Act (§ 59.1-406 et seq.), the fee as prescribed in § 59.1-411.

(47) For lodging, indexing and preserving a will in accordance with § 64.1-56, a fee of two dollars.

(48) For filing a financing statement in accordance with § 8.9-403, the fee shall be as prescribed under that section.

(49) For filing a termination statement in accordance with § 8.9-404, the fee shall be as prescribed under that section.

(50) For filing assignment of security interest in accordance with § 8.9-405, the fee shall be as prescribed under that section.

(51) For filing a petition as provided in §§ 37.1-134.7 and 37.1-134.17, the fee shall be ten dollars.

In accordance with § 14.1-133.2, the clerk shall collect fees under subdivisions (8), (15), (16), (17), (20), (23) if applicable, (25), (29), (31), (33), (36), and (38) to be designated for courthouse construction, renovation or maintenance.

In accordance with § 14.1-125.1, the clerk shall collect fees under subdivisions (8), (17), (20), (23) if applicable, (25), (29), (31), (33), (36), and (38) to be designated for services provided for the poor, without charge, by a nonprofit legal aid program.

In accordance with § 14.1-133.3, the clerk shall collect fees under subdivisions (15) and (16) to be designated for the Intensified Drug Enforcement Jurisdiction Fund.

In accordance with § 42.1-70, the clerk shall collect fees under subdivisions (8), (17), (20), (23) if applicable, (25), (29), (31), (33), (36), and (38) to be designated for public law libraries.

The provisions of this section shall control the fees charged by clerks of circuit courts for the services above described.

§ 14.1-134.1. Fees charged to drug offenders.

In each case in a general district court in which a person is convicted of a violation of any provision of Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2, the clerk shall assess, in addition to any other fee, a fee of \$50 75 for each misdemeanor conviction and each misdemeanor disposition under § 18.2-251 which shall be included in the taxed costs. ~~The clerk shall pay the fee to the state treasury and paid into the Drug Offender Assessment Fund. The court may waive a part or all of the fee to be paid into the Drug Offender Assessment Fund if the court first finds by clear and convincing evidence that the person is financially unable to pay all of the fee.~~

§ 16.1-273. Court may require investigation of social history and preparation of victim impact statement.

A. When a juvenile and domestic relations district court or circuit court has adjudicated any case involving a child subject to the jurisdiction of the court hereunder, except for a traffic violation, a violation of the game and fish law or a violation of any city ordinance regulating surfing or establishing curfew violations, the court before final disposition thereof may require an investigation, which (i) shall include a drug screening and assessment by a certified substance abuse counselor as defined in § 54.1-3500 employed by the Department of Juvenile Justice, and (ii) may include the physical, mental and social conditions and personality of the child and the facts and circumstances surrounding the violation of law. However, in the case of a juvenile adjudicated delinquent on the basis of an act committed on or after July 1, 1999, which would be a Class 1 or 2 misdemeanor or a felony committed

429 *by an adult, the court shall require an investigation including a drug screening and assessment.*

430 B. The court also shall, on motion of the attorney for the Commonwealth with the consent of the  
431 victim, or may in its discretion, require the preparation of a victim impact statement in accordance with  
432 the provisions of § 19.2-299.1 if the court determines that the victim may have suffered significant  
433 physical, psychological or economic injury as a result of the violation of law.

434 § 16.1-273. (Delayed effective date) Court may require investigation of social history.

435 A. When a family court or circuit court has adjudicated any case involving a child subject to the  
436 jurisdiction of the court hereunder, except for a traffic violation, a violation of the game and fish law or  
437 a violation of any city ordinance regulating surfing or establishing curfew violations, the court before  
438 final disposition thereof may require an investigation, which (i) *shall include a drug screening and*  
439 *assessment by a certified substance abuse counselor as defined in § 54.1-3500 employed by the*  
440 *Department of Juvenile Justice, and (ii) may include the physical, mental and social conditions and*  
441 *personality of the child and the facts and circumstances surrounding the violation of law. However, in*  
442 *the case of a juvenile adjudicated delinquent on the basis of an act committed on or after July 1, 1999,*  
443 *which would be a Class 1 or 2 misdemeanor or a felony committed by an adult, the court shall require*  
444 *an investigation including a drug screening and assessment.*

445 B. The court also shall, on motion of the attorney for the Commonwealth with the consent of the  
446 victim, or may in its discretion, require the preparation of a victim impact statement in accordance with  
447 the provisions of § 19.2-299.1 if the court determines that the victim may have suffered significant  
448 physical, psychological or economic injury as a result of the violation of law.

449 § 18.2-251. Persons charged with first offense may be placed on probation; conditions; screening,  
450 evaluation and education programs; drug tests; costs and fees; violations; discharge.

451 Whenever any person who has not previously been convicted of any offense under this article or  
452 under any statute of the United States or of any state relating to narcotic drugs, marijuana, or stimulant,  
453 depressant, or hallucinogenic drugs, or has not previously had a proceeding against him for violation of  
454 such an offense dismissed as provided in this section, pleads guilty to or enters a plea of not guilty to  
455 possession of a controlled substance under § 18.2-250 or to possession of marijuana under § 18.2-250.1,  
456 the court, upon such plea if the facts found by the court would justify a finding of guilt, without  
457 entering a judgment of guilt and with the consent of the accused, may defer further proceedings and  
458 place him on probation upon terms and conditions.

459 As a term or condition, the court shall require the accused to be evaluated and enter a treatment  
460 and/or education program, if available, such as, in the opinion of the court, may be best suited to the  
461 needs of the accused. This program may be located in the judicial district in which the charge is brought  
462 or in any other judicial district as the court may provide. The services shall be provided by a program  
463 certified or licensed by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse  
464 Services *or by a similar program meeting national accrediting standards which is made available*  
465 *through the Department of Corrections.*

466 The court shall require the person entering such program under the provisions of this section to pay  
467 all or part of the costs of the program, including the costs of the screening, evaluation, testing, and  
468 treatment, based upon the accused's ability to pay unless the person is determined by the court to be  
469 indigent.

470 As a condition of probation, the court shall require the accused (i) *to successfully complete the*  
471 *treatment and/or education program and (ii) to remain drug free during the period of probation and*  
472 *submit to such tests during that period as may be necessary and appropriate to determine if the accused*  
473 *is drug free. Such testing may be conducted by personnel of any program to which the person is*  
474 *referred or by the supervising agency.*

475 The court shall, unless done at arrest, order the accused to report to the original arresting  
476 law-enforcement agency to submit to fingerprinting.

477 Upon violation of a term or condition, the court may enter an adjudication of guilt and proceed as  
478 otherwise provided. Upon fulfillment of the terms and conditions, the court shall discharge the person  
479 and dismiss the proceedings against him. Discharge and dismissal under this section shall be without  
480 adjudication of guilt and is a conviction only for the purposes of applying this section in subsequent  
481 proceedings.

482 Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, whenever a court places an individual on  
483 probation upon terms and conditions pursuant to this section, such action shall be treated as a conviction  
484 for purposes of §§ 18.2-259.1 and 46.2-390.1, and the driver's license forfeiture provisions of those  
485 sections shall be imposed. The provisions of this paragraph shall not be applicable to any offense for  
486 which a juvenile has had his license suspended or denied pursuant to § 16.1-278.9 for the same offense.

487 § 18.2-251.01. *Substance abuse screening and assessment for felony convictions.*

488 A. *When a person is convicted of a felony, not a capital offense, committed on or after July 1, 1999,*  
489 *he shall be required, as a part of any presentence investigation conducted pursuant to subsection D of*  
490 *§ 19.2-299, to undergo a substance abuse screening and assessment by a certified substance abuse*



counselor as defined in § 54.1-3500 employed by the Department of Corrections. If the person is determined to have a substance abuse problem, the court shall require him to enter a treatment and/or education program, if available, which, in the opinion of the court, is best suited to the needs of the person. This program may be located in the judicial district in which the conviction was had or in any other judicial district as the court may provide. The treatment and/or education program shall be certified or licensed by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services or shall be a similar program meeting national accrediting standards and which is made available through the Department of Corrections. The court shall require the person entering such program under the provisions of this section to pay all or part of the costs of the program, including the costs of the screening, assessment and treatment, based upon the person's ability to pay.

B. As a condition of any sentence to probation, community corrections or incarceration, the person shall be required to undergo periodic testing and treatment for substance abuse appropriate to his substance abuse assessment.

§ 18.2-251.02. Drug Offender Assessment Fund.

There is hereby established in the State Treasury the Drug Offender Assessment Fund which shall consist of moneys received from fees imposed on certain drug offense convictions as defined in subdivisions (15) and (16) of § 14.1-112. All interest derived from the deposit and investment of moneys in the Fund shall be credited to the Fund. Any moneys not appropriated by the General Assembly shall remain in the Drug Offender Assessment Fund and shall not be transferred or revert to the general fund at the end of any fiscal year. All moneys in the Fund shall be subject to annual appropriation by the General Assembly to the Department of Corrections and the Department of Juvenile Justice to implement and operate the offender substance abuse screening and assessment program.

§ 18.2-252. Suspended sentence conditioned upon submission to periodic medical examinations and tests.

~~Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,~~ The trial judge or court trying the case of any person found guilty of violating any law concerning the use, in any manner, of drugs, controlled substances, narcotics, marijuana, noxious chemical substances and like substances, may condition any suspended sentence by first requiring such person to agree to undergo periodic medical examinations and tests to ascertain any use or dependency on the substances listed above and like substances. The frequency and completeness of such examinations and tests shall be in the discretion of such judge or court, and the results of the examinations and tests given to the judge or court as ordered. The cost of such examinations and tests ~~ordered by the court in addition to any screening and assessment ordered pursuant to § 18.2-251.01~~ shall be paid by the Commonwealth and taxed as a part of the costs of such criminal proceedings. The judge or court, in his or its discretion, may enter such additional orders as may be required to aid in the rehabilitation of such convicted person.

§ 18.2-271.3. Alcohol and substance abuse screening and assessment for designated Class 1 misdemeanor convictions.

A. When a person is convicted of (i) any offense committed on or after July 1, 1999, under Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) or Article 1.1 (§ 18.2-265.1 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of this title, and such offense is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor. The court shall order the person to undergo a substance abuse screening and assessment to be conducted by the alcohol or the drug education and intervention unit, as appropriate, of the local alcohol safety action program.

The court may order such screening and assessment on its own motion upon a conviction of a nondrug-related or alcohol-related Class 1 misdemeanor if the court has reason to believe the defendant has a substance abuse problem.

B. The alcohol safety action program may charge a fee or no more than \$150 for the screening and assessment. If a substance abuse problem is identified, the person shall be required to complete the alcohol or the drug education and intervention component, or both as appropriate, of the alcohol safety action program for which the local alcohol safety action program may charge a fee of no more than \$300. The court shall require the person to pay all or part of the costs of the program, including the costs of the screening, assessment, education and intervention, based upon the person's ability to pay.

C. If an offender is under the supervision of a community corrections program established pursuant to Article 2 (§ 53.1-180 et seq.) of Chapter 5 of Title 53.1, the alcohol safety action program shall report the results of the screening and assessment to the community corrections program.

§ 19.2-299. Investigations and reports by probation officers in certain cases.

A. When a person is tried in a circuit court upon a felony charge or upon a charge of assault and battery in violation of §§ 18.2-57, 18.2-57.1 or § 18.2-57.2, stalking in violation of § 18.2-60.3, sexual battery in violation of § 18.2-67.4, attempted sexual battery in violation of § 18.2-67.5, or maiming or driving while intoxicated in violation of § 18.2-51.4 or § 18.2-266, and is adjudged guilty of such charge, the court ~~may, or on the motion of the defendant~~ shall, before imposing sentence, direct a probation officer of such court to thoroughly investigate and report upon the history of the accused,

552 including a report of the accused's criminal record as an adult and available juvenile court records, and  
553 all other relevant facts, to fully advise the court so the court may determine the appropriate sentence to  
554 be imposed. The probation officer, after having furnished a copy of this report at least five days prior to  
555 sentencing to counsel for the accused and the attorney for the Commonwealth for their permanent use,  
556 shall submit his report in advance of the sentencing hearing to the judge in chambers, who shall keep  
557 such report confidential. The probation officer shall be available to testify from this report in open court  
558 in the presence of the accused, who shall have been advised of its contents and be given the right to  
559 cross-examine the investigating officer as to any matter contained therein and to present any additional  
560 facts bearing upon the matter. The report of the investigating officer shall at all times be kept  
561 confidential by each recipient, and shall be filed as a part of the record in the case. Any report so filed  
562 shall be sealed upon the entry of the sentencing order by the court and made available only by court  
563 order, except that such reports or copies thereof shall be available at any time to any criminal justice  
564 agency, as defined in § 9-169, of this or any other state or of the United States; and to any agency  
565 where the accused is referred for treatment by the court or by probation and parole services, and shall  
566 be made available to counsel for any person who has been indicted jointly for the same felony as the  
567 person subject to the report. Any report prepared pursuant to the provisions hereof shall without court  
568 order be made available to counsel for the person who is the subject of the report if that person is  
569 charged with a felony subsequent to the time of the preparation of the report. The presentence report  
570 shall be in a form prescribed by the Department of Corrections. In all cases where such report is not  
571 ordered, a simplified report shall be prepared on a form prescribed by the Department of Corrections.

572 B. As a part of any presentence investigation conducted pursuant to subsection A when the offense  
573 for which the defendant was convicted was a felony, the court probation officer shall advise any victim  
574 of such offense in writing that he may submit to the Virginia Parole Board a written request (i) to be  
575 given the opportunity to submit to the Board a written statement in advance of any parole hearing  
576 describing the impact of the offense upon him and his opinion regarding the defendant's release and (ii)  
577 to receive copies of such other notifications pertaining to the defendant as the Board may provide  
578 pursuant to subsection B of § 53.1-155.

579 C. As part of any presentence investigation conducted pursuant to subsection A when the offense for  
580 which the defendant was convicted was a felony drug offense set forth in Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.)  
581 of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2, the presentence report shall include any known association of the defendant  
582 with illicit drug operations or markets.

583 D. As a part of any presentence investigation conducted pursuant to subsection A, when the offense  
584 for which the defendant was convicted was a felony, not a capital offense, committed on or after July 1,  
585 1999, the defendant shall be required to undergo a substance abuse screening and assessment for  
586 further referral, if any, in accordance with § 18.2-251.01.

587 **2. That the provisions of this act amending or adding §§ 16.1-273, 18.2-251.01, 18.2-252 and**  
588 **19.2-299 shall become effective July 1, 1999.**

589 **3. That an implementation workgroup be established to include the Directors or Commissioners of**  
590 **the Department of Corrections; Department of Criminal Justice Services; Department of Juvenile**  
591 **Justice; Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services; the**  
592 **Sentencing Commission; and the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program. The Sentencing**  
593 **Commission shall serve as the lead agency. An advisory group shall also be established to include**  
594 **representation from a local community services board, a probation and parole district office, a**  
595 **local alcohol safety action program, a local community corrections program, and a private**  
596 **treatment provider to be appointed by the implementation workgroup. The implementation**  
597 **workgroup shall develop a plan which includes (i) a revised pre-sentence investigation report**  
598 **which includes a substance abuse screening and assessment component, (ii) an analysis of current**  
599 **and optimum substance abuse treatment continuums, (iii) recommendations for a graduated**  
600 **sanctioning system for probation/parole violations related to substance abuse, and (iv) substance**  
601 **abuse treatment outcome measures. The implementation workgroup shall report its plan to the**  
602 **Virginia State Crime Commission, and the House Courts of Justice, Senate Courts of Justice,**  
603 **House Appropriations, and Senate Finance Committees by January 1, 1999.**