

SENATE BILL NO. 1133

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations
on February 2, 2023)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Senator Ebbin)

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 2.2-2499.5, 2.2-2499.7, 2.2-2499.8, 3.2-4112, 3.2-4113, 3.2-4114, 3.2-4114.2, 3.2-4115, 3.2-4116, 3.2-4118, 3.2-4119, 4.1-600, 4.1-601, 4.1-603, 4.1-604, 4.1-606, 4.1-610, 4.1-614, 4.1-619, 4.1-1105.1, 4.1-1500, 4.1-1501, 4.1-1502, 18.2-247, 18.2-251.1:3, 54.1-3401, 54.1-3408.3, 54.1-3423, 54.1-3442.6, 54.1-3442.7, 54.1-3443, and 54.1-3446 of the Code of Virginia; to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 51 of Title 3.2 an article numbered 6, consisting of sections numbered 3.2-5145.6 through 3.2-5145.9, by adding in Chapter 6 of Title 4.1 a section numbered 4.1-629, by adding in Chapter 7 of Title 4.1 sections numbered 4.1-700 through 4.1-704, by adding in Chapter 10 of Title 4.1 sections numbered 4.1-1003 through 4.1-1007, by adding sections numbered 4.1-1104, 4.1-1106, and 4.1-1116, by adding in Chapter 11 of Title 4.1 a section numbered 4.1-1122, by adding in Chapter 12 of Title 4.1 sections numbered 4.1-1200, 4.1-1202, 4.1-1206, and 4.1-1207, by adding in Chapter 13 of Title 4.1 a section numbered 4.1-1307, by adding in Chapter 14 of Title 4.1 sections numbered 4.1-1400 through 4.1-1407, by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 6.2 a section numbered 6.2-108, and by adding a section numbered 19.2-303.03; and to repeal Article 5 (§§ 3.2-5145.1 through 3.2-5145.5) of Chapter 51 of Title 3.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to cannabis control; retail market; transitional sales; regulated hemp products; penalties; modification of sentence for marijuana-related offenses.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

- 1. That §§ 2.2-2499.5, 2.2-2499.7, 2.2-2499.8, 3.2-4112, 3.2-4113, 3.2-4114, 3.2-4114.2, 3.2-4115, 3.2-4116, 3.2-4118, 3.2-4119, 4.1-600, 4.1-601, 4.1-603, 4.1-604, 4.1-606, 4.1-610, 4.1-614, 4.1-619, 4.1-1105.1, 4.1-1500, 4.1-1501, 4.1-1502, 18.2-247, 18.2-251.1:3, 54.1-3401, 54.1-3408.3, 54.1-3423, 54.1-**

27 3442.6, 54.1-3442.7, 54.1-3443, and 54.1-3446 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted
 28 and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 51 of Title 3.2 an article numbered
 29 6, consisting of sections numbered 3.2-5145.6 through 3.2-5145.9, by adding in Chapter 6 of Title
 30 4.1 a section numbered 4.1-629, by adding in Chapter 7 of Title 4.1 sections numbered 4.1-700
 31 through 4.1-704, by adding in Chapter 10 of Title 4.1 sections numbered 4.1-1003 through 4.1-1007,
 32 by adding sections numbered 4.1-1104, 4.1-1106, and 4.1-1116, by adding in Chapter 11 of Title 4.1
 33 a section numbered 4.1-1122, by adding in Chapter 12 of Title 4.1 sections numbered 4.1-1200, 4.1-
 34 1202, 4.1-1206, and 4.1-1207, by adding in Chapter 13 of Title 4.1 a section numbered 4.1-1307, by
 35 adding in Chapter 14 of Title 4.1 sections numbered 4.1-1400 through 4.1-1407, by adding in Article
 36 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 6.2 a section numbered 6.2-108, and by adding a section numbered 19.2-
 37 303.03 as follows:

38 Article 30.

39 Cannabis-Equity Reinvestment Board.

40 § 2.2-2499.5. Cannabis Reinvestment Board; purpose; membership; quorum; meetings.

41 A. The Cannabis-Equity Reinvestment Board (the Board) is established as a policy board in the
 42 executive branch of state government. The purpose of the Board is to directly address the impact of
 43 economic disinvestment, violence, and historical overuse of criminal justice responses to community and
 44 individual needs by providing resources to support local design and control of community-based responses
 45 to such impacts.

46 B. The Board shall have a total membership of 20 members that shall consist of 13 nonlegislative
 47 citizen members and seven ex officio members. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed as
 48 follows: three to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, one of whom shall be a person who has
 49 been previously incarcerated or convicted of a marijuana-related crime, one of whom shall be an expert
 50 in the field of public health with experience in trauma-informed care, if possible, and one of whom shall
 51 be an expert in education with a focus on access to opportunities for youth in underserved communities;
 52 five to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, one of whom shall be an expert on
 53 Virginia's foster care system, one of whom shall be an expert in workforce development, one of whom

54 shall be a representative from one of Virginia's historically black colleges and universities, one of whom
 55 shall be a veteran, and one of whom shall be an entrepreneur with expertise in emerging industries or
 56 access to capital for small businesses; and five to be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation
 57 by the General Assembly, one of whom shall be a representative from the Virginia Indigent Defense
 58 Commission and four of whom shall be community-based providers or community development
 59 organization representatives who provide services to address the social determinants of health and promote
 60 community investment in historically economically disadvantaged communities ~~adversely and~~
 61 ~~disproportionately impacted by marijuana prohibitions~~, including services such as workforce
 62 development, youth mentoring and educational services, job training and placement services, and reentry
 63 services. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be citizens of the Commonwealth and reflect the racial,
 64 ethnic, gender, and geographic diversity of the Commonwealth.

65 The Secretaries of Education, Health and Human Resources, and Public Safety and Homeland
 66 Security, the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, the Chief Workforce Development Advisor,
 67 and the Attorney General or their designees shall serve ex officio with voting privileges. The Chief
 68 Executive Officer of the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority or his designee shall serve ex officio without
 69 voting privileges.

70 Ex officio members of the Board shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. After the
 71 initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years.
 72 Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms.
 73 Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. All members may be
 74 reappointed.

75 ~~The Board shall be chaired by the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion or his designee.~~ The
 76 Board shall select a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership. A majority of the members
 77 shall constitute a quorum. The Board shall meet at least two times each year and shall meet at the call of
 78 the chairman or whenever the majority of the members so request.

79 **§ 2.2-2499.7. Powers and duties of the Board.**

80 ~~The Cannabis Equity Reinvestment~~ Board shall have the following powers and duties:

81 1. Support persons, and families, and in historically economically disadvantaged communities
82 ~~historically and disproportionately targeted and affected by drug enforcement;~~

83 2. Develop and implement scholarship programs and educational and vocational resources for
84 historically marginalized persons, including persons in foster care, who have been adversely impacted by
85 substance use individually, in their families, or in their communities.

86 3. Develop and implement a program to award grants to support workforce development programs,
87 mentoring programs, job training and placement services, apprenticeships, and reentry services that serve
88 persons and in historically economically disadvantaged communities ~~historically and disproportionately~~
89 ~~targeted by drug enforcement.~~

90 4. Administer the Cannabis ~~Equity~~ Reinvestment Fund established pursuant to § 2.2-2499.8.

91 5. Collaborate with the Board of Directors of the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority and the
92 Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion as necessary to implement programs and provide
93 recommendations in line with the purpose of this article.

94 6. Submit an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly for publication as a report
95 document as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the
96 processing of legislative documents and reports. The chairman shall submit to the Governor and the
97 General Assembly an annual executive summary of the interim activity and work of the Council no later
98 than the first day of each regular session of the General Assembly. The executive summary shall be
99 submitted as a report document as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated
100 Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General
101 Assembly's website.

102 7. Perform such other activities and functions as the Governor and General Assembly may direct.

103 **§ 2.2-2499.8. Cannabis Reinvestment Fund.**

104 There is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund to be known as the
105 Cannabis ~~Equity~~ Reinvestment Fund, referred to in this section as "the Fund." The Fund shall be
106 established on the books of the Comptroller. All funds appropriated for such purpose and any gifts,
107 donations, grants, bequests, and other funds received on its behalf shall be paid into the state treasury and

108 credited to the Fund. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it.
 109 Any moneys remaining in the Fund, including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not
 110 revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Moneys in the Fund shall be used solely for the
 111 purposes of:

112 1. Supporting persons, ~~and families, and~~ in historically economically disadvantaged communities
 113 ~~historically and disproportionately targeted and affected by drug enforcement;~~

114 2. Providing scholarship opportunities and educational and vocational resources for historically
 115 marginalized persons, including persons in foster care, who have been adversely impacted by substance
 116 use individually, in their families, or in their communities;

117 3. Awarding grants to support workforce development, mentoring programs, job training and
 118 placement services, apprenticeships, and reentry services that serve persons ~~and~~ in historically
 119 economically disadvantaged communities ~~historically and disproportionately targeted by drug~~
 120 ~~enforcement.~~

121 4. Contributing to the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission established pursuant to § 19.2-
 122 163.01; and

123 5. Contributing to the Virginia Cannabis ~~Equity~~ Business Loan Fund established pursuant to § 4.1-
 124 1501.

125 Expenditures and disbursements from the Fund shall be made by the State Treasurer on warrants
 126 issued by the Comptroller upon written request signed by the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

127 **§ 3.2-4112. Definitions.**

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

129 "Cannabis sativa product" means a product made from any part of the plant Cannabis sativa with
 130 a concentration of tetrahydrocannabinol that is greater than that allowed by federal law.

131 ~~"Deal" means to temporarily possess industrial hemp grown in compliance with state or federal~~
 132 ~~law that (i) has not been processed and (ii) was not grown and will not be processed by the person~~
 133 ~~temporarily possessing it.~~

134 ~~"Dealer" means any person who is registered pursuant to subsection A of § 3.2-4115 to deal in~~
135 ~~industrial hemp. "Dealer" does not include a retail establishment that sells or offers for sale a hemp~~
136 ~~product.~~

137 ~~"Dealership" means the location at which a dealer stores or intends to store the industrial hemp in~~
138 ~~which he deals.~~

139 "Federally licensed hemp producer" means a person who holds a hemp producer license issued by
140 the U.S. Department of Agriculture pursuant to 7 C.F.R. Part 990.

141 "Grow" means to plant, cultivate, or harvest a plant or crop.

142 "Grower" means any person registered pursuant to subsection A of § 3.2-4115 to grow industrial
143 hemp.

144 "Handle" means to temporarily possess industrial hemp grown in compliance with state or federal
145 law that (i) has not been processed and (ii) was not grown by and will not be processed by the person
146 temporarily possessing it.

147 "Handler" means any person who is registered pursuant to subsection A of § 3.2-4115 to handle
148 industrial hemp. "Handler" does not include a retail establishment that sells or offers for sale a hemp
149 product.

150 "Handler's storage site" means the location at which a handler stores or intends to store the
151 industrial hemp he handles.

152 "Hemp product" means a product, including any raw materials from industrial hemp that are used
153 for or added to a food or beverage product, that contains industrial hemp and has completed all stages of
154 processing needed for the product.

155 "Industrial hemp" means any part of the plant Cannabis sativa, including seeds thereof, whether
156 growing or not, with a concentration of tetrahydrocannabinol that is no greater than that allowed by federal
157 law. "Industrial hemp" includes an industrial hemp extract that has not completed all stages of processing
158 needed to convert the extract into a hemp product.

159 "Process" means to convert industrial hemp into a hemp product.

160 "Processor" means a person registered pursuant to subsection A of § 3.2-4115 to process industrial
161 hemp.

162 "Process site" means the location at which a processor processes or intends to process industrial
163 hemp.

164 "Production field" means the land or area on which a grower or a federally licensed hemp producer
165 is growing or intends to grow industrial hemp.

166 **§ 3.2-4113. Production of industrial hemp lawful.**

167 A. It is lawful for a grower, his agent, or a federally licensed hemp producer to grow, a ~~dealer~~
168 handler or his agent to ~~deal in~~ handle, or a processor or his agent to process industrial hemp in the
169 Commonwealth for any lawful purpose. No federally licensed hemp producer or grower or his agent shall
170 be prosecuted under Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 4.1 or § 18.2-247, 18.2-248, 18.2-248.01,
171 18.2-248.1, or 18.2-250 for the possession or growing of industrial hemp or any Cannabis sativa with a
172 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration that does not exceed the total ~~delta-9~~ tetrahydrocannabinol
173 concentration percentage established in federal regulations applicable to negligent violations located at 7
174 C.F.R. 990.6(b)(3). No ~~dealer~~ handler or his agent or processor or his agent shall be prosecuted under
175 Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 4.1 or § 18.2-247, 18.2-248, 18.2-248.01, 18.2-248.1, or 18.2-250
176 or issued a summons or judgment for the possession, ~~dealing~~ handling, or processing of industrial hemp.
177 In any complaint, information, or indictment, and in any action or proceeding brought for the enforcement
178 of any provision of Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 4.1, Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter
179 7 of Title 18.2, or the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.), it shall not be necessary to negate any
180 exception, excuse, proviso, or exemption contained in this chapter or the Drug Control Act, and the burden
181 of proof of any such exception, excuse, proviso, or exemption shall be on the defendant.

182 B. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to authorize any person to violate any federal law or
183 regulation.

184 C. No person shall be prosecuted under Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 4.1 or § 18.2-247,
185 18.2-248, 18.2-248.01, 18.2-248.1, or 18.2-250 for the involuntary growth of industrial hemp through the

186 inadvertent natural spread of seeds or pollen as a result of proximity to a production field, ~~dealership~~
187 handler's storage site, or process site.

188 **§ 3.2-4114. Regulations.**

189 A. The Board may adopt regulations pursuant to this chapter as necessary to register persons to
190 grow, ~~deal in~~ handle, or process industrial hemp or implement the provisions of this chapter.

191 B. Upon publication by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the Federal Register of any final
192 rule regarding industrial hemp that materially expands opportunities for growing, producing, or ~~dealing in~~
193 handling industrial hemp in the Commonwealth, the Board shall immediately adopt amendments
194 conforming Department regulations to such federal final rule. Such adoption of regulations by the Board
195 shall be exempt from the provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.).

196 **§ 3.2-4114.2. Authority of Commissioner; notice to law enforcement; report.**

197 A. The Commissioner may charge a nonrefundable fee not to exceed \$250 for any application for
198 registration or renewal of registration allowed under this chapter. The Commissioner may charge a
199 nonrefundable fee for the tetrahydrocannabinol testing allowed under this chapter. All fees collected by
200 the Commissioner shall be deposited in the state treasury.

201 B. The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing a fee structure for a registration issued
202 pursuant to § 3.2-4115. With the exception of § 2.2-4031, no provision of the Administrative Process Act
203 (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.) or public participation guideline adopted pursuant thereto shall apply to the adoption
204 of any regulation pursuant to this subsection. However, prior to adopting any regulation pursuant to this
205 subsection, the Commissioner shall review the recommendation of an advisory panel that shall consider
206 the economic impact of any proposed fee amount on the Commonwealth's industrial hemp industry. The
207 advisory panel shall, at a minimum, include (i) an agribusiness representative or organization, (ii) a
208 farming representative or organization, and (iii) a hemp industry representative or organization. Prior to
209 adopting any regulation pursuant to this subsection, the Commissioner shall publish a notice of
210 opportunity to comment in the Virginia Register of Regulations and post the action on the Virginia
211 Regulatory Town Hall. Such notice shall contain (a) a summary of the proposed regulation; (b) the text of
212 the proposed regulation; and (c) the name, address, and telephone number of the agency contact person

213 responsible for receiving public comments. Such notice shall be made at least 60 days in advance of the
214 last date prescribed in such notice of submittals of public comment. The legislative review provisions of
215 subsections A and B of § 2.2-4014 shall apply to the promulgation or final adoption process of regulations
216 pursuant to this subsection. The Commissioner shall consider and keep on file all public comments
217 received for any regulation adopted pursuant to this subsection.

218 C. The Commissioner may establish an application period for a registration or renewal of
219 registration allowed under this chapter.

220 D. The Commissioner shall notify the Superintendent of State Police of each registration issued
221 by the Commissioner under this chapter and each license submitted to the Commissioner by a federally
222 licensed hemp producer.

223 E. The Commissioner shall forward a copy or appropriate electronic record of each registration
224 issued by the Commissioner under this chapter and each license submitted to the Commissioner by a
225 federally licensed hemp producer to the chief law-enforcement officer of the county or city where
226 industrial hemp will be grown, ~~dealt~~ handled, or processed.

227 F. The Commissioner may monitor the industrial hemp grown, ~~dealt~~ handled, or processed by a
228 person registered pursuant to ~~subsection A of~~ § 3.2-4115 and provide for random sampling and testing of
229 the industrial hemp in accordance with any criteria established by the Commissioner and at the cost of the
230 grower, ~~dealer~~ handler, or processor, for compliance with tetrahydrocannabinol limits and for other
231 appropriate purposes established pursuant to § 3.2-4114. In addition to any routine inspection and
232 sampling, the Commissioner may inspect and sample the industrial hemp at any production field,
233 ~~dealership~~ handler's storage site, or process site during normal business hours without advance notice if
234 he has reason to believe a violation of this chapter is occurring or has occurred.

235 G. The Commissioner may require a grower, ~~dealer~~ handler, or processor to destroy, at the cost of
236 the grower, ~~dealer~~ handler, or processor and in a manner approved of and verified by the Commissioner,
237 any Cannabis sativa that the grower grows, ~~in which the dealer deals~~ handler handles, or ~~that~~ the processor
238 processes that has been tested and is found to have a concentration of tetrahydrocannabinol that is greater
239 than that allowed by federal law, or any Cannabis sativa product that the processor produces.

240 H. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection G, if the provisions of subdivisions 1 and 2 are
241 included in a plan that (i) is submitted by the Department pursuant to § 10113 of the federal Agriculture
242 Improvement Act of 2018, P.L. 115-334, (ii) requires the Department to monitor and regulate the
243 production of industrial hemp in the Commonwealth, and (iii) is approved by the U.S. Secretary of
244 Agriculture:

245 1. The Commissioner may require a grower, ~~dealer~~ handler, or processor to destroy, at the cost of
246 the grower, ~~dealer~~ handler, or processor and in a manner approved of and verified by the Commissioner,
247 any Cannabis sativa that the grower grows, ~~in which the dealer deals~~ handler handles, or ~~that~~ the processor
248 processes that has been tested and is found to have a concentration of tetrahydrocannabinol that is greater
249 than 0.6 percent.

250 2. If such a test of Cannabis sativa indicates a concentration of tetrahydrocannabinol that is greater
251 than 0.6 percent but less than one percent, the Commissioner shall allow the grower, ~~dealer~~ handler, or
252 processor to request that the Cannabis sativa be sampled and tested again before he requires its destruction.

253 I. The Commissioner shall advise the Superintendent of State Police or the chief law-enforcement
254 officer of the appropriate county or city when, with a culpable mental state greater than negligence, a
255 grower grows, a ~~dealer deals in~~ handler handles, or a processor processes any Cannabis sativa with a
256 concentration of tetrahydrocannabinol that is greater than that allowed by federal law or a processor
257 produces a Cannabis sativa product.

258 J. The Commissioner may pursue any permits or waivers from the U.S. Drug Enforcement
259 Administration or appropriate federal agency that he determines to be necessary for the advancement of
260 the industrial hemp industry.

261 K. The Commissioner may establish a corrective action plan to address a negligent violation of
262 any provision of this chapter.

263 **§ 3.2-4115. Issuance of registrations; exemption.**

264 A. The Commissioner shall establish a registration program to allow a person to grow, ~~deal in~~
265 handle, or process industrial hemp in the Commonwealth.

266 B. Any person seeking to grow, ~~deal in~~ handle, or process industrial hemp in the Commonwealth
267 shall apply to the Commissioner for a registration on a form provided by the Commissioner. At a
268 minimum, the application shall include:

269 1. The name and mailing address of the applicant;

270 2. The legal description and geographic data sufficient for locating (i) the land on which the
271 applicant intends to grow industrial hemp, (ii) the site at which the applicant intends to ~~deal in~~ handle
272 industrial hemp, or (iii) the site at which the applicant intends to process industrial hemp. A registration
273 shall authorize industrial hemp growth, ~~dealing in~~ handling, or processing only at the location specified in
274 the registration;

275 3. A signed statement indicating whether the applicant has ever been convicted of a felony. A
276 person with a prior felony drug conviction within 10 years of applying for a registration under this section
277 shall not be eligible to be registered;

278 4. Written consent allowing the sheriff's office, police department, or Department of State Police,
279 if a registration is ultimately issued to the applicant, to enter the premises on which the industrial hemp is
280 grown, ~~deal in~~ handled, or processed to conduct physical inspections of the industrial hemp and to ensure
281 compliance with the requirements of this chapter. No more than two physical inspections shall be
282 conducted under this subdivision per year, unless a valid search warrant for an inspection has been issued
283 by a court of competent jurisdiction;

284 5. Written consent allowing the Commissioner or his designee to enter the premises on which the
285 industrial hemp is grown, ~~deal in~~ handled, or processed to conduct inspections and sampling of the
286 industrial hemp to ensure compliance with the requirements of this chapter;

287 6. A statement of the approximate square footage or acreage of the location he intends to use as a
288 production field, ~~dealership~~ handler's storage site, or process site;

289 7. Any other information required by the Commissioner; and

290 8. The payment of a nonrefundable application fee, in an amount set by the Commissioner.

291 C. Each registration issued pursuant to this section shall be valid for a period of one year from the
292 date of issuance and may be renewed in successive years. Each annual renewal shall require the payment
293 of a registration renewal fee, in an amount set by the Commissioner.

294 D. All records, data, and information filed in support of a registration application submitted
295 pursuant to this section and all information on a hemp producer license issued by the U.S. Department of
296 Agriculture submitted to the Commissioner pursuant to this section shall be considered proprietary and
297 excluded from the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.).

298 E. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection B, no federally licensed hemp producer shall be
299 required to apply to the Commissioner for a registration to grow industrial hemp in the Commonwealth.
300 Each federally licensed hemp producer shall submit to the Commissioner a copy of his hemp producer
301 license issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture pursuant to 7 C.F.R. Part 990.

302 **§ 3.2-4116. Registration conditions.**

303 A. A person who is not a federally licensed hemp producer shall obtain a registration pursuant to
304 subsection A of § 3.2-4115 prior to growing, ~~dealing in~~ handling, or processing any industrial hemp in the
305 Commonwealth.

306 B. A person issued a registration pursuant to subsection A of § 3.2-4115 shall:

307 1. Maintain records that reflect compliance with this chapter and all other state and federal laws
308 regulating the growing, handling, or processing of industrial hemp;

309 2. Retain all industrial hemp growing, ~~dealing~~ handling, or processing records for at least three
310 years;

311 3. Allow his production field, ~~dealership~~ handler's storage site, or process site to be inspected by
312 and at the discretion of the Commissioner or his designee, the Department of State Police, or the chief
313 law-enforcement officer of the locality in which the production field ~~or dealership~~, handler's storage site,
314 or process site exists;

315 4. Allow the Commissioner or his designee to monitor and test the grower's, ~~dealer's~~ handler's, or
316 processor's industrial hemp for compliance with tetrahydrocannabinol levels and for other appropriate
317 purposes established pursuant to § 3.2-4114, at the cost of the grower, ~~dealer~~ handler, or processor; and

318 5. If required by the Commissioner, destroy, at the cost of the grower, ~~dealer~~ handler, or processor
319 and in a manner approved of and verified by the Commissioner, any Cannabis sativa that the grower
320 grows, ~~the dealer deals in~~ handler handles, or the processor processes that has been tested and, following
321 any re-sampling and retesting as authorized pursuant to the provisions of § 3.2-4114.2, is found to have a
322 concentration of tetrahydrocannabinol that is greater than that allowed by federal law, or any Cannabis
323 sativa product that the processor produces.

324 **§ 3.2-4118. Forfeiture of industrial hemp grower, handler, or processor registration;**
325 **violations.**

326 A. The Commissioner shall deny the application, or suspend or revoke the registration, of any
327 person who, with a culpable mental state greater than negligence, violates any provision of this chapter.
328 The Commissioner shall provide reasonable notice of an informal fact-finding conference pursuant to §
329 2.2-4019 to any person in connection with the denial, suspension, or revocation of a registration.

330 B. If a registration is revoked as the result of an informal hearing, the decision may be appealed,
331 and upon appeal an administrative hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the Administrative
332 Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.). The grower, ~~dealer~~ handler, or processor may appeal a final order to the
333 circuit court in accordance with the Administrative Process Act.

334 C. A person issued a registration pursuant to ~~subsection A of~~ § 3.2-4115 who negligently (i) fails
335 to provide a description and geographic data sufficient for locating his production field, ~~dealership~~
336 handler's storage site, or process site; (ii) grows, ~~deals in~~ handles, or processes Cannabis sativa with a
337 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration greater than that allowed by federal law; or (iii) produces a Cannabis
338 sativa product shall comply with any corrective action plan established by the Commissioner in
339 accordance with the provisions of subsection E. The Commissioner shall not deem a grower negligent if
340 such grower makes reasonable efforts to grow industrial hemp and grows Cannabis sativa with a
341 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration that does not exceed the total ~~delta-9~~ tetrahydrocannabinol
342 concentration percentage established in federal regulations applicable to negligent violations located at 7
343 C.F.R. 990.6(b)(3).

344 D. A person who grows, ~~deals in~~ handles, or processes industrial hemp and who negligently fails
 345 to register pursuant to ~~subsection A~~ of § 3.2-4115 shall comply with any corrective action plan established
 346 by the Commissioner in accordance with the provisions of subsection E.

347 E. A corrective action plan established by the Commissioner in response to a negligent violation
 348 of a provision of this chapter shall identify a reasonable date by which the person who is the subject of the
 349 plan shall correct the negligent violation and shall require such person to report periodically for not less
 350 than two calendar years to the Commissioner on the person's compliance with the provisions of this
 351 chapter.

352 F. No person who negligently violates the provisions of this chapter three times in a five-year
 353 period shall be eligible to grow, ~~deal in~~ handle, or process industrial hemp for a period of five years
 354 beginning on the date of the third violation.

355 **§ 3.2-4119. Eligibility to receive tobacco settlement funds.**

356 Industrial hemp growers, ~~dealers~~ handlers, or processors registered under this chapter or federally
 357 licensed hemp producers may be eligible to receive funds from the Tobacco Indemnification and
 358 Community Revitalization Fund established pursuant to § 3.2-3106.

359 Article 6.

360 Edible Marijuana Products and Edible Hemp Products.

361 **§ 3.2-5145.6. Definitions.**

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

363 "Edible hemp product" means the same as that term is defined in § 4.1-600.

364 "Edible marijuana product" means the same as that term is defined in § 4.1-600.

365 "Food" means any article that is intended for human consumption and introduction into commerce,
 366 whether the article is simple, mixed, or compound, and all substances or ingredients used in the preparation
 367 thereof. "Food" does not mean "drug" as defined in § 54.1-3401.

368 **§ 3.2-5145.7. Edible marijuana products and edible hemp products; approved food;**
 369 **adulterated food.**

370 A. An edible marijuana product or edible hemp product is a food and is subject to the requirements
371 of this chapter and regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter.

372 B. An edible marijuana product or edible hemp product that does not comply with the provisions
373 of § 4.1-1407 or health and safety regulations adopted pursuant thereto shall be deemed to be adulterated.

374 **§ 3.2-5145.8. Manufacturer of edible marijuana products or edible hemp products.**

375 A. A manufacturer of an edible marijuana product shall be an approved source if the manufacturer
376 operates:

377 1. Under inspection by the Commissioner in the location in which such manufacturing occurs; and

378 2. In compliance with the laws, regulations, or criteria that pertain to the manufacture of edible
379 marijuana products in the location in which such manufacturing occurs.

380 B. A manufacturer of an edible hemp product shall be an approved source if the manufacturer
381 operates:

382 1. Under inspection by the responsible food regulatory agency in the location in which such
383 manufacturing occurs; and

384 2. In compliance with the laws, regulations, or criteria that pertain to the manufacture of edible
385 hemp products in the location in which such manufacturing occurs.

386 **§ 3.2-5145.9. Regulations.**

387 A. The Board is authorized to adopt regulations for the efficient enforcement of this article.

388 B. With the exception of § 2.2-4031, neither the provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§
389 2.2-4000 et seq.) nor public participation guidelines adopted pursuant thereto shall apply to the adoption
390 of any regulation pursuant to this section. Prior to adopting any regulation pursuant to this section, the
391 Board shall publish a notice of opportunity to comment in the Virginia Register of Regulations and post
392 the action on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall. Such notice of opportunity to comment shall contain (i)
393 a summary of the proposed regulation; (ii) the text of the proposed regulation; and (iii) the name, address,
394 and telephone number of the agency contact person responsible for receiving public comments. Such
395 notice shall be made at least 60 days in advance of the last date prescribed in such notice for submittals of
396 public comment. The legislative review provisions of subsections A and B of § 2.2-4014 shall apply to

397 the promulgation or final adoption process for regulations adopted pursuant to this section. The Board
398 shall consider and keep on file all public comments received for any regulation adopted pursuant to this
399 section.

400 **§ 4.1-600. Definitions.**

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

402 "Advertisement" or "advertising" means any written or verbal statement, illustration, or depiction
403 that is calculated to induce sales of retail marijuana, retail marijuana products, marijuana plants, or
404 marijuana seeds, or regulated hemp products, including any written, printed, graphic, digital, electronic,
405 or other material, billboard, sign, or other outdoor display, publication, or radio or television broadcast.

406 "Authority" means the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority created pursuant to this subtitle.

407 "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority.

408 "Cannabis Control Act" means Subtitle II (§ 4.1-600 et seq.).

409 "Child-resistant" means, with respect to packaging or a container, (i) specially designed or
410 constructed to be significantly difficult for a typical child under five years of age to open and not to be
411 significantly difficult for a typical adult to open and reseal and (ii) for any product intended for more than
412 a single use or that contains multiple servings, resealable.

413 "Cultivation" or "cultivate" means the planting, propagation, growing, harvesting, drying, curing,
414 grading, trimming, or other similar processing of marijuana for use or sale. "Cultivation" or "cultivate"
415 does not include manufacturing or testing.

416 "Edible hemp product" means a hemp product intended to be consumed orally that is or contains
417 an industrial hemp extract.

418 "Edible marijuana product" means a marijuana product intended to be consumed orally, including
419 marijuana intended to be consumed orally or marijuana concentrate intended to be consumed orally.

420 "Hemp product" means the same as that term is defined in § 3.2-4112.

421 "Hemp product intended for smoking" means any hemp product intended to be consumed by
422 inhalation.

423 "Historically economically disadvantaged community" means a (i) census tract in which the
424 majority of the population are people of color or (ii) census tract with a poverty rate that is higher than the
425 average statewide poverty rate.

426 "Immature plant" means a nonflowering marijuana plant that is no taller than eight inches and no
427 wider than eight inches, is produced from a cutting, clipping, or seedling, and is growing in a container.

428 "Industrial hemp" means the same as that term is defined in § 3.2-4112.

429 "Industrial hemp extract" means an extract (i) of a Cannabis sativa plant that has a concentration
430 of tetrahydrocannabinol that is no greater than that allowed for hemp by federal law and (ii) that is intended
431 for human consumption. "Industrial hemp extract" does not include a hemp seed-derived ingredient that
432 is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration or is the subject of a generally recognized as safe
433 notice for which the U.S. Food and Drug Administration had no questions.

434 "Licensed" means the holding of a valid license granted by the Authority.

435 "Licensee" means any person to whom a license has been granted by the Authority.

436 "Manufacturing" or "manufacture" means the production of marijuana products or regulated hemp
437 products or the blending, infusing, compounding, or other preparation of marijuana ~~and~~ marijuana
438 products, or regulated hemp products, including marijuana extraction or preparation by means of chemical
439 synthesis. "Manufacturing" or "manufacture" does not include cultivation or testing.

440 "Marijuana" means any part of a plant of the genus Cannabis, whether growing or not, its seeds or
441 resin; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of such plant, its seeds,
442 its resin, or any extract containing one or more cannabinoids. "Marijuana" does not include (i) the mature
443 stalks of such plant, fiber produced from such stalk, or oil or cake made from the seed of such plant, unless
444 such stalks, fiber, oil, or cake is combined with other parts of plants of the genus Cannabis. ~~"Marijuana"~~
445 ~~does not include (i); (ii) industrial hemp, as defined in § 3.2-4112, that is possessed by a person registered~~
446 ~~pursuant to subsection A of § 3.2-4115 or his agent or (ii); (iii) industrial hemp that is possessed by a~~
447 person who holds a hemp producer license issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture pursuant to 7
448 C.F.R. Part 990; (iv) a hemp product, as defined in § 3.2-4112 other than a regulated hemp product,
449 containing a total tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of no greater than 0.3 percent that is derived from

450 industrial hemp, ~~as defined in § 3.2-4112,~~ that is grown, ~~dealt~~ handled, or processed in compliance with
451 state or federal law; (v) a regulated hemp product that does not exceed the maximum tetrahydrocannabinol
452 concentration established pursuant to § 4.1-606 and that is derived from industrial hemp that is grown,
453 handled, or processed in compliance with state or federal law; or (vi) any substance containing a
454 tetrahydrocannabinol isomer or salts of such isomer where such tetrahydrocannabinol isomer or salts of
455 such isomer have been placed by the Board of Pharmacy into one of the schedules set forth in the Drug
456 Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) pursuant to § 54.1-3443.

457 "Marijuana concentrate" means marijuana that has undergone a process to concentrate one or more
458 active cannabinoids, thereby increasing the product's potency. Resin from granular trichomes from a
459 marijuana plant is a concentrate for purposes of this subtitle.

460 "Marijuana cultivation facility" means a facility licensed under this subtitle to cultivate, label, and
461 package retail marijuana; to purchase or take possession of marijuana plants and seeds from other
462 marijuana cultivation facilities; to transfer possession of and sell retail marijuana, immature marijuana
463 plants, and marijuana seeds to marijuana wholesalers and retail marijuana stores; to transfer possession of
464 and sell retail marijuana, marijuana plants, and marijuana seeds to other marijuana cultivation facilities;
465 to transfer possession of and sell retail marijuana to marijuana manufacturing facilities; and to sell
466 immature marijuana plants and marijuana seeds to consumers for the purpose of cultivating marijuana at
467 home for personal use.

468 "Marijuana establishment" means a marijuana cultivation facility, a marijuana testing facility, a
469 marijuana manufacturing facility, a marijuana wholesaler, or a retail marijuana store.

470 "Marijuana manufacturing facility" means a facility licensed under this subtitle to manufacture,
471 label, and package retail marijuana and retail marijuana products; to purchase or take possession of retail
472 marijuana from a marijuana cultivation facility or another marijuana manufacturing facility; and to transfer
473 possession of and sell retail marijuana and retail marijuana products to marijuana wholesalers, retail
474 marijuana stores, or other marijuana manufacturing facilities.

475 "Marijuana paraphernalia" means all equipment, products, and materials of any kind that are either
476 designed for use or are intended for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting,

477 manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, strength testing, analyzing,
478 packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, concealing, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing into
479 the human body marijuana.

480 "Marijuana products" means (i) products that are composed of marijuana and other ingredients and
481 are intended for use or consumption, ointments, and tinctures or (ii) marijuana concentrate.

482 "Marijuana testing facility" means a facility licensed under this subtitle to develop, research, or
483 test marijuana, marijuana products, regulated hemp products, and other substances.

484 "Marijuana wholesaler" means a facility licensed under this subtitle to purchase or take possession
485 of retail marijuana, retail marijuana products, immature marijuana plants, and marijuana seeds from a
486 marijuana cultivation facility, a marijuana manufacturing facility, or another marijuana wholesaler and to
487 transfer possession and sell or resell retail marijuana, retail marijuana products, immature marijuana
488 plants, and marijuana seeds to a marijuana cultivation facility, marijuana manufacturing facility, retail
489 marijuana store, or another marijuana wholesaler.

490 "Non-retail marijuana" means marijuana that is not cultivated, manufactured, or sold by a licensed
491 marijuana establishment.

492 "Non-retail marijuana products" means marijuana products that are not manufactured and sold by
493 a licensed marijuana establishment.

494 "Place or premises" means the real estate, together with any buildings or other improvements
495 thereon, designated in the application for a license as the place at which the cultivation, manufacture, sale,
496 or testing of retail marijuana or retail marijuana products shall be performed, except that portion of any
497 such building or other improvement actually and exclusively used as a private residence.

498 "Public place" means any place, building, or conveyance to which the public has, or is permitted
499 to have, access, including restaurants, soda fountains, hotel dining areas, lobbies and corridors of hotels,
500 and any park, place of public resort or amusement, highway, street, lane, or sidewalk adjoining any
501 highway, street, or lane.

502 "Regulated hemp product" means a hemp product intended for smoking or an edible hemp product.

503 "Residence" means any building or part of a building or structure where a person resides, but does
504 not include any part of a building that is not actually and exclusively used as a private residence, nor any
505 part of a hotel or club other than a private guest room thereof.

506 "Retail marijuana" means marijuana that is cultivated, manufactured, or sold by a licensed
507 marijuana establishment.

508 "Retail marijuana products" means marijuana products that are manufactured and sold by a
509 licensed marijuana establishment.

510 "Retail marijuana store" means a facility licensed under this subtitle to purchase or take possession
511 of retail marijuana, retail marijuana products, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds from a
512 marijuana cultivation facility, marijuana manufacturing facility, or marijuana wholesaler and to sell retail
513 marijuana, retail marijuana products, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds to consumers.

514 "Sale" and "sell" includes soliciting or receiving an order for; keeping, offering, or exposing for
515 sale; peddling, exchanging, or bartering; or delivering otherwise than gratuitously, by any means, retail
516 marijuana, retail marijuana products, or regulated hemp products.

517 "Special agent" means an employee of the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority whom the Board
518 has designated as a law-enforcement officer pursuant to this subtitle.

519 "Testing" or "test" means the research and analysis of marijuana, marijuana products, regulated
520 hemp products, or other substances for contaminants, safety, or potency. "Testing" or "test" does not
521 include cultivation or manufacturing.

522 "Tetrahydrocannabinol" means any naturally occurring or synthetic tetrahydrocannabinol,
523 including its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts
524 of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation and any preparation, mixture, or substance
525 containing, or mixed or infused with, any detectable amount of tetrahydrocannabinol.

526 "Tetrahydrocannabinol" includes delta-6a(10a), delta-7, delta-8, delta-9, and delta-10
527 tetrahydrocannabinol. For the purposes of this definition, "isomer" means the optical, position, and
528 geometric isomers.

529 "Topical hemp product" means a hemp product that (i) is intended to be rubbed, poured, sprinkled,
530 or sprayed on, introduced into, or otherwise applied to the human body and (ii) is not a regulated hemp
531 product.

532 "Total tetrahydrocannabinol concentration" means the sum, after the application of any necessary
533 conversion factor, of the percentage by weight of tetrahydrocannabinol and the percentage by weight of
534 tetrahydrocannabinolic acid.

535 **§ 4.1-601. Virginia Cannabis Control Authority created; public purpose.**

536 A. The General Assembly has determined that there exists in the Commonwealth a need to control
537 the possession, sale, transportation, distribution, and delivery of retail marijuana~~and~~, retail marijuana
538 products, and regulated hemp products in the Commonwealth. Further, the General Assembly determines
539 that the creation of an authority for this purpose is in the public interest, serves a public purpose, and will
540 promote the health, safety, welfare, convenience, and prosperity of the people of the Commonwealth. To
541 achieve this objective, there is hereby created an independent political subdivision of the Commonwealth,
542 exclusive of the legislative, executive, or judicial branches of state government, to be known as the
543 Virginia Cannabis Control Authority. The Authority's exercise of powers and duties conferred by this
544 subtitle shall be deemed the performance of an essential governmental function and a matter of public
545 necessity for which public moneys may be spent.

546 B. The Board of Directors of the Authority is vested with control of the possession, sale,
547 transportation, distribution, and delivery of retail marijuana~~and~~, retail marijuana products, and regulated
548 hemp products in the Commonwealth, with plenary power to prescribe and enforce regulations and
549 conditions under which retail marijuana~~and~~, retail marijuana products, and regulated hemp products are
550 possessed, sold, transported, distributed, and delivered, so as to prevent any corrupt, incompetent,
551 dishonest, or unprincipled practices and to promote the health, safety, welfare, convenience, and
552 prosperity of the people of the Commonwealth. The exercise of the powers granted by this subtitle shall
553 be in all respects for the benefit of the citizens of the Commonwealth and for the promotion of their safety,
554 health, welfare, and convenience. No part of the assets or net earnings of the Authority shall inure to the
555 benefit of, or be distributable to, any private individual, except that reasonable compensation may be paid

556 for services rendered to or for the Authority affecting one or more of its purposes, and benefits may be
557 conferred that are in conformity with said purposes, and no private individual shall be entitled to share in
558 the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Authority.

559 **§ 4.1-603. Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council; purpose; membership; quorum;**
560 **meetings; compensation and expenses; duties.**

561 A. The Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council (the Advisory Council) is established as an
562 advisory council to the Board. The purpose of the Advisory Council is to assess and monitor public health
563 issues, trends, and impacts related to marijuana and marijuana legalization and make recommendations
564 regarding health warnings, retail marijuana~~and~~, retail marijuana products, and regulated hemp products
565 safety and product composition, and public health awareness, programming, and related resource needs.

566 B. The Advisory Council shall have a total membership of 21 members that shall consist of 14
567 nonlegislative citizen members and seven ex officio members. Nonlegislative citizen members of the
568 Council shall be citizens of the Commonwealth and shall reflect the racial, ethnic, gender, and geographic
569 diversity of the Commonwealth. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed as follows: four to be
570 appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, one of whom shall be a representative from the Virginia
571 Foundation for Healthy Youth, one of whom shall be a representative from the Virginia Chapter of the
572 American Academy of Pediatrics, one of whom shall be a representative from the Medical Society of
573 Virginia, and one of whom shall be a representative from the Virginia Pharmacists Association; six to be
574 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, one of whom shall be a representative from a
575 community services board, one of whom shall be a person or health care provider with expertise in
576 substance use disorder treatment and recovery, one of whom shall be a person or health care provider with
577 expertise in substance use disorder prevention, one of whom shall be a person with experience in disability
578 rights advocacy, one of whom shall be a person with experience in veterans health care, and one of whom
579 shall be a person with a social or health equity background; and four to be appointed by the Governor,
580 subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, one of whom shall be a representative of a local health
581 district, one of whom shall be a person who is part of the cannabis industry, one of whom shall be an

582 academic researcher knowledgeable about cannabis, and one of whom shall be a registered medical
583 cannabis patient.

584 The Secretary of Health and Human Resources, the Commissioner of Health, the Commissioner
585 of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer
586 Services, the Director of the Department of Health Professions, the Director of the Department of Forensic
587 Science, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority, or their designees,
588 shall serve ex officio with voting privileges. Ex officio members of the Advisory Council shall serve terms
589 coincident with their terms of office.

590 After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term
591 of four years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired
592 terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. All members may be
593 reappointed.

594 The Advisory Council shall be chaired by the Secretary of Health and Human Resources or his
595 designee. The Advisory Council shall select a vice-chairman from among its membership. A majority of
596 the members shall constitute a quorum. The Advisory Council shall meet at least two times each year and
597 shall meet at the call of the chairman or whenever the majority of the members so request.

598 The Advisory Council shall have the authority to create subgroups with additional stakeholders,
599 experts, and state agency representatives.

600 C. Members shall receive no compensation for the performance of their duties but shall be
601 reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as
602 provided in §§ 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825.

603 D. The Advisory Council shall have the following duties, in addition to duties that may be
604 necessary to fulfill its purpose as described in subsection A:

605 1. To review multi-agency efforts to support collaboration and a unified approach on public health
606 responses related to marijuana and marijuana legalization in the Commonwealth and to develop
607 recommendations as necessary.

608 2. To monitor changes in drug use data related to marijuana and marijuana legalization in the
609 Commonwealth and the science and medical information relevant to the potential health risks associated
610 with such drug use, and make appropriate recommendations to the Department of Health and the Board.

611 3. Submit an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly for publication as a report
612 document as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the
613 processing of legislative documents and reports. The chairman shall submit to the Governor and the
614 General Assembly an annual executive summary of the interim activity and work of the Advisory Council
615 no later than the first day of each regular session of the General Assembly. The executive summary shall
616 be submitted as a report document as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated
617 Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General
618 Assembly's website.

619 **§ 4.1-604. Powers and duties of the Board.**

620 The Board shall have the following powers and duties:

621 1. Promulgate regulations in accordance with the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.)
622 and § 4.1-606;

623 2. Control the possession, sale, transportation, and delivery of marijuana ~~and~~ marijuana products,
624 and regulated hemp products;

625 3. Grant, suspend, and revoke licenses for the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, sale, and
626 testing of marijuana ~~and~~ marijuana products, and regulated hemp products as provided by law;

627 4. Determine the nature, form, and capacity of all containers used for holding marijuana products
628 and regulated hemp products to be kept or sold and prescribe the form and content of all labels and seals
629 to be placed thereon;

630 5. Maintain actions to enjoin common nuisances ~~as defined in § 4.1-1113~~;

631 6. Establish standards and implement an online course for employees of retail marijuana stores
632 that trains employees on how to educate consumers on the potential risks of marijuana use;

633 7. Establish a plan to develop and disseminate to retail marijuana store licensees a pamphlet or
634 similar document regarding the potential risks of marijuana use to be prominently displayed and made
635 available to consumers;

636 8. Establish a position for a Cannabis Social Equity Liaison who shall lead the Cannabis Business
637 Equity and Diversity Support Team and liaise with the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion on
638 matters related to diversity, equity, and inclusion standards in the marijuana industry;

639 9. Establish a Cannabis Business Equity and Diversity Support Team, which shall (i) develop
640 requirements for the creation and submission of diversity, equity, and inclusion plans by persons who wish
641 to possess a license in more than one license category ~~pursuant to subsection C of § 4.1-805~~, which may
642 include a requirement that the licensee participate in ~~social equity~~ an apprenticeship plan, and an approval
643 process and requirements for implementation of such plans; (ii) be responsible for conducting an analysis
644 of potential barriers to entry for small, women-owned, and minority-owned businesses and veteran-owned
645 businesses interested in participating in the marijuana industry and recommending strategies to effectively
646 mitigate such potential barriers; (iii) provide assistance with business planning for potential marijuana
647 establishment licensees; (iv) spread awareness of business opportunities related to the marijuana
648 marketplace in ~~areas disproportionately impacted by marijuana prohibition and enforcement~~ historically
649 economically disadvantaged communities; (v) provide technical assistance in navigating the
650 administrative process to potential marijuana establishment licensees; and (vi) conduct other outreach
651 initiatives in ~~areas disproportionately impacted by marijuana prohibition and enforcement~~ historically
652 economically disadvantaged communities as necessary;

653 10. Establish a position for an individual with professional experience in a health related field who
654 shall staff the Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council, established pursuant to § 4.1-603, liaise with the
655 Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources and relevant health and human services agencies
656 and organizations, and perform other duties as needed.

657 11. Establish and implement a plan, in coordination with the Cannabis Social Equity Liaison and
658 the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to promote and encourage participation in the marijuana
659 industry by people from historically economically disadvantaged communities ~~that have been~~

660 ~~disproportionately impacted by marijuana prohibition and enforcement~~ and to positively impact those
661 communities;

662 12. Sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, and complain and defend in all courts;

663 13. Adopt, use, and alter at will a common seal;

664 14. Fix, alter, charge, and collect rates, rentals, fees, and other charges for the use of property of,
665 the sale of products of, or services rendered by the Authority at rates to be determined by the Authority
666 for the purpose of providing for the payment of the expenses of the Authority;

667 15. Make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance
668 of its duties, the furtherance of its purposes, and the execution of its powers under this subtitle, including
669 agreements with any person or federal agency;

670 16. Employ, at its discretion, consultants, researchers, architects, engineers, accountants, financial
671 experts, investment bankers, superintendents, managers, and such other employees and special agents as
672 may be necessary and fix their compensation to be payable from funds made available to the Authority.
673 Legal services for the Authority shall be provided by the Attorney General in accordance with Chapter 5
674 (§ 2.2-500 et seq.) of Title 2.2;

675 17. Receive and accept from any federal or private agency, foundation, corporation, association,
676 or person grants or other aid to be expended in accomplishing the objectives of the Authority, and receive
677 and accept from the Commonwealth or any state and any municipality, county, or other political
678 subdivision thereof or from any other source aid or contributions of either money, property, or other things
679 of value, to be held, used, and applied only for the purposes for which such grants and contributions may
680 be made. All federal moneys accepted under this section shall be accepted and expended by the Authority
681 upon such terms and conditions as are prescribed by the United States and as are consistent with state law,
682 and all state moneys accepted under this section shall be expended by the Authority upon such terms and
683 conditions as are prescribed by the Commonwealth;

684 18. Adopt, alter, and repeal bylaws, rules, and regulations governing the manner in which its
685 business shall be transacted and the manner in which the powers of the Authority shall be exercised and
686 its duties performed. The Board may delegate or assign any duty or task to be performed by the Authority

687 to any officer or employee of the Authority. The Board shall remain responsible for the performance of
688 any such duties or tasks. Any delegation pursuant to this subdivision shall, where appropriate, be
689 accompanied by written guidelines for the exercise of the duties or tasks delegated. Where appropriate,
690 the guidelines shall require that the Board receive summaries of actions taken. Such delegation or
691 assignment shall not relieve the Board of the responsibility to ensure faithful performance of the duties
692 and tasks;

693 19. Conduct or engage in any lawful business, activity, effort, or project consistent with the
694 Authority's purposes or necessary or convenient to exercise its powers;

695 20. Develop policies and procedures generally applicable to the procurement of goods, services,
696 and construction, based upon competitive principles;

697 21. Develop policies and procedures consistent with Article 4 (§ 2.2-4347 et seq.) of Chapter 43
698 of Title 2.2;

699 22. Acquire, purchase, hold, use, lease, or otherwise dispose of any property, real, personal or
700 mixed, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein necessary or desirable for carrying out the purposes
701 of the Authority; lease as lessee any property, real, personal or mixed, tangible or intangible, or any interest
702 therein, at such annual rental and on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Board; lease
703 as lessor to any person any property, real, personal or mixed, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein,
704 at any time acquired by the Authority, whether wholly or partially completed, at such annual rental and
705 on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Board; sell, transfer, or convey any property,
706 real, personal or mixed, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein, at any time acquired or held by the
707 Authority on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Board; and occupy and improve any
708 land or building required for the purposes of this subtitle;

709 23. Purchase, lease, or acquire the use of, by any manner, any plant or equipment that may be
710 considered necessary or useful in carrying into effect the purposes of this subtitle, including rectifying,
711 blending, and processing plants;

712 24. Appoint every agent and employee required for its operations, require any or all of them to
713 give bonds payable to the Commonwealth in such penalty as shall be fixed by the Board, and engage the
714 services of experts and professionals;

715 25. Hold and conduct hearings, issue subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses and the
716 production of records, memoranda, papers, and other documents before the Board or any agent of the
717 Board, and administer oaths and take testimony thereunder. The Board may authorize any Board member
718 or agent of the Board to hold and conduct hearings, issue subpoenas, administer oaths and take testimony
719 thereunder, and decide cases, subject to final decision by the Board, on application of any party aggrieved.
720 The Board may enter into consent agreements and may request and accept from any applicant or licensee
721 a consent agreement in lieu of proceedings on (i) objections to the issuance of a license or (ii) disciplinary
722 action. Any such consent agreement shall include findings of fact and may include an admission or a
723 finding of a violation. A consent agreement shall not be considered a case decision of the Board and shall
724 not be subject to judicial review under the provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et
725 seq.), but may be considered by the Board in future disciplinary proceedings;

726 26. Make a reasonable charge for preparing and furnishing statistical information and compilations
727 to persons other than (i) officials, including court and police officials, of the Commonwealth and of its
728 subdivisions if the information requested is for official use and (ii) persons who have a personal or legal
729 interest in obtaining the information requested if such information is not to be used for commercial or
730 trade purposes;

731 27. Assess and collect civil penalties and civil charges for violations of this subtitle and Board
732 regulations;

733 28. Review and approve any proposed legislative or regulatory changes suggested by the Chief
734 Executive Officer as the Board deems appropriate;

735 29. Report quarterly to the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security on the law-
736 enforcement activities undertaken to enforce the provisions of this subtitle;

737 30. Establish and collect fees for all permits set forth in this subtitle, including fees associated with
738 applications for such permits;

739 31. Develop and make available on its website guidance documents regarding compliance and safe
740 practices for persons who cultivate marijuana at home for personal use, which shall include information
741 regarding cultivation practices that promote personal and public safety, including child protection, and
742 discourage practices that create a nuisance;

743 32. Develop and make available on its website a resource that provides information regarding (i)
744 responsible marijuana consumption; (ii) health risks and other dangers associated with marijuana
745 consumption, including inability to operate a motor vehicle and other types of transportation and
746 equipment; and (iii) ancillary effects of marijuana consumption, including ineligibility for certain
747 employment opportunities. The Board shall require that the web address for such resource be included on
748 the label of all retail marijuana and retail marijuana product ~~as provided in § 4.1-1402~~; and

749 33. Do all acts necessary or advisable to carry out the purposes of this subtitle.

750 **§ 4.1-606. Regulations of the Board.**

751 A. The Board may promulgate reasonable regulations, not inconsistent with this subtitle or the
752 general laws of the Commonwealth, that it deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this subtitle and
753 to prevent the illegal cultivation, manufacture, sale, and testing of marijuana ~~and~~ marijuana products, and
754 regulated hemp products. The Board may amend or repeal such regulations. ~~Such~~ Except as otherwise
755 provided by law, such regulations shall be promulgated, amended, or repealed in accordance with the
756 Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.) and shall have the effect of law.

757 B. The Board shall promulgate regulations that:

758 1. Govern the ~~outdoor~~ cultivation and manufacture of retail marijuana by a marijuana cultivation
759 facility licensee and retail marijuana products, including security requirements ~~to include~~ related to
760 lighting, physical security, and ~~alarm requirements, provided that such requirements do not prohibit the~~
761 cultivation of marijuana outdoors or in a greenhouse alarms and requirements for secure disposal of waste
762 or unusable materials;

763 2. Establish security requirements for all marijuana establishments, including requirements for
764 securely transporting marijuana between marijuana establishments;

765 3. Establish sanitary standards for retail marijuana product and regulated hemp product
766 preparation;

767 4. Establish a testing program for retail marijuana ~~and~~ retail marijuana products ~~pursuant to~~
768 ~~Chapter 14 (§ 4.1-1400 et seq.)~~, and regulated hemp products;

769 5. Establish an application process for licensure as a marijuana establishment pursuant to this
770 subtitle in a way that, when possible, prevents disparate impacts on historically economically
771 disadvantaged communities;

772 6. Establish packaging requirements and requirements for health and safety warning labels to be
773 placed on retail marijuana and retail marijuana products to be sold or offered for sale by a licensee to a
774 consumer and on regulated hemp products to be sold or offered for sale by a person in accordance with
775 the provisions of this subtitle. Such provisions shall require that labels include information regarding the
776 amount of product that constitutes a single serving and the percentage and milligrams of
777 tetrahydrocannabinol in each package and serving;

778 7. Establish a maximum tetrahydrocannabinol level for retail marijuana products, ~~which and~~
779 regulated hemp products. Such tetrahydrocannabinol level for retail marijuana products shall not exceed
780 (i) ~~five~~ 10 milligrams per serving for edible marijuana products and where practicable an equivalent
781 amount for other marijuana products or (ii) ~~50~~ 100 milligrams per package for edible marijuana products
782 and where practicable an equivalent amount for other marijuana products. Such regulations may include
783 other product and dispensing limitations on tetrahydrocannabinol;

784 8. Establish requirements for the form, content, and retention of all records and accounts by all
785 licensees and by any person selling a regulated hemp product, including the manner and timeframe in
786 which licensees and persons must make such records and accounts available to the Board;

787 9. Provide alternative methods for licensees and any person selling a regulated hemp product to
788 maintain and store business records that are subject to Board inspection, including methods for Board-
789 approved electronic and offsite storage;

790 10. Establish (i) criteria by which to evaluate new licensees based on the density of retail marijuana
791 stores in the community and (ii) metrics that have similarly shown an association with negative

792 community-level health outcomes or health disparities. In promulgating such regulations, the Board shall
793 coordinate with the Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council established pursuant to § 4.1-603;

794 11. Require retail licensees to file an appeal from any hearing decision rendered by a hearing
795 officer within 30 days of the date the notice of the decision is sent. The notice shall be sent to the licensee
796 at the address on record with the Board by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by regular mail;

797 12. Prescribe the schedule of proration for refunded license fees to licensees who qualify pursuant
798 to subsection C of § 4.1-1002;

799 13. Establish criteria by which to evaluate social equity and grant license preferences to applicants,
800 ~~which shall be an applicant who has lived or been domiciled for at least 12 months in the Commonwealth~~
801 ~~and is either (i) an applicant with at least 66 percent ownership by a person or persons who have been~~
802 ~~convicted of or adjudicated delinquent for any misdemeanor violation of § 18.2-248.1, former § 18.2-~~
803 ~~250.1, or subsection A of § 18.2-265.3 as it relates to marijuana; (ii) an applicant with at least 66 percent~~
804 ~~ownership by a person or persons who is the parent, child, sibling, or spouse of a person who has been~~
805 ~~convicted of or adjudicated delinquent for any misdemeanor violation of § 18.2-248.1, former § 18.2-~~
806 ~~250.1, or subsection A of § 18.2-265.3 as it relates to marijuana; (iii) an applicant with at least 66 percent~~
807 ~~ownership by a person or persons who have resided for at least three of the past five years in a jurisdiction~~
808 ~~that is determined by the Board after utilizing census tract data made available by the United States Census~~
809 ~~Bureau to have been disproportionately policed for marijuana crimes; (iv) an applicant with at least 66~~
810 ~~percent ownership by a person or persons who have resided for at least three four of the last five years in~~
811 ~~a jurisdiction determined by the Board after utilizing census tract data made available by the United States~~
812 ~~Census Bureau to be a historically economically distressed; or (v) an applicant with at least 66 percent~~
813 ~~ownership by a person or persons who graduated from a historically black college or university located in~~
814 ~~the Commonwealth disadvantaged community;~~

815 14. ~~For the purposes of establishing criteria by which to evaluate social equity license applicants,~~
816 ~~establish standards by which to determine (i) which jurisdictions have been disproportionately policed for~~
817 ~~marijuana crimes and (ii) which jurisdictions are economically distressed;~~

818 ~~15.~~ Establish standards and requirements for (i) any preference in the licensing process for
 819 ~~qualified social equity~~ applicants in a historically economically disadvantaged community, (ii) what
 820 percentage of application or license fees are waived for ~~a qualified social equity applicant~~ such applicants,
 821 ~~and (iii) a~~ any low-interest business loan program for ~~qualified social equity~~ such applicants, and (iv)
 822 determining which jurisdictions are historically economically disadvantaged communities;

823 ~~16.~~ 15. Establish guidelines, in addition to requirements set forth in this subtitle, for the personal
 824 cultivation of marijuana that promote personal and public safety, including child protection, and
 825 discourage personal cultivation practices that create a nuisance, including a nuisance caused by odor;

826 ~~17.~~ 16. Establish reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions on ~~outdoor~~ advertising of retail
 827 marijuana ~~or~~ retail marijuana products, ~~not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, so~~ and
 828 regulated hemp products. Such restrictions shall ensure that such advertising displaces the illicit market,
 829 includes health and safety warnings, and notifies the public of the location of marijuana and hemp
 830 establishments. ~~Such regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with § 4.1-1404;~~

831 ~~18.~~ 17. Establish restrictions on the number of licenses that a person may be granted to operate a
 832 marijuana establishment in single locality or region; ~~and~~

833 ~~19.~~ 18. Notwithstanding subdivision C 4, allow pharmaceutical processors
 834 and industrial hemp processors ~~that have been~~ to be granted a license in more than one license category
 835 ~~pursuant to subsection C of § 4.1-805~~ and establish restrictions that ensure all licensees have an equal and
 836 meaningful opportunity to participate in the market. Such regulations may limit the amount of products
 837 cultivated or manufactured by the pharmaceutical processor or industrial hemp processor that such
 838 processor may offer for sale in its retail marijuana stores;

839 19. Establish requirements for routine inspections of all marijuana establishments, which shall
 840 occur no less than once per year;

841 20. Establish minimum equipment and resource requirements for marijuana establishments;

842 21. Establish processes to ensure the safe and secure dispensing of retail marijuana and retail
 843 marijuana products;

844 22. Establish processes to ensure the safe wholesale distribution and transfer of retail marijuana
845 and retail marijuana products;

846 23. Establish requirements regarding the sale of devices by licensees for administration of retail
847 marijuana and retail marijuana products; and

848 24. Establish a process for certain licensees to acquire from a registered industrial hemp handler
849 or processor industrial hemp extracts grown and processed in the Commonwealth in compliance with state
850 and federal law and a process for licensees to formulate such extracts into retail marijuana products.

851 C. The Board may promulgate regulations that:

852 1. Limit the number of licenses issued by type or class to operate a marijuana establishment;
853 ~~however, the number of licenses issued shall not exceed the following limits:~~

854 a. ~~Retail marijuana stores, 400;~~

855 b. ~~Marijuana wholesalers, 25;~~

856 c. ~~Marijuana manufacturing facilities, 60; and~~

857 d. ~~Marijuana cultivation facilities, 450.~~

858 In determining the number of licenses issued pursuant to this subdivision, the Board shall not
859 consider any license granted ~~pursuant to subsection C of § 4.1-805~~ to (i) a pharmaceutical processor that
860 has been issued a permit by the Board of Pharmacy pursuant to Article 4.2 (§ 54.1-3442.5 et seq.) of the
861 Drug Control Act or (ii) an industrial hemp processor registered with the Commissioner of Agriculture
862 and Consumer Services pursuant to Chapter 41.1 (§ 3.2-4112 et seq.) of Title 3.2.

863 2. Prescribe any requirements deemed appropriate for the administration of taxes under §§ 4.1-
864 1003 and 4.1-1004, including method of filing a return, information required on a return, and form of
865 payment.

866 3. Limit the allowable square footage of a retail marijuana store, which shall not exceed 1,500
867 square feet.

868 4. Allow certain persons to be granted or have interest in a license in more than one of the following
869 license categories: marijuana cultivation facility license, marijuana manufacturing facility license,
870 marijuana wholesaler license, or retail marijuana store license. Such regulations shall be drawn narrowly

871 to limit vertical integration to small businesses and ensure that all licensees have an equal and meaningful
872 opportunity to participate in the market.

873 5. Allow small business licensees, as determined by the Board, to (i) enter into cooperative
874 agreements with other small business licensees and (ii) lease space and cultivate, manufacture, and sell
875 retail marijuana and retail marijuana products on the premises of another licensee.

876 D. Board regulations shall be uniform in their application, except those relating to hours of sale
877 for licensees.

878 E. Courts shall take judicial notice of Board regulations.

879 F. The Board shall consult with the Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council in promulgating any
880 regulations relating to public health, including regulations promulgated pursuant to subdivision B 3, 4, 6,
881 7, 10, or 16, and shall not promulgate any such regulation that has not been approved by a majority of the
882 members of the Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council.

883 G. With regard to regulations governing licensees that have been issued a permit by the Board of
884 Pharmacy to operate as a pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility pursuant to Article 4.2
885 (§ 54.1-3442.5 et seq.) of the Drug Control Act, the Board shall make reasonable efforts (i) to align such
886 regulations with any applicable regulations promulgated by the Board of Pharmacy that establish health,
887 safety, and security requirements for pharmaceutical processors and cannabis dispensing facilities and (ii)
888 to deem in compliance with applicable regulations promulgated pursuant to this subtitle such
889 pharmaceutical processors and cannabis dispensing facilities that have been found to be in compliance
890 with regulations promulgated by the Board of Pharmacy that mirror or are more extensive in scope than
891 similar regulations promulgated pursuant to this subtitle.

892 H. The Board's power to regulate shall be broadly construed.

893 **§ 4.1-610. Financial interests of Board, employees, and family members prohibited.**

894 No Board member or employee of the Authority shall (i) be a principal stockholder or (ii) otherwise
895 have any financial interest, direct or indirect, in any licensee subject to the provisions of this subtitle or in
896 any entity that has submitted an application for a license ~~under Chapter 8 (§ 4.1-800 et seq.)~~. No Board
897 member and no spouse or immediate family member of a Board member shall make any contribution to a

898 candidate for office or officeholder at the local or state level or cause such a contribution to be made on
899 his behalf.

900 **§ 4.1-614. Disposition of moneys collected by the Board.**

901 A. All moneys collected by the Board shall be paid directly and promptly into the state treasury,
902 or shall be deposited to the credit of the State Treasurer in a state depository, without any deductions on
903 account of salaries, fees, costs, charges, expenses, refunds, or claims of any description whatever, as
904 required by § 2.2-1802.

905 All moneys so paid into the state treasury, less the net profits determined pursuant to subsection
906 C, shall be set aside as and constitute an Enterprise Fund, subject to appropriation, for the payment of (i)
907 the salaries and remuneration of the members, agents, and employees of the Board and (ii) all costs and
908 expenses incurred in the administration of this subtitle.

909 B. The net profits derived under the provisions of this subtitle shall be transferred by the
910 Comptroller to the general fund of the state treasury quarterly, within 50 days after the close of each
911 quarter or as otherwise provided in the appropriation act. As allowed by the Governor, the Board may
912 deduct from the net profits quarterly a sum for the creation of a reserve fund not exceeding the sum of
913 \$2.5 million in connection with the administration of this subtitle and to provide for the depreciation on
914 the buildings, plants, and equipment owned, held, or operated by the Board. After accounting for the
915 Authority's expenses as provided in subsection A, net profits shall be appropriated in the general
916 appropriation act as follows:

- 917 1. Forty percent to pre-kindergarten programs for at-risk three-year-olds and four-year-olds;
- 918 2. Thirty percent to the Cannabis ~~Equity~~ Reinvestment Fund established pursuant to § 2.2-2499.8;
- 919 3. Twenty-five percent to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services,
920 which shall distribute such appropriated funds to community services boards for the purpose of
921 administering substance use disorder prevention and treatment programs; and
- 922 4. Five percent to public health programs, including public awareness campaigns that are designed
923 to prevent drugged driving, discourage consumption by persons younger than 21 years of age, and inform
924 the public of other potential risks.

925 C. As used in this section, "net profits" means the total of all moneys collected by the Board, less
926 local marijuana tax revenues collected under § 4.1-1004 and distributed pursuant to ~~§ 4.1-614~~ this section
927 and all costs, expenses, and charges authorized by this section.

928 D. All local tax revenues collected under § 4.1-1004 shall be paid into the state treasury as provided
929 in subsection A and credited to a special fund, which is hereby created on the Comptroller's books under
930 the name "Collections of Local Marijuana Taxes." The revenues shall be credited to the account of the
931 locality in which they were collected. If revenues were collected from a marijuana establishment located
932 in more than one locality by reason of the boundary line or lines passing through the marijuana
933 establishment, tax revenues shall be distributed pro rata among the localities. The Authority shall provide
934 to the Comptroller any records and assistance necessary for the Comptroller to determine the locality to
935 which tax revenues are attributable.

936 On a quarterly basis, the Comptroller shall draw his warrant on the Treasurer of Virginia in the
937 proper amount in favor of each locality entitled to the return of its tax revenues, and such payments shall
938 be charged to the account of each such locality under the special fund created by this section. If errors are
939 made in any such payment, or adjustments are otherwise necessary, whether attributable to refunds to
940 taxpayers, or to some other fact, the errors shall be corrected and adjustments made in the payments for
941 the next quarter.

942 **§ 4.1-619. Certified mail; subsequent mail or notices may be sent by regular mail; electronic**
943 **communications as alternative to regular mail; limitation.**

944 A. Whenever in this subtitle the Board is required to send any mail or notice by certified mail and
945 such mail or notice is sent certified mail, return receipt requested, then any subsequent, identical mail or
946 notice that is sent by the Board may be sent by regular mail.

947 B. Except as provided in subsection C, whenever in this subtitle the Board is required or permitted
948 to send any mail, notice, or other official communication by regular mail to ~~persons licensed under Chapter~~
949 ~~§ (§ 4.1-800 et seq.)~~ a licensee, upon the request of a licensee, the Board may instead send such mail,
950 notice, or official communication by email, text message, or other electronic means to the email address,
951 telephone number, or other contact information provided to the Board by the licensee, provided that the

952 Board retains sufficient proof of the electronic delivery, which may be an electronic receipt of delivery or
953 a certificate of service prepared by the Board confirming the electronic delivery.

954 C. No notice ~~required by § 4.1-903~~ to a licensee of a hearing that may result in the suspension or
955 revocation of his license or the imposition of a civil penalty shall be sent by the Board by email, text
956 message, or other electronic means, nor shall any decision by the Board to suspend or revoke a license or
957 impose a civil penalty be sent by the Board by email, text message, or other electronic means.

958 **§ 4.1-629. Local referendum on prohibition of marijuana establishments.**

959 A. The governing body of a locality may, by resolution, petition the circuit court for the locality
960 for a referendum on the question of whether marijuana establishments should be prohibited in the locality.

961 Upon the filing of a petition, the circuit court shall order the election officials to conduct a
962 referendum on the question on the date fixed in the order. The date set by the order shall comply with the
963 provisions of § 24.2-682, but in no event shall such date be more than 90 days from the date the order is
964 issued. The clerk of the circuit court shall publish notice of the referendum in a newspaper of general
965 circulation in the locality once a week for three consecutive weeks prior to the referendum.

966 The question on the ballot shall be:

967 "Shall the operation of marijuana establishments be prohibited in _____ (name of county,
968 city, or town)?"

969 The referendum shall be held and the results certified as provided in § 24.2-684. In addition to the
970 certifications required by such section, the secretary of the local electoral board shall certify the results of
971 the referendum to the Board of Directors of the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority and to the governing
972 body of the locality.

973 B. If a majority of the qualified voters voting in such referendum vote "No" on the question of
974 whether marijuana establishments shall be prohibited in the locality, marijuana establishments shall be
975 permitted to operate within the locality 60 days after the results are certified or on July 1, 2024, whichever
976 is later, and no subsequent referendum may be held pursuant to this section within such locality.

977 If a majority of the qualified voters voting in such referendum vote "Yes" on the question of
978 whether marijuana establishments shall be prohibited in the locality, marijuana establishments shall be

979 prohibited in the locality effective January 1 of the year immediately following the referendum. A
980 referendum on the same question may be held subsequent to a vote to prohibit marijuana establishments
981 but not earlier than the fourth November following the date of the previous referendum. Any subsequent
982 referendum shall be held pursuant to the provisions of this section.

983 C. When any referendum is held pursuant to this section in a town, separate and apart from the
984 county in which such town or a part thereof is located, such town shall be treated as being separate and
985 apart from such county. When any referendum is held pursuant to this section in a county, any town
986 located within such county shall be treated as being separate and apart from such county.

987 D. The legality of any referendum held pursuant to this section shall be subject to the inquiry,
988 determination, and judgment of the circuit court that ordered the referendum. The court shall proceed upon
989 the complaint of 15 or more qualified voters of the county, city, or town, filed within 30 days after the
990 date the results of the referendum are certified and setting out fully the grounds of contest. The complaint
991 and the proceedings shall conform as nearly as practicable to the provisions of § 15.2-1654, and the
992 judgment of the court entered of record shall be a final determination of the legality of the referendum.

993 E. Referendums held pursuant to this section shall not apply to or prohibit the licensure and
994 operation of a marijuana establishment by and on the premises of a pharmaceutical processor or cannabis
995 dispensing facility that has been issued a permit by the Board of Pharmacy pursuant to Article 4.2 (§ 54.1-
996 3442.5 et seq.) of the Drug Control Act prior to January 1, 2023.

997 **§ 4.1-700. License requirement; background checks; expiration.**

998 A. The Board may grant the following licenses:

- 999 1. Marijuana cultivation facility license;
- 1000 2. Marijuana manufacturing facility license;
- 1001 3. Marijuana wholesale license; and
- 1002 4. Retail marijuana store license.

1003 B. No person shall operate a marijuana establishment or exercise the privileges of any license set
1004 forth in subsection A without first obtaining a license from the Board.

1005 C. Applications for a license shall be submitted on a form provided by the Board. The Board shall
1006 require that all applications include the name and signature of the applicant's compliance officer. The
1007 Board shall establish an application fee and any other requirements for such applications.

1008 D. License applicants, including all material owners of any applicant, shall submit to fingerprinting
1009 and provide personal descriptive information to be forwarded along with the fingerprints through the
1010 Central Criminal Records Exchange to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of obtaining
1011 criminal history record information. The cost of fingerprinting and the criminal history record search shall
1012 be paid by the applicant. The Central Criminal Records Exchange shall forward the results of the criminal
1013 history record search to the Board or its designee, which shall be a governmental entity.

1014 E. Each license shall expire annually on a date determined by the Board.

1015 F. All licenses shall be displayed in a conspicuous place on the licensed premises.

1016 **§ 4.1-701. Exemptions from licensure.**

1017 The licensure requirements set forth in § 4.1-700 shall not apply to (i) a pharmaceutical processor
1018 or cannabis dispensing facility that has been issued a permit by the Board of Pharmacy pursuant to, and is
1019 operating in accordance with, Article 4.2 (§ 54.1-3442.5 et seq.) of the Drug Control Act; (ii) a handler,
1020 grower, or processor of industrial hemp registered with the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer
1021 Services pursuant to, and operating in accordance with, Chapter 41.1 (§ 3.2-4112 et seq.) of Title 3.2; (iii)
1022 a manufacturer of industrial hemp extract or food containing an industrial hemp extract operating in
1023 accordance with Article 5 (§ 3.2-5145.1 et seq.) of Chapter 51 of Title 3.2; or (iv) a person who cultivates
1024 marijuana at home for personal use pursuant to § 4.1-1101. Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed to
1025 (a) prevent such persons from obtaining a license pursuant to this subtitle, provided such person satisfies
1026 applicable licensing requirements; (b) prevent a licensee from acquiring hemp products from an industrial
1027 hemp processor in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41.1 of Title 3.2; or (c) prevent a cultivation,
1028 manufacturing, wholesale, or retail licensee from operating on the licensed premises of a pharmaceutical
1029 processing facility in accordance with Article 4.2 of the Drug Control Act or an industrial hemp processing
1030 facility in accordance with Chapter 41.1 of Title 3.2.

1031 **§ 4.1-702. Dispensing requirements and limitations; records.**

1032 A. A licensee shall dispense retail marijuana and retail marijuana products only in person and to
1033 persons to whom retail marijuana and retail marijuana products may be lawfully sold.

1034 B. Prior to the dispensing of retail marijuana or retail marijuana products, the licensee shall require
1035 the purchaser to present bona fide evidence of legal age indicating that the purchaser is 21 years of age or
1036 older.

1037 C. Licensees shall maintain, on site or remotely by electronic means, for two years a paper or
1038 electronic copy of all transactions.

1039 D. No licensee shall dispense more than one ounce of retail marijuana or an equivalent amount of
1040 retail marijuana products, as determined by the Board, to a single purchaser per day.

1041 E. A licensee may only sell and dispense retail marijuana and retail marijuana products that have
1042 been registered by the Board.

1043 **§ 4.1-703. Employees; background checks; qualifications.**

1044 A. Licensees shall maintain criminal history record information for all employees and agents of
1045 the licensee in accordance with Board regulations. Criminal history record checks of employees and agents
1046 may be conducted by any service sufficient to disclose any federal and state criminal convictions.

1047 B. No person who has been convicted of a felony under the laws of the Commonwealth or another
1048 jurisdiction within the last five years shall be employed by or act as an agent of a licensee.

1049 C. Licensees shall adopt policies for pre-employment drug screenings and regular, ongoing
1050 random drug screening of all employees.

1051 D. In addition to other employees authorized by the Board, a licensee may employ individuals who
1052 have less than two years of relevant experience to (i) perform cultivation-related duties under the
1053 supervision of an individual who has received a degree in a field related to the cultivation of plants or a
1054 Board-recognized certification or who has at least two years of experience cultivating plants and (ii)
1055 perform extraction-related duties under the supervision of an individual who has a degree in chemistry or
1056 pharmacology or at least two years of experience extracting chemicals from plants.

1057 **§ 4.1-704. Compliance officers.**

1058 A. Every licensee that is authorized to cultivate, manufacture, or dispense retail marijuana or retail
1059 marijuana products shall designate one or more compliance officers. Compliance officers shall (i)
1060 personally supervise the licensee's cultivation, manufacturing, and dispensing areas, as applicable; (ii)
1061 ensure that security measures are adequate to protect the retail marijuana or retail marijuana products from
1062 diversion at all times; and (iii) determine the number of employees that can be safely and competently
1063 supervised at one time. However, no compliance officer shall supervise more than six persons performing
1064 the dispensing duties at one time.

1065 B. The Board shall establish criteria for determining whether a person is qualified and fit to serve
1066 as a compliance officer.

1067 C. The Board shall direct all communications related to enforcement of requirements related to the
1068 cultivation, manufacturing, and dispensing of retail marijuana and retail marijuana products by the
1069 licensee to the licensee's compliance officer.

1070 **§ 4.1-1003. Marijuana tax; exceptions.**

1071 A. A tax of 21 percent is levied on the sale in the Commonwealth of any retail marijuana, retail
1072 marijuana products, marijuana paraphernalia sold by a retail marijuana store, non-retail marijuana, and
1073 non-retail marijuana products. The tax shall be in addition to any tax imposed under the Virginia Retail
1074 Sales and Use Tax Act (§ 58.1-600 et seq.) or any other provision of federal, state, or local law.

1075 B. The tax shall not apply to any sale:

1076 1. From a marijuana establishment to another marijuana establishment.

1077 2. Of cannabis oil for treatment under the provisions of § 54.1-3408.3 and Article 4.2 (§ 54.1-
1078 3442.5 et seq.) of the Drug Control Act.

1079 3. Of industrial hemp by a grower, processor, or handler under the provisions of Chapter 41.1 (§
1080 3.2-4112 et seq.) of Title 3.2.

1081 4. Of a hemp product that is not a regulated hemp product.

1082 C. All revenues remitted to the Authority under this section shall be disposed of as provided in §
1083 4.1-614.

1084 **§ 4.1-1004. Optional local marijuana tax.**

1085 A. Any locality may by ordinance levy a three percent tax on any sale taxable under § 4.1-1003.
1086 The tax shall be in addition to any local sales tax imposed under the Virginia Retail Sales and Use Tax
1087 Act (§ 58.1-600 et seq.), any food and beverage tax imposed under Article 7.1 (§ 58.1-3833 et seq.) of
1088 Chapter 38 of Title 58.1, and any excise tax imposed on meals under § 58.1-3840. Other than the taxes
1089 authorized and identified in this subsection, a locality shall not impose any other tax on a sale taxable
1090 under § 4.1-1003.

1091 B. If a town imposes a tax under this section, any tax imposed by its surrounding county under this
1092 section shall not apply within the limits of the town.

1093 C. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a locality from imposing any tax authorized
1094 by law on a person or property regulated under this subtitle. Nothing in this section shall be construed to
1095 limit the authority of any locality to impose a license or privilege tax or fee on a business engaged in
1096 whole or in part in sales taxable under § 4.1-1003 if such tax or fee is (i) based on an annual or per-event
1097 flat fee authorized by law or (ii) is an annual license or privilege tax authorized by law, and such tax
1098 includes sales or receipts taxable under § 4.1-1003 in its taxable measure.

1099 D. Any locality that enacts an ordinance pursuant to subsection A shall, within 30 days, notify the
1100 Authority and any retail marijuana store in such locality of the ordinance's enactment. The ordinance shall
1101 take effect on the first day of the second month following its enactment.

1102 E. Any tax levied under this section shall be administered and collected by the Authority in the
1103 same manner as provided for the tax imposed under § 4.1-1003.

1104 F. All revenues remitted to the Authority under this section shall be disposed of as provided in §
1105 4.1-614.

1106 **§ 4.1-1005. Tax returns and payments; commissions; interest.**

1107 A. For any sale taxable under §§ 4.1-1003 and 4.1-1004, the seller shall be liable for collecting
1108 any taxes due. All taxes collected by a seller shall be deemed to be held in trust for the Commonwealth.
1109 The buyer shall not be liable for collecting or remitting the taxes or filing a return.

1110 B. On or before the tenth day of each month, any person liable for a tax due under § 4.1-1003 or
1111 4.1-1004 shall file a return under oath with the Authority and pay any taxes due. Upon written application

1112 by a person filing a return, the Authority may, if it determines good cause exists, grant an extension to the
1113 end of the calendar month in which the tax is due, or for a period not exceeding 30 days. Any extension
1114 shall toll the accrual of any interest or penalties under § 4.1-1007.

1115 C. The Authority may accept payment by any commercially acceptable means, including cash,
1116 checks, credit cards, debit cards, and electronic funds transfers, for any taxes, interest, or penalties due
1117 under this subtitle. The Board may assess a service charge for the use of a credit or debit card.

1118 D. Upon request, the Authority may collect and maintain a record of a person's credit card, debit
1119 card, or automated clearinghouse transfer information and use such information for future payments of
1120 taxes, interest, or penalties due under this subtitle. The Authority may assess a service charge for any
1121 payments made under this subsection. The Authority may procure the services of a third-party vendor for
1122 the secure storage of information collected pursuant to this subsection.

1123 E. If any person liable for tax under §§ 4.1-1003 and 4.1-1004 sells out his business or stock of
1124 goods or quits the business, such person shall make a final return and payment within 15 days after the
1125 date of selling or quitting the business. Such person's successors or assigns, if any, shall withhold sufficient
1126 of the purchase money to cover the amount of such taxes, interest, and penalties due and unpaid until such
1127 former owner produces a receipt from the Authority showing payment or a certificate stating that no taxes,
1128 penalties, or interest are due. If the buyer of a business or stock of goods fails to withhold the purchase
1129 money as provided in this subsection, such buyer shall be liable for the payment of the taxes, interest, and
1130 penalties due and unpaid on account of the operation of the business by any former owner.

1131 F. When any person fails to timely pay the full amount of tax due under § 4.1-1003 or 4.1-1004,
1132 interest at a rate determined in accordance with § 58.1-15 shall accrue on the tax until it is paid. Any taxes
1133 due under §§ 4.1-1003 and 4.1-1004 shall, if applicable, be subject to penalties as provided in §§ 4.1-1206
1134 and 4.1-1207.

1135 **§ 4.1-1006. Bonds.**

1136 The Authority may, when deemed necessary and advisable to do so in order to secure the collection
1137 of the taxes levied under §§ 4.1-1003 and 4.1-1004, require any person subject to such tax to file a bond,
1138 with such surety as it determines is necessary to secure the payment of any tax, penalty, or interest due or

1139 that may become due from such person. In lieu of such bond, securities approved by the Authority may
1140 be deposited with the State Treasurer, which securities shall be kept in the custody of the State Treasurer,
1141 and shall be sold by the State Treasurer at the request of the Authority at public or private sale if it becomes
1142 necessary to do so in order to recover any tax, interest, or penalty due the Commonwealth. Upon any such
1143 sale, the surplus, if any, above the amounts due shall be returned to the person who deposited the securities.

1144 **§ 4.1-1007. Statute of limitations; civil remedies for collecting past-due taxes, interest, and**
1145 **penalties; appeals.**

1146 A. The taxes imposed under §§ 4.1-1003 and 4.1-1004 shall be assessed within three years from
1147 the date on which such taxes became due and payable. In the case of a false or fraudulent return with intent
1148 to defraud the Commonwealth, or a failure to file a return, the taxes may be assessed, or a proceeding in
1149 court for the collection of such taxes may be begun without assessment, at any time within six years from
1150 such date. The Authority shall not examine any person's records beyond the three-year period of
1151 limitations unless it has reasonable evidence of fraud or reasonable cause to believe that such person was
1152 required by law to file a return and failed to do so.

1153 B. If any person fails to file a return as required by this section, or files a return that is false or
1154 fraudulent, the Authority may make an estimate for the taxable period of the taxable sales of such person
1155 and assess the tax, plus any applicable interest and penalties. The Authority shall give such person 10
1156 days' notice requiring such person to provide any records as it may require relating to the business of such
1157 person for the taxable period. The Authority may require such person or the agents and employees of such
1158 person to give testimony or to answer interrogatories under oath administered by the Authority respecting
1159 taxable sales, the filing of the return, and any other relevant information. If any person fails to file a
1160 required return, refuses to provide required records, or refuses to answer interrogatories from the
1161 Authority, the Authority may make an estimated assessment based upon the information available to it
1162 and issue a memorandum of lien under subsection C for the collection of any taxes, interest, or penalties.
1163 The estimated assessment shall be deemed prima facie correct.

1164 C. 1. If the Authority assesses taxes, interest, or penalties on a person and such person does not
1165 pay within 30 days after the due date, taking into account any extensions granted by the Authority, the

1166 Authority may file a memorandum of lien in the circuit court clerk's office of the county or city in which
1167 the person's place of business is located or in which the person resides. If the person has no place of
1168 business or residence within the Commonwealth, the memorandum may be filed in the Circuit Court of
1169 the City of Richmond. A copy of the memorandum may also be filed in the clerk's office of all counties
1170 and cities in which the person owns real estate. Such memorandum shall be recorded in the judgment
1171 docket book and shall have the effect of a judgment in favor of the Commonwealth, to be enforced as
1172 provided in Article 19 (§ 8.01-196 et seq.) of Chapter 3 of Title 8.01, except that a writ of fieri facias may
1173 issue at any time after the memorandum is filed. The lien on real estate shall become effective at the time
1174 the memorandum is filed in the jurisdiction in which the real estate is located. No memorandum of lien
1175 shall be filed unless the person is first given 10 or more days' prior notice of intent to file a lien; however,
1176 in those instances where the Authority determines that the collection of any tax, penalties, or interest
1177 required to be paid pursuant to law will be jeopardized by the provision of such notice, notification may
1178 be provided to the person concurrent with the filing of the memorandum of lien. Such notice shall be given
1179 to the person at his last known address.

1180 2. Recordation of a memorandum of lien under this subsection shall not affect a person's right to
1181 appeal under subsection D.

1182 3. If after filing a memorandum of lien the Authority determines that it is in the best interest of the
1183 Commonwealth, it may place padlocks on the doors of any business enterprise that is delinquent in filing
1184 or paying any tax owed to the Commonwealth. The Authority shall also post notices of distraint on each
1185 of the doors so padlocked. If, after three business days, the tax deficiency has not been satisfied or
1186 satisfactory arrangements for payment made, the Authority may cause a writ of fieri facias to be issued. It
1187 shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor for anyone to enter the padlocked premises without prior approval of the
1188 Authority. In the event that the person against whom the distraint has been applied subsequently appeals
1189 under subsection D, the person shall have the right to post bond equaling the amount of liability in lieu of
1190 payment until the appeal is resolved.

1191 4. A person may petition the Authority after a memorandum of lien has been filed under this
1192 subsection if the person alleges an error in the filing of the lien. The Authority shall make a determination

1193 on such petition within 14 days. If the Authority determines that the filing was erroneous, it shall issue a
1194 certificate of release of the lien within seven days after such determination is made.

1195 D. Any tax imposed under § 4.1-1003 or 4.1-1004, any interest imposed under this section, and
1196 any penalty imposed under § 4.1-1206 or 4.1-1207 shall be subject to appeal and review under the
1197 Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.). Such review shall extend to the entire evidential record
1198 of the proceedings provided by the Authority in accordance with the Administrative Process Act. An
1199 appeal shall lie to the Court of Appeals from any order of a circuit court. Notwithstanding § 8.01-676.1,
1200 the final judgment or order of a circuit court shall not be suspended, stayed, or modified by such circuit
1201 court pending appeal to the Court of Appeals. Neither mandamus nor injunction shall lie in any such case.

1202 **§ 4.1-1104. Persons to whom marijuana or marijuana products may not be sold; proof of**
1203 **legal age; penalties.**

1204 A. No person shall sell, give, or distribute any marijuana or marijuana products to any individual
1205 when at the time of such sale he knows or has reason to believe that the individual to whom the sale is
1206 made is (i) younger than 21 years of age or (ii) intoxicated. Any person convicted of a violation of this
1207 subsection is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

1208 B. It is unlawful for any person 21 years of age or older to sell or distribute, or possess with the
1209 intent to sell or distribute, marijuana paraphernalia to any person younger than 21 years of age. Any person
1210 who violates this subsection is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

1211 C. It is unlawful for any person 21 years of age or older to place in any newspaper, magazine,
1212 handbill, or other publication any advertisement, knowing or under circumstances where one reasonably
1213 should know, that the purpose of the advertisement, in whole or in part, is to promote the sale of marijuana
1214 paraphernalia to persons younger than 21 years of age. Any person who violates this subsection is guilty
1215 of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

1216 D. Any person who sells marijuana or marijuana products to an individual who is younger than 21
1217 years of age and at the time of the sale does not require the individual to present bona fide evidence of
1218 legal age indicating that the individual is 21 years of age or older is guilty of a violation of this subsection.
1219 Bona fide evidence of legal age is limited to any evidence that is or reasonably appears to be an unexpired

1220 driver's license issued by any state of the United States or the District of Columbia, military identification
1221 card, United States passport or foreign government visa, unexpired special identification card issued by
1222 the Department of Motor Vehicles, or any other valid government-issued identification card bearing the
1223 individual's photograph, signature, height, weight, and date of birth, or which bears a photograph that
1224 reasonably appears to match the appearance of the purchaser. A student identification card shall not
1225 constitute bona fide evidence of legal age for purposes of this subsection. Any person convicted of a
1226 violation of this subsection is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor. The Board shall not take administrative
1227 action against a licensee for the conduct of his employee who violates this subsection.

1228 E. No person shall be convicted of both subsections A and D for the same sale.

1229 **§ 4.1-1105.1. Possession of marijuana or marijuana products unlawful in certain cases;**
1230 **venue; exceptions; penalties; treatment and education programs and services.**

1231 A. No person younger than 21 years of age shall consume or possess, or attempt to consume or
1232 possess, any marijuana or marijuana products, except by any federal, state, or local law-enforcement
1233 officer or his agent when possession of marijuana or marijuana products is necessary in the performance
1234 of his duties. Such person may be prosecuted either in the county or city in which the marijuana or
1235 marijuana products were possessed or consumed or in the county or city in which the person exhibits
1236 evidence of physical indicia of consumption of marijuana or marijuana products.

1237 B. Any person 18 years of age or older who violates subsection A is subject to a civil penalty of
1238 no more than \$25 and shall be ordered to enter a substance abuse treatment or education program or both,
1239 if available, that in the opinion of the court best suits the needs of the accused.

1240 C. Any juvenile who violates subsection A is subject to a civil penalty of no more than \$25 and
1241 the court shall require the accused to enter a substance abuse treatment or education program or both, if
1242 available, that in the opinion of the court best suits the needs of the accused. For purposes of §§ 16.1-266,
1243 16.1-273, 16.1-278.8, 16.1-278.8:01, and 16.1-278.9, the court shall treat the child as delinquent.

1244 D. Any such substance abuse treatment or education program to which a person is ordered pursuant
1245 to this section shall be provided by (i) a program licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and
1246 Developmental Services or (ii) a program or services made available through a community-based

1247 probation services agency established pursuant to Article 9 (§ 9.1-173 et seq.) of Chapter 1 of Title 9.1, if
1248 one has been established for the locality. When an offender is ordered to a local community-based
1249 probation services agency, the local community-based probation services agency shall be responsible for
1250 providing for services or referring the offender to education or treatment services as a condition of
1251 probation.

1252 E. No person younger than 21 years of age shall use or attempt to use any (i) altered, fictitious,
1253 facsimile, or simulated license to operate a motor vehicle; (ii) altered, fictitious, facsimile, or simulated
1254 document, including but not limited to a birth certificate or student identification card; or (iii) motor
1255 vehicle driver's license or other document issued under Chapter 3 (§ 46.2-300 et seq.) of Title 46.2 or the
1256 comparable law of another jurisdiction, birth certificate, or student identification card of another person
1257 in order to establish a false identification or false age for himself to consume, purchase, or attempt to
1258 consume or purchase retail marijuana or retail marijuana products. Any person convicted of a violation of
1259 this subsection is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

1260 F. Any civil penalties collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Drug Offender
1261 Assessment and Treatment Fund established pursuant to § 18.2-251.02.

1262 **§ 4.1-1106. Purchasing retail marijuana or retail marijuana products for one to whom they**
1263 **may not be sold; penalties; forfeiture.**

1264 A. Any person who purchases retail marijuana or retail marijuana products for another person and
1265 at the time of such purchase knows or has reason to believe that the person for whom the retail marijuana
1266 or retail marijuana products were purchased was intoxicated is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

1267 B. Any person who purchases for, or otherwise gives, provides, or assists in the provision of retail
1268 marijuana or retail marijuana products to, another person when he knows or has reason to know that such
1269 person is younger than 21 years of age, except by any federal, state, or local law-enforcement officer when
1270 possession of marijuana or marijuana products is necessary in the performance of his duties, is guilty of a
1271 Class 1 misdemeanor.

1272 C. Any marijuana or marijuana products purchased in violation of this section shall be deemed
1273 contraband and forfeited to the Commonwealth.

1274 **§ 4.1-1116. Illegal advertising; penalty; exception.**

1275 A. Except in accordance with this title and Board regulations, no person shall advertise in or send
1276 any advertising matter into the Commonwealth about or concerning marijuana other than such that may
1277 legally be manufactured or sold without a license.

1278 B. Marijuana cultivation facility licensees, marijuana manufacturing facility licensees, marijuana
1279 wholesaler licensees, and retail marijuana store licensees may advertise retail marijuana or retail marijuana
1280 products, provided that such advertising complies with Board regulations.

1281 C. Except as provided in subsection D, any person convicted of a violation of this section is guilty
1282 of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

1283 D. For violations relating to distance and zoning restrictions on outdoor advertising, the Board
1284 shall give the advertiser written notice to take corrective action to either bring the advertisement into
1285 compliance with this subtitle and Board regulations or to remove such advertisement. If corrective action
1286 is not taken within 30 days, the advertiser is guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor.

1287 **§ 4.1-1122. Criminal immunity.**

1288 No person shall be subject to arrest or prosecution for the purchase, possession, cultivation,
1289 manufacture, sale, or distribution of marijuana under Articles 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) or 1.1 (§ 18.2-265.1
1290 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2 if such person is engaging in activities permitted under this subtitle and
1291 Board regulations.

1292 **§ 4.1-1200. Illegal cultivation, etc., of marijuana or marijuana products by licensees; penalty.**

1293 A. No licensee or any agent or employee of such licensee shall:

1294 1. Cultivate, manufacture, transport, sell, or test any retail marijuana or retail marijuana products
1295 of a kind other than that which such license or this subtitle authorizes him to cultivate, manufacture,
1296 transport, sell, or test;

1297 2. Sell retail marijuana or retail marijuana products to any person other than a person to whom
1298 such license or this subtitle authorizes him to sell;

1299 3. Cultivate, manufacture, transport, sell, or test retail marijuana or retail marijuana products that
 1300 such license or this subtitle authorizes him to sell, but in any place or in any manner other than such license
 1301 or this subtitle authorizes him to cultivate, manufacture, transport, sell, or test;

1302 4. Cultivate, manufacture, transport, sell, or test any retail marijuana or retail marijuana products
 1303 when forbidden by this subtitle;

1304 5. Keep or allow to be kept, other than in his residence and for his personal use, any retail marijuana
 1305 or retail marijuana products other than that which he is authorized to cultivate, manufacture, transport,
 1306 sell, or test by such license or by this subtitle;

1307 6. Keep any retail marijuana or retail marijuana product other than in the container in which it was
 1308 purchased by him;

1309 7. Use or consume marijuana or marijuana products on the licensed premises; or

1310 8. Allow a person younger than 21 years of age to be employed by or volunteer for such licensee
 1311 at a retail marijuana store.

1312 B. Any person convicted of a violation of this section is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

1313 **§ 4.1-1202. Sale of or purchase for resale retail marijuana or retail marijuana products from**
 1314 **a person without a license; penalty.**

1315 A. No retail marijuana store licensee shall purchase for resale or sell any retail marijuana, retail
 1316 marijuana products, immature marijuana plants, or marijuana seeds purchased from anyone other than a
 1317 marijuana cultivation facility, marijuana manufacturing facility, or marijuana wholesaler licensee.

1318 B. Any person convicted of a violation of this section is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

1319 **§ 4.1-1206. Failure of licensee to pay tax or to deliver, keep, and preserve records and**
 1320 **accounts or to allow examination and inspection; penalty.**

1321 A. No licensee shall fail or refuse to (i) pay any tax provided for in § 4.1-1003 or 4.1-1004; (ii)
 1322 deliver, keep, and preserve such records, invoices, and accounts as are required by Board regulation; or
 1323 (iii) allow such records, invoices, and accounts or his place of business to be examined and inspected in
 1324 accordance with Board regulations. Any person convicted of a violation of this subsection is guilty of a
 1325 Class 1 misdemeanor.

1326 B. After reasonable notice to a licensee that failed to make a return or pay taxes due, the Authority
1327 may suspend or revoke any license of such licensee that was issued by the Authority.

1328 **§ 4.1-1207. Nonpayment of marijuana tax; penalties.**

1329 A. No person shall make a sale taxable under § 4.1-1003 or 4.1-1004 without paying all applicable
1330 taxes due under §§ 4.1-1003 and 4.1-1004. No retail marijuana store licensee shall purchase, receive,
1331 transport, store, or sell any retail marijuana or retail marijuana products on which such retailer has reason
1332 to know such tax has not been paid and may not be paid. Any person convicted of a violation of this
1333 subsection is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

1334 B. Any person that fails to file a return required for a tax due under § 4.1-1003 or 4.1-1004 is
1335 subject to a civil penalty to be added to the tax in the amount of five percent of the proper tax due if the
1336 failure is for not more than 30 days, with an additional five percent for each additional 30 days, or fraction
1337 thereof, during which the failure continues. Such civil penalty shall not exceed 25 percent in the aggregate.

1338 C. In the case of a false or fraudulent return, where willful intent exists to defraud the
1339 Commonwealth of any tax due on retail marijuana or retail marijuana products, a civil penalty of 50
1340 percent of the amount of the proper tax due shall be assessed. Such penalty shall be in addition to any
1341 penalty imposed under subsection B. It shall be prima facie evidence of willful intent to defraud the
1342 Commonwealth when any person reports its taxable sales to the Authority at 50 percent or less of the
1343 actual amount.

1344 D. If any check tendered for any amount due under § 4.1-1003 or 4.1-1004 or this section is not
1345 paid by the bank on which it is drawn, and the person that tendered the check fails to pay the Authority
1346 the amount due within five days after the Authority gives it notice that such check was returned unpaid,
1347 the person that tendered the check is guilty of a violation of § 18.2-182.1.

1348 E. All penalties shall be payable to the Authority and if not so paid shall be collectible in the same
1349 manner as if they were a part of the tax imposed.

1350 **§ 4.1-1307. Punishment for violations of subtitle or regulations; bond.**

1351 A. Any person convicted of a misdemeanor under the provisions of this subtitle without
1352 specification as to the class of offense or penalty, or convicted of violating any other provision thereof, or
1353 convicted of violating any Board regulation is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

1354 B. In addition to the penalties imposed by this subtitle for violations, any court before whom any
1355 person is convicted of a violation of any provision of this subtitle may require such defendant to execute
1356 bond based upon his ability to pay, with approved security, in the penalty of not more than \$1,000, with
1357 the condition that the defendant will not violate any of the provisions of this subtitle for the term of one
1358 year. If any such bond is required and is not given, the defendant shall be committed to jail until it is given,
1359 or until he is discharged by the court, provided that he shall not be confined for a period longer than six
1360 months. If any such bond required by a court is not given during the term of the court by which conviction
1361 is had, it may be given before any judge or before the clerk of such court.

1362 C. The provisions of this subtitle shall not prevent the Board from suspending, revoking, or
1363 refusing to continue the license of any person convicted of a violation of any provision of this subtitle.

1364 D. No court shall hear such a case unless the respective attorney for the Commonwealth or his
1365 assistant has been notified that such a case is pending.

1366 **§ 4.1-1400. Testing; registered products.**

1367 A. The Board shall require licensees, prior to selling or offering for sale any retail marijuana or
1368 retail marijuana product, and persons, prior to selling or offering for sale any regulated hemp product, to
1369 provide a sample from each batch for testing by an independent laboratory. In the case of retail marijuana
1370 products and regulated hemp products, such testing shall be conducted after any manufacturing of the
1371 product is complete.

1372 B. A valid sample size for testing shall be determined by the testing laboratory and may vary due
1373 to sample matrix, analytical method, and laboratory-specific procedures. In the case of retail marijuana
1374 products and regulated hemp products, no sample shall constitute less than 0.5 percent of the individual
1375 units to be dispensed from each homogenized batch. In the case of retail marijuana, the Board may limit
1376 testing to the following: cannabidiol, tetrahydrocannabinol, terpenes, pesticide chemical residue, heavy
1377 metals, mycotoxins, moisture, and microbiological contaminants.

1378 C. Testing thresholds shall be consistent with generally accepted cannabis industry thresholds.
1379 Licensees may remediate retail marijuana or retail marijuana products that fail any quality testing standard
1380 except pesticides. Following remediation, all remediated retail marijuana or retail marijuana products shall
1381 be subject to laboratory testing and approved upon satisfaction of applicable testing standards, which shall
1382 be no more stringent than the initial testing conducted prior to remediation. If a batch of retail marijuana
1383 fails a retest after remediation, it may be processed into a retail marijuana product.

1384 D. The Board may require stability testing of retail marijuana, retail marijuana products, and
1385 regulated hemp products. However, stability testing shall not be required for any retail marijuana or retail
1386 marijuana products that have an expiration date of no more than six months from the date of registration
1387 approval. Stability testing of retail marijuana or retail marijuana products with an expiration date that is
1388 longer than six months shall be limited to microbial testing on a pass/fail basis and potency testing with a
1389 10 percent deviation allowance. The concentration of tetrahydrocannabinol in any retail marijuana or retail
1390 marijuana product offered for sale may be up to 10 percent greater or less than the level of
1391 tetrahydrocannabinol identified during testing and included on the label. Licensees shall ensure that such
1392 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration is within such range. Licensees shall establish a stability testing
1393 schedule for retail marijuana and retail marijuana products in accordance with Board regulations.

1394 E. Any laboratory that tests samples shall (i) be registered with and approved by the Board; (ii) be
1395 located in the Commonwealth; (iii) have no ownership interest in a licensed marijuana establishment or a
1396 handler, grower, manufacturer, or processor of industrial hemp, industrial hemp extract, or food containing
1397 an industrial hemp extract; (iv) hold a controlled substances registration certificate pursuant to § 54.1-
1398 3423; and (v) comply with quality and other standards established by Board regulation.

1399 F. The Board shall register all products that meet testing, labeling, and packaging standards.

1400 **§ 4.1-1401. Other health and safety requirements for edible marijuana products, edible hemp**
1401 **products, and other retail marijuana products deemed applicable by the Authority; regulations.**

1402 A. In addition to all other applicable provisions of this subtitle, edible marijuana products and other
1403 retail marijuana products deemed applicable by the Authority to be sold or offered for sale by a licensee

1404 to a consumer and edible hemp products deemed applicable by the Authority to be sold or offered for sale
1405 by a person in accordance with this subtitle:

- 1406 1. Shall be manufactured by an approved source, as determined by § 3.2-5145.8;
- 1407 2. Shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 51 (§ 3.2-5100 et seq.) of Title 3.2;
- 1408 3. Shall be manufactured in a manner that results in the cannabinoid content within the product

1409 being homogeneous throughout the product or throughout each element of the product that has a
1410 cannabinoid content;

- 1411 4. Shall be manufactured in a manner that results in the amount of marijuana concentrate or
1412 industrial hemp extract, as appropriate, within the product being homogeneous throughout the product or
1413 throughout each element of the product that contains marijuana concentrate or industrial hemp extract, as
1414 appropriate;

- 1415 5. Shall have a universal symbol stamped or embossed on the packaging of each product;

- 1416 6. Shall not contain more than 10 milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol per serving of the product
1417 and shall not contain more than 100 milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol per package of the product, except
1418 for edible hemp products, which shall not exceed the maximum tetrahydrocannabinol level established for
1419 a regulated hemp product pursuant to § 4.1-606;

- 1420 7. Shall not contain additives that (i) are toxic or harmful to human beings, (ii) are specifically
1421 designed to make the product more addictive, (iii) contain alcohol or nicotine, (iv) are misleading to
1422 consumers, or (v) are specifically designed to make the product appeal particularly to persons younger
1423 than 21 years of age; and

- 1424 8. Shall not involve the addition of marijuana to a trademarked food or drink product, except when
1425 the trademarked product is used as a component of or ingredient in the edible marijuana product and the
1426 edible marijuana product is not advertised or described for sale as containing the trademarked product.

1427 B. The Board shall adopt any additional labeling, packaging, or other health and safety regulations
1428 that it deems necessary for retail marijuana and retail marijuana products to be sold or offered for sale by
1429 a licensee to a consumer in accordance with this subtitle or regulated hemp products to be sold or offered
1430 for sale by a person in accordance with this subtitle. Regulations adopted pursuant to this subsection shall

1431 establish mandatory health and safety standards applicable to the cultivation of retail marijuana, the
1432 manufacture of retail marijuana products, the processing of regulated hemp products, the packaging and
1433 labeling of retail marijuana and retail marijuana products sold by a licensee to a consumer, and the
1434 packaging and labeling of regulated hemp products sold by a person to any other person. Such regulations
1435 shall address:

1436 1. Requirements for the storage, warehousing, and transportation of retail marijuana and retail
1437 marijuana products by licensees;

1438 2. Sanitary standards for marijuana and hemp establishments, including sanitary standards for the
1439 manufacture of retail marijuana, retail marijuana products, and regulated hemp products; and

1440 3. Limitations on the display of retail marijuana, retail marijuana products, and regulated hemp
1441 products at retail stores.

1442 **§ 4.1-1402. Annual regulated hemp product retail facility registration required; fee.**

1443 A. The Board shall issue regulated hemp product retail facility registrations, which shall authorize
1444 the registration holder to offer for sale or sell a regulated hemp product. No person that does not hold a
1445 regulated hemp product retail facility registration shall offer for sale or sell in the Commonwealth (i) a
1446 regulated hemp product or (ii) any substance that is intended to be consumed orally or by inhalation that
1447 is advertised or labeled as containing an industrial hemp-derived cannabinoid.

1448 B. A nonrefundable annual registration fee of \$1,000 shall be required with each application for a
1449 regulated hemp product retail facility registration.

1450 C. Each registration issued pursuant to this section shall be valid for a period of one year from the
1451 date of issuance and may be renewed in successive years. Each annual renewal shall require the payment
1452 of the nonrefundable annual registration fee prescribed in subsection B.

1453 D. An annual regulated hemp product retail facility registration shall be required for each location
1454 that offers for sale or sells a regulated hemp product.

1455 E. Any person seeking to offer for sale or sell a regulated hemp product in the Commonwealth
1456 shall apply to the Board for a regulated hemp product retail facility registration on a form provided by the
1457 Board. At a minimum, the application shall include:

- 1458 1. The name and mailing address of the applicant;
1459 2. The physical address of the facility from which the applicant intends to offer for sale or sell a
1460 regulated hemp product. A registration shall authorize the offering for sale or sale of a regulated hemp
1461 product only at the location specified in the registration;
1462 3. Written consent allowing the Board or its designee to enter the location from which the regulated
1463 hemp product is offered for sale or sold to ensure compliance with the requirements of this article;
1464 4. If the applicant intends to offer for sale or sell an edible hemp product, a copy of the permit
1465 issued by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services pursuant to § 3.2-5100;
1466 5. Any other information required by the Board; and
1467 6. The payment of a nonrefundable application fee.
1468 F. This section shall not apply to a person authorized to offer for sale or sell products (i) that are
1469 approved for marketing by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and scheduled in the Drug Control Act
1470 (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) or (ii) dispensed pursuant to Article 4.2 (§ 54.1-3442.5 et seq.) of Chapter 34 of Title
1471 54.1.

1472 **§ 4.1-1403. Regulated hemp products; packaging, labeling, and testing.**

- 1473 A. No person shall offer for sale or sell a regulated hemp product unless the product is:
1474 1. Contained in child-resistant packaging;
1475 2. Equipped with a label that states, in English and in a font no less than 1/16 of an inch, (i) all
1476 ingredients contained in the substance; (ii) the amount of such substance that constitutes a single serving;
1477 (iii) the total percentage and milligrams of all tetrahydrocannabinols included in the substance and the
1478 total number of milligrams of all tetrahydrocannabinols that are contained in each serving; and (iv) if the
1479 substance contains tetrahydrocannabinol, that the product may not be sold to persons younger than 21
1480 years of age; and
1481 3. Accompanied by a certificate of analysis, produced by an independent laboratory that is
1482 accredited pursuant to standard ISO/IEC 17025 of the International Organization for Standardization by a
1483 third-party accrediting body, that states the total tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of the substance or
1484 the total tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of the batch from which the substance originates. The

1485 certificate of accreditation pursuant to standard ISO/IEC 17025 issued by the third-party accrediting body
1486 to the independent laboratory shall be available for review at the location at which the regulated hemp
1487 product is offered for sale or sold.

1488 This subsection shall not (i) apply to products that are approved for marketing by the U.S. Food
1489 and Drug Administration and scheduled in the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) or (ii) be construed
1490 to prohibit any conduct permitted under Article 4.2 (§ 54.1-3442.5 et seq.) of Chapter 34 of Title 54.1.

1491 B. No person shall offer for sale or sell a regulated hemp product that depicts or is in the shape of
1492 a human, animal, vehicle, or fruit.

1493 C. No person shall offer for sale or sell a regulated hemp product that, without authorization, bears,
1494 is packaged in a container or wrapper that bears, or is otherwise labeled to bear the trademark, trade name,
1495 famous mark as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1125, or other identifying mark, imprint, or device, or any likeness
1496 thereof, of a manufacturer, processor, packer, or distributor of a product intended for human consumption
1497 other than the manufacturer, processor, packer, or distributor that did in fact so manufacture, process,
1498 pack, or distribute such substance.

1499 **§ 4.1-1404. Topical hemp products; bittering agent; civil penalty.**

1500 A. All topical hemp products offered for sale or sold shall contain a bittering agent so as to render
1501 the product unpalatable.

1502 B. A person who offers for sale or sells a topical hemp product that does not contain a bittering
1503 agent is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$500 for each day a violation occurs. Such penalty shall
1504 be collected by the Authority and the proceeds shall be payable to the State Treasurer for remittance to
1505 the Board.

1506 C. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A, a person may offer for sale or sell a topical
1507 hemp product that does not contain a bittering agent if the product was manufactured prior to July 1, 2023,
1508 and the person provides documentation of the date of manufacture to the Board if requested.

1509 D. This section shall not apply to a person authorized to offer for sale or sell products that are (i)
1510 approved for marketing by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and scheduled in the Drug Control Act

1511 (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) or (ii) dispensed pursuant to Article 4.2 (§ 54.1-3442.5 et seq.) of Chapter 34 of Title
1512 54.1.

1513 **§ 4.1-1405. Board to have access to retail facilities.**

1514 A. For the purpose of identifying violations of this article, the Board or its designee shall have
1515 access during business hours to all registered regulated hemp product retail facilities and any business that
1516 offers for sale or sells a substance intended to be consumed orally or by inhalation that is advertised or
1517 labeled as containing an industrial hemp-derived cannabinoid for the purpose of:

1518 1. Conducting an inspection; or

1519 2. Securing a sample of any regulated hemp product or substance intended to be consumed orally
1520 or by inhalation that is advertised or labeled as containing a cannabinoid. The Board or its designee shall
1521 conduct or cause to be conducted examinations or laboratory analysis of such samples.

1522 B. This section shall not apply to a person authorized to offer for sale or sell products that are (i)
1523 approved for marketing by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and scheduled in the Drug Control Act
1524 (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) or (ii) dispensed pursuant to Article 4.2 (§ 54.1-3442.5 et seq.) of Chapter 34 of Title
1525 54.1.

1526 **§ 4.1-1406. Civil penalties.**

1527 A. The Board may, in accordance with the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.), deny
1528 the application for a regulated hemp product retail facility registration or suspend or revoke the regulated
1529 hemp product retail facility registration of any person who violates the provisions of this article.

1530 B. Any person who (i) offers for sale or sells a regulated hemp product without first obtaining a
1531 registration to do so from the Board in accordance; (ii) continues to offer for sale or sell a regulated hemp
1532 product after revocation or suspension of such registration; (iii) offers for sale or sells a regulated hemp
1533 product that has a total tetrahydrocannabinol concentration greater than the amount allowed under Board
1534 regulation; (iv) offers for sale or sells a regulated hemp product in violation of § 4.1-1403; or (v) offers
1535 for sale or sells a substance intended to be consumed orally or by inhalation that is advertised or labeled
1536 as containing an industrial hemp-derived cannabinoid without a regulated hemp product retail facility

1537 registration, in addition to any other penalties provided, is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000
1538 for each day a violation occurs.

1539 C. For any other violation of a requirement of this chapter or of any regulation promulgated
1540 pursuant thereto pertaining to a regulated hemp product, the Authority may assess a penalty not to exceed
1541 (i) \$100 for a first violation, (ii) \$200 for a second violation, and (iii) \$500 for a third or subsequent
1542 violation.

1543 D. Penalties under this section shall be collected by the Authority and the proceeds shall be payable
1544 to the State Treasurer for remittance to the Board.

1545 **§ 4.1-1407. Hemp product not retail marijuana or retail marijuana product.**

1546 A regulated hemp product that is tested, labeled, packaged, and advertised in accordance with the
1547 provisions pertaining to a regulated hemp product in this subtitle or Board regulations shall not be subject
1548 to the requirements in this subtitle or Board regulations that pertain only to retail marijuana or retail
1549 marijuana products.

1550 CHAPTER 15.

1551 VIRGINIA CANNABIS-~~EQUITY~~ BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM AND FUND.

1552 **§ 4.1-1500. Definitions.**

1553 As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

1554 "CDFI" means a community development financial institution that provides credit and financial
1555 services for underserved communities.

1556 "Fund" means the Virginia Cannabis-~~Equity~~ Business Loan Fund established in § 4.1-1501.

1557 "Funding" means loans made from the Fund.

1558 "Program" means the Virginia Cannabis-~~Equity~~ Business Loan Program established in § 4.1-1502.

1559 "~~Social equity qualified~~ Qualified cannabis licensee" means a person ~~or business who~~ that meets
1560 the criteria in subdivision B 13 of § 4.1-606 ~~to qualify as a social equity applicant and who~~ either holds or
1561 is in the final stages of acquiring, as determined by the Board, a license to operate a marijuana
1562 establishment.

1563 **§ 4.1-1501. Virginia Cannabis Business Loan Fund.**

1564 There is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund to be known as the Virginia
1565 Cannabis-Equity Business Loan Fund, ~~referred to in this section as "the Fund."~~ The Fund shall be
1566 established on the books of the Comptroller. All funds appropriated for such purpose and any gifts,
1567 donations, grants, bequests, and other funds received on its behalf shall be paid into the state treasury and
1568 credited to the Fund. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it.
1569 Any moneys remaining in the Fund, including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not
1570 revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Moneys in the Fund shall be used solely for the
1571 purposes of providing low-interest and zero-interest loans to ~~social-equity~~ qualified cannabis licensees in
1572 order to foster business ownership and economic growth within historically economically disadvantaged
1573 ~~communities that have been the most disproportionately impacted by the former prohibition of cannabis.~~
1574 Expenditures and disbursements from the Fund shall be made by the State Treasurer on warrants issued
1575 by the Comptroller upon written request signed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority.

1576 **§ 4.1-1502. Selection of CDFI; Program requirements; guidelines for management of the**
1577 **Fund.**

1578 A. The Authority shall establish ~~a~~ the Virginia Cannabis Business Loan Program to provide loans
1579 to qualified ~~social-equity~~ cannabis licensees for the purpose of promoting business ownership and
1580 economic growth ~~by~~ in historically economically disadvantaged communities ~~that have been~~
1581 ~~disproportionately impacted by the prohibition of cannabis.~~ The Authority shall select and work in
1582 collaboration with a CDFI to assist in administering the Program and carrying out the purposes of the
1583 Fund. The CDFI selected by the Authority shall have (i) a statewide presence in Virginia, (ii) experience
1584 in business lending, (iii) a proven track record of working with historically economically disadvantaged
1585 communities, and (iv) the capability to dedicate sufficient staff to manage the Program. Working with the
1586 selected CDFI, the Authority shall establish monitoring and accountability mechanisms for businesses
1587 receiving funding and shall report annually the number of businesses funded; the geographic distribution
1588 of the businesses; the costs of the Program; and the outcomes, including the number and types of jobs
1589 created.

1590 B. The Program shall:

- 1591 1. Identify ~~social equity~~ qualified cannabis licensees who are in need of capital for the start-up of
- 1592 a cannabis business properly licensed pursuant to the provisions of this subtitle;
- 1593 2. Provide loans for the purposes described in subsection A;
- 1594 3. Provide technical assistance; and
- 1595 4. Bring together community partners to sustain the Program.

1596 **§ 6.2-108. Financial services for licensed marijuana establishments.**

1597 A. As used in this section, "licensed" and "marijuana establishment" have the same meaning as

1598 provided in § 4.1-600.

1599 B. A bank or credit union that provides a financial service to a licensed marijuana establishment,

1600 and the officers, directors, and employees of that bank or credit union, shall not be held liable pursuant to

1601 any state law or regulation solely for providing such a financial service or for further investing any income

1602 derived from such a financial service.

1603 C. Nothing in this section shall require a bank or credit union to provide financial services to a

1604 licensed marijuana establishment.

1605 **§ 18.2-247. Use of terms "controlled substances," "marijuana," "Schedules I, II, III, IV, V,**

1606 **and VI," "imitation controlled substance" and "counterfeit controlled substance" in Title 18.2.**

1607 A. Wherever the terms "controlled substances" and "Schedules I, II, III, IV, V, and VI" are used

1608 in Title 18.2, such terms refer to those terms as they are used or defined in the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-

1609 3400 et seq.).

1610 B. The term "imitation controlled substance" when used in this article means (i) a counterfeit

1611 controlled substance or (ii) a pill, capsule, tablet, or substance in any form whatsoever which is not a

1612 controlled substance subject to abuse, and:

- 1613 1. Which by overall dosage unit appearance, including color, shape, size, marking and packaging
- 1614 or by representations made, would cause the likelihood that such a pill, capsule, tablet, or substance in any
- 1615 other form whatsoever will be mistaken for a controlled substance unless such substance was introduced
- 1616 into commerce prior to the initial introduction into commerce of the controlled substance which it is
- 1617 alleged to imitate; or

1618 2. Which by express or implied representations purports to act like a controlled substance as a
1619 stimulant or depressant of the central nervous system and which is not commonly used or recognized for
1620 use in that particular formulation for any purpose other than for such stimulant or depressant effect, unless
1621 marketed, promoted, or sold as permitted by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

1622 C. In determining whether a pill, capsule, tablet, or substance in any other form whatsoever, is an
1623 "imitation controlled substance," there shall be considered, in addition to all other relevant factors,
1624 comparisons with accepted methods of marketing for legitimate nonprescription drugs for medicinal
1625 purposes rather than for drug abuse or any similar nonmedicinal use, including consideration of the
1626 packaging of the drug and its appearance in overall finished dosage form, promotional materials or
1627 representations, oral or written, concerning the drug, and the methods of distribution of the drug and where
1628 and how it is sold to the public.

1629 D. The term "marijuana" when used in this article means any part of a plant of the genus Cannabis,
1630 whether growing or not, its seeds or resin; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or
1631 preparation of such plant, its seeds, its resin, or any extract containing one or more cannabinoids.
1632 "Marijuana" does not include (i) the mature stalks of such plant, fiber produced from such stalk, oil or
1633 cake made from the seed of such plant, unless such stalks, fiber, oil or cake is combined with other parts
1634 of plants of the genus Cannabis. ~~Marijuana does not include (i);~~ (ii) industrial hemp, as defined in § 3.2-
1635 4112, that is possessed by a person registered pursuant to subsection A of § 3.2-4115 or his agent; ~~(ii) (iii)~~ (iii)
1636 industrial hemp, as defined in § 3.2-4112, that is possessed by a person who holds a hemp producer license
1637 issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture pursuant to 7 C.F.R. Part 990; ~~or (iii) (iv)~~ (iv) a hemp product,
1638 as defined in § 3.2-4112, other than a regulated hemp product, containing a total tetrahydrocannabinol
1639 concentration of no greater than 0.3 percent that is derived from industrial hemp, as defined in § 3.2-4112,
1640 that is grown, ~~dealt~~ handled, or processed in compliance with state or federal law; (v) a regulated hemp
1641 product that does not exceed the maximum tetrahydrocannabinol concentration established pursuant to §
1642 4.1-606 and that is derived from industrial hemp, as defined in § 3.2-4112, that is grown, handled, or
1643 processed in compliance with state or federal law; or (vi) any substance containing a tetrahydrocannabinol
1644 isomer or salts of such isomer where such tetrahydrocannabinol isomer or salts of such isomer have been

1645 placed by the Board of Pharmacy into one of the schedules set forth in the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400
1646 et seq.) pursuant to § 54.1-3443.

1647 E. The term "counterfeit controlled substance" means a controlled substance that, without
1648 authorization, bears, is packaged in a container or wrapper that bears, or is otherwise labeled to bear, the
1649 trademark, trade name, or other identifying mark, imprint or device or any likeness thereof, of a drug
1650 manufacturer, processor, packer, or distributor other than the manufacturer, processor, packer, or
1651 distributor who did in fact so manufacture, process, pack or distribute such drug.

1652 The terms "tetrahydrocannabinol" and "total tetrahydrocannabinol concentration" mean the same
1653 as those terms are defined in § 4.1-600.

1654 F. The Department of Forensic Science shall determine the proper methods for detecting the
1655 concentration of ~~delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol~~ tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in substances for the purposes
1656 of this title, Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 4.1, and §§ § 54.1-3401 and 54.1-3446. The testing
1657 methodology shall use post-decarboxylation testing or other equivalent method and shall consider the
1658 potential conversion of ~~delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol~~ tetrahydrocannabinolic acid (THC-A) into THC. ~~The~~
1659 ~~test result shall include the total available THC derived from the sum of the THC and THC-A content.~~

1660 **§ 18.2-251.1:3. Possession or distribution of cannabis oil, or industrial hemp; laboratories;**
1661 **Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Department of Law employees.**

1662 A. No person employed by an analytical laboratory to retrieve, deliver, or possess cannabis oil or
1663 industrial hemp samples from a permitted pharmaceutical processor, a registered industrial hemp grower,
1664 a federally licensed hemp producer, or a registered industrial hemp processor for the purpose of
1665 performing required testing shall be prosecuted under Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 4.1 or §
1666 18.2-248, 18.2-248.1, 18.2-250, or 18.2-255 for the possession or distribution of cannabis oil or industrial
1667 hemp or for storing cannabis oil or industrial hemp for testing purposes in accordance with regulations
1668 promulgated by the Board of Pharmacy and the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

1669 B. No employee of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services or of the Department of
1670 Law shall be prosecuted under § 18.2-247, 18.2-248, 18.2-248.01, 18.2-248.1, or 18.2-250 for the
1671 possession or distribution of industrial hemp or any substance containing tetrahydrocannabinol when

1672 possession of industrial hemp or any substance containing tetrahydrocannabinol is necessary in the
1673 performance of his duties.

1674 **§ 19.2-303.03. Modification of sentence for marijuana-related convictions.**

1675 A. Notwithstanding other provisions of law or rule of court, if a person who (i) was convicted of
1676 a felony offense in violation of § 18.2-248, 18.2-248.01, 18.2-248.1, 18.2-250, 18.2-255, 18.2-255.2, 18.2-
1677 256, 18.2-257, 18.2-258, 18.2-258.02, 18.2-258.1, 18.2-265.3, or 18.2-474.1 as it relates to marijuana
1678 committed prior to July 1, 2022; (ii) was sentenced to jail or to the Department of Corrections or placed
1679 on community supervision as defined in § 53.1-1 for such conviction; and (iii) remains incarcerated in a
1680 state or local correctional facility or secure facility, as defined in § 16.1-228, serving the sentence for such
1681 conviction or a combination of such convictions or remains on community supervision as defined in §
1682 53.1-1 for such conviction or a combination of such convictions on July 1, 2023, the circuit court that
1683 entered the original judgment or order shall schedule a hearing by January 1, 2024, to consider
1684 modification of such person's sentence. The Commonwealth shall be made party to the proceeding and
1685 receive notice of such hearing.

1686 B. Notwithstanding other provisions of law or rule of court, if a person who (i) was convicted of a
1687 felony offense in violation of § 18.2-248, 18.2-248.01, 18.2-248.1, 18.2-250, 18.2-255, 18.2-255.2, 18.2-
1688 256, 18.2-257, 18.2-258, 18.2-258.02, 18.2-258.1, 18.2-265.3, or 18.2-474.1 as it relates to marijuana
1689 committed prior to July 1, 2022, and on the date of such conviction was also convicted of any other
1690 offense; (ii) was sentenced to jail or to the Department of Corrections or placed on community supervision
1691 as defined in § 53.1-1 for such convictions; and (iii) remains incarcerated in a state or local correctional
1692 facility or secure facility, as defined in § 16.1-228, serving the sentence for such conviction or a
1693 combination of such convictions or remains on community supervision as defined in § 53.1-1 for such
1694 conviction or a combination of such convictions on July 1, 2023, the circuit court that entered the original
1695 judgment or order shall schedule a hearing by April 1, 2024, to consider modification of such person's
1696 sentence. The Commonwealth shall be made party to the proceeding and receive notice of such hearing.

1697 C. Notwithstanding other provisions of law or rule of court, a person who (i) was convicted of any
1698 felony offense committed prior to July 1, 2022; (ii) was sentenced to jail or to the Department of

1699 Corrections or placed on community supervision as defined in § 53.1-1 for such conviction; (iii) may have
1700 had such sentence enhanced because of a previous felony conviction under § 18.2-248, 18.2-248.01, 18.2-
1701 248.1, 18.2-250, 18.2-255, 18.2-255.2, 18.2-256, 18.2-257, 18.2-258, 18.2-258.02, 18.2-258.1, 18.2-
1702 265.3, or 18.2-474.1 as it relates to marijuana or without the involvement of marijuana such felony offense
1703 conviction or felony sentence enhancement would not have been possible, as the involvement of marijuana
1704 was necessary to satisfy the elements of the charged offense or the sentence enhancement; and (iv) remains
1705 incarcerated in a state or local correctional facility or secure facility, as defined in § 16.1-228, serving the
1706 sentence for such conviction or remains on community supervision, as defined in § 53.1-1, for such
1707 conviction on July 1, 2023, may petition the circuit court that entered the original judgment or order for
1708 modification of such person's sentence. A petition seeking modification of a sentence pursuant to this
1709 subsection shall be filed by July 1, 2025.

1710 D. A petition for modification of sentence filed pursuant to subsection C shall be filed on a form
1711 provided by the Supreme Court of Virginia by the petitioner or by counsel for the petitioner. Such petition
1712 shall allege with specificity all of the following: (i) the petitioner's full name and date of birth; (ii) the
1713 felony offense for which the petitioner was convicted; (iii) the date on which such felony offense was
1714 alleged to have been committed; (iv) the date on which the petitioner was sentenced for such felony
1715 offense; (v) whether the petitioner remains incarcerated in a state or local correctional facility or secure
1716 facility serving the sentence for such felony offense and, if so, which facility; (vi) whether the petitioner
1717 has previously filed any other petition in accordance with subsection C; and (vii) the reason the petitioner
1718 is requesting a sentence modification and any information in support thereof, including information related
1719 to his sentence being enhanced because of a prior felony marijuana offense. If the petitioner fails to submit
1720 a completed form, the circuit court may allow the petitioner to amend the petition to correct any deficiency.
1721 The petitioner shall provide a copy of the petition by delivery or by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to
1722 the attorney for the Commonwealth of the city or county in which the petition is filed. The attorney for
1723 the Commonwealth may file an objection or answer to the petition within 30 days after it is received from
1724 the petitioner. Upon the motion of the attorney for the Commonwealth and for good cause shown, the
1725 court may allow the attorney for the Commonwealth up to an additional 30 days to respond to the petition.

1726 If the attorney for the Commonwealth does not file an objection or answer or make a request for additional
1727 time to respond to the petition within 30 days after it is received, the court shall conduct a hearing on any
1728 petition filed pursuant to subsection C within 60 days after the petition was filed. If the Commonwealth
1729 files an objection or answer or makes a request for additional time to respond to the petition, the court
1730 shall conduct a hearing on any petition filed pursuant to subsection C after reasonable notice to both the
1731 petitioner and the attorney for the Commonwealth, but no later than 90 days after the petition was filed.
1732 The attorney for the Commonwealth shall make reasonable efforts to notify any victim, as defined in §
1733 19.2-11.01, of such hearing.

1734 E. Any person eligible for modification of his sentence under subsection A, B, or C may file a
1735 petition for the assistance of counsel and a statement of indigency with the court on a form provided by
1736 the Supreme Court of Virginia; however, if such person was found to be indigent at his original sentencing,
1737 he shall be entitled to assistance of counsel for the hearing on modification of his sentence without the
1738 filing of such petition. No fee shall be charged for filing a petition under this subsection.

1739 F. Upon a hearing for modification of a sentence pursuant to subsection A or B, the court shall
1740 consider that marijuana has been legalized, and shall reduce, including a reduction to time served, vacate,
1741 or otherwise modify the person's sentence, including removing such person from community supervision,
1742 unless the Commonwealth demonstrates it would not be compatible with the public interest to do so. Any
1743 modification of sentence shall not exceed the original term imposed by the court.

1744 G. Upon a hearing for modification of a sentence pursuant to subsection D, the court shall consider
1745 that marijuana has been legalized, and may reduce, including a reduction to time served, vacate, or
1746 otherwise modify the person's sentence, including removing such person from community supervision,
1747 unless the Commonwealth demonstrates it would not be compatible with the public interest to do so. Any
1748 modification of sentence shall not exceed the original term imposed by the court.

1749 H. The circuit court shall make a decision as to whether to modify a sentence within 30 days
1750 following the sentence modification hearing. If modification of a sentence is denied, the court shall file
1751 with the record of the case a written explanation for the denial and shall provide a copy of such written

1752 explanation to the person whose sentence was considered for modification, his attorney if he is
1753 represented, and to the attorney for the Commonwealth.

1754 I. Following the entry of an order to modify a sentence pursuant to this section, the clerk of the
1755 circuit court shall cause a copy of such order to be forwarded to the Virginia Criminal Sentencing
1756 Commission, the Department of State Police, and the state or local correctional facility or secure facility
1757 where the petitioner is incarcerated within five days.

1758 J. The decision of a circuit court to modify a sentence pursuant to this section shall not form the
1759 basis for any relief in any habeas corpus or appellate proceeding, unless such decision was contrary to
1760 law.

1761 **§ 54.1-3401. Definitions.**

1762 As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

1763 "Administer" means the direct application of a controlled substance, whether by injection,
1764 inhalation, ingestion, or any other means, to the body of a patient or research subject by (i) a practitioner
1765 or by his authorized agent and under his direction or (ii) the patient or research subject at the direction and
1766 in the presence of the practitioner.

1767 "Advertisement" means all representations disseminated in any manner or by any means, other
1768 than by labeling, for the purpose of inducing, or which are likely to induce, directly or indirectly, the
1769 purchase of drugs or devices.

1770 "Agent" means an authorized person who acts on behalf of or at the direction of a manufacturer,
1771 distributor, or dispenser. It does not include a common or contract carrier, public warehouseman, or
1772 employee of the carrier or warehouseman.

1773 "Anabolic steroid" means any drug or hormonal substance, chemically and pharmacologically
1774 related to testosterone, other than estrogens, progestins, corticosteroids, and dehydroepiandrosterone.

1775 "Animal" means any nonhuman animate being endowed with the power of voluntary action.

1776 "Automated drug dispensing system" means a mechanical or electronic system that performs
1777 operations or activities, other than compounding or administration, relating to pharmacy services,

1778 including the storage, dispensing, or distribution of drugs and the collection, control, and maintenance of
1779 all transaction information, to provide security and accountability for such drugs.

1780 "Biological product" means a virus, therapeutic serum, toxin, antitoxin, vaccine, blood, blood
1781 component or derivative, allergenic product, protein other than a chemically synthesized polypeptide, or
1782 analogous product, or arsphenamine or any derivative of arsphenamine or any other trivalent organic
1783 arsenic compound, applicable to the prevention, treatment, or cure of a disease or condition of human
1784 beings.

1785 "Biosimilar" means a biological product that is highly similar to a specific reference biological
1786 product, notwithstanding minor differences in clinically inactive compounds, such that there are no
1787 clinically meaningful differences between the reference biological product and the biological product that
1788 has been licensed as a biosimilar pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 262(k) in terms of safety, purity, and potency of
1789 the product.

1790 "Board" means the Board of Pharmacy.

1791 "Bulk drug substance" means any substance that is represented for use, and that, when used in the
1792 compounding, manufacturing, processing, or packaging of a drug, becomes an active ingredient or a
1793 finished dosage form of the drug; however, "bulk drug substance" shall not include intermediates that are
1794 used in the synthesis of such substances.

1795 "Change of ownership" of an existing entity permitted, registered, or licensed by the Board means
1796 (i) the sale or transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the entity or of any corporation that owns
1797 or controls the entity; (ii) the creation of a partnership by a sole proprietor, the dissolution of a partnership,
1798 or change in partnership composition; (iii) the acquisition or disposal of 50 percent or more of the
1799 outstanding shares of voting stock of a corporation owning the entity or of the parent corporation of a
1800 wholly owned subsidiary owning the entity, except that this shall not apply to any corporation the voting
1801 stock of which is actively traded on any securities exchange or in any over-the-counter market; (iv) the
1802 merger of a corporation owning the entity or of the parent corporation of a wholly-owned subsidiary
1803 owning the entity with another business or corporation; or (v) the expiration or forfeiture of a corporation's
1804 charter.

1805 "Co-licensed partner" means a person who, with at least one other person, has the right to engage
1806 in the manufacturing or marketing of a prescription drug, consistent with state and federal law.

1807 "Compounding" means the combining of two or more ingredients to fabricate such ingredients into
1808 a single preparation and includes the mixing, assembling, packaging, or labeling of a drug or device (i) by
1809 a pharmacist, or within a permitted pharmacy, pursuant to a valid prescription issued for a medicinal or
1810 therapeutic purpose in the context of a bona fide practitioner-patient-pharmacist relationship, or in
1811 expectation of receiving a valid prescription based on observed historical patterns of prescribing and
1812 dispensing; (ii) by a practitioner of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry, dentistry, or veterinary medicine as an
1813 incident to his administering or dispensing, if authorized to dispense, a controlled substance in the course
1814 of his professional practice; or (iii) for the purpose of, or as incident to, research, teaching, or chemical
1815 analysis and not for sale or for dispensing. The mixing, diluting, or reconstituting of a manufacturer's
1816 product drugs for the purpose of administration to a patient, when performed by a practitioner of medicine
1817 or osteopathy licensed under Chapter 29 (§ 54.1-2900 et seq.), a person supervised by such practitioner
1818 pursuant to subdivision A 6 or 19 of § 54.1-2901, or a person supervised by such practitioner or a licensed
1819 nurse practitioner or physician assistant pursuant to subdivision A 4 of § 54.1-2901 shall not be considered
1820 compounding.

1821 "Controlled substance" means a drug, substance, or immediate precursor in Schedules I through
1822 VI of this chapter. The term shall not include distilled spirits, wine, malt beverages, or tobacco as those
1823 terms are defined or used in Title 3.2 or Title 4.1. The term "controlled substance" includes a controlled
1824 substance analog that has been placed into Schedule I or II by the Board pursuant to the regulatory
1825 authority in subsection D of § 54.1-3443.

1826 "Controlled substance analog" means a substance the chemical structure of which is substantially
1827 similar to the chemical structure of a controlled substance in Schedule I or II and either (i) which has a
1828 stimulant, depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the central nervous system that is substantially similar
1829 to or greater than the stimulant, depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the central nervous system of a
1830 controlled substance in Schedule I or II or (ii) with respect to a particular person, which such person
1831 represents or intends to have a stimulant, depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the central nervous

1832 system that is substantially similar to or greater than the stimulant, depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on
1833 the central nervous system of a controlled substance in Schedule I or II. "Controlled substance analog"
1834 does not include (a) any substance for which there is an approved new drug application as defined under
1835 § 505 of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. § 355) or that is generally recognized as
1836 safe and effective pursuant to §§ 501, 502, and 503 of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21
1837 U.S.C. §§ 351, 352, and 353) and 21 C.F.R. Part 330; (b) with respect to a particular person, any substance
1838 for which an exemption is in effect for investigational use for that person under § 505 of the federal Food,
1839 Drug, and Cosmetic Act to the extent that the conduct with respect to that substance is pursuant to such
1840 exemption; or (c) any substance to the extent not intended for human consumption before such an
1841 exemption takes effect with respect to that substance.

1842 "DEA" means the Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Department of Justice, or its successor
1843 agency.

1844 "Deliver" or "delivery" means the actual, constructive, or attempted transfer of any item regulated
1845 by this chapter, whether or not there exists an agency relationship, including delivery of a Schedule VI
1846 prescription device to an ultimate user or consumer on behalf of a medical equipment supplier by a
1847 manufacturer, nonresident manufacturer, wholesale distributor, nonresident wholesale distributor,
1848 warehouser, nonresident warehouser, third-party logistics provider, or nonresident third-party logistics
1849 provider at the direction of a medical equipment supplier in accordance with § 54.1-3415.1.

1850 "Device" means instruments, apparatus, and contrivances, including their components, parts, and
1851 accessories, intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in man
1852 or animals or to affect the structure or any function of the body of man or animals.

1853 "Dialysis care technician" or "dialysis patient care technician" means an individual who is certified
1854 by an organization approved by the Board of Health Professions pursuant to Chapter 27.01 (§ 54.1-2729.1
1855 et seq.) and who, under the supervision of a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or
1856 a registered nurse, assists in the care of patients undergoing renal dialysis treatments in a Medicare-
1857 certified renal dialysis facility.

1858 "Dialysis solution" means either the commercially available, unopened, sterile solutions whose
1859 purpose is to be instilled into the peritoneal cavity during the medical procedure known as peritoneal
1860 dialysis, or commercially available solutions whose purpose is to be used in the performance of
1861 hemodialysis not to include any solutions administered to the patient intravenously.

1862 "Dispense" means to deliver a drug to an ultimate user or research subject by or pursuant to the
1863 lawful order of a practitioner, including the prescribing and administering, packaging, labeling, or
1864 compounding necessary to prepare the substance for that delivery. However, dispensing shall not include
1865 the transportation of drugs mixed, diluted, or reconstituted in accordance with this chapter to other sites
1866 operated by such practitioner or that practitioner's medical practice for the purpose of administration of
1867 such drugs to patients of the practitioner or that practitioner's medical practice at such other sites. For
1868 practitioners of medicine or osteopathy, "dispense" shall only include the provision of drugs by a
1869 practitioner to patients to take with them away from the practitioner's place of practice.

1870 "Dispenser" means a practitioner who dispenses.

1871 "Distribute" means to deliver other than by administering or dispensing a controlled substance.

1872 "Distributor" means a person who distributes.

1873 "Drug" means (i) articles or substances recognized in the official United States Pharmacopoeia
1874 National Formulary or official Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States, or any supplement to
1875 any of them; (ii) articles or substances intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or
1876 prevention of disease in man or animals; (iii) articles or substances, other than food, intended to affect the
1877 structure or any function of the body of man or animals; (iv) articles or substances intended for use as a
1878 component of any article specified in clause (i), (ii), or (iii); or (v) a biological product. "Drug" does not
1879 include devices or their components, parts, or accessories.

1880 "Drug product" means a specific drug in dosage form from a known source of manufacture,
1881 whether by brand or therapeutically equivalent drug product name.

1882 "Electronic prescription" means a written prescription that is generated on an electronic application
1883 and is transmitted to a pharmacy as an electronic data file; Schedule II through V prescriptions shall be
1884 transmitted in accordance with 21 C.F.R. Part 1300.

1885 "Facsimile (FAX) prescription" means a written prescription or order that is transmitted by an
1886 electronic device over telephone lines that sends the exact image to the receiving pharmacy in hard copy
1887 form.

1888 "FDA" means the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

1889 "Immediate precursor" means a substance which the Board of Pharmacy has found to be and by
1890 regulation designates as being the principal compound commonly used or produced primarily for use, and
1891 which is an immediate chemical intermediary used or likely to be used in the manufacture of a controlled
1892 substance, the control of which is necessary to prevent, curtail, or limit manufacture.

1893 "Interchangeable" means a biosimilar that meets safety standards for determining
1894 interchangeability pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 262(k)(4).

1895 "Label" means a display of written, printed, or graphic matter upon the immediate container of any
1896 article. A requirement made by or under authority of this chapter that any word, statement, or other
1897 information appear on the label shall not be considered to be complied with unless such word, statement,
1898 or other information also appears on the outside container or wrapper, if any, of the retail package of such
1899 article or is easily legible through the outside container or wrapper.

1900 "Labeling" means all labels and other written, printed, or graphic matter on an article or any of its
1901 containers or wrappers, or accompanying such article.

1902 "Manufacture" means the production, preparation, propagation, conversion, or processing of any
1903 item regulated by this chapter, either directly or indirectly by extraction from substances of natural origin,
1904 or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a combination of extraction and chemical
1905 synthesis, and includes any packaging or repackaging of the substance or labeling or relabeling of its
1906 container. This term does not include compounding.

1907 "Manufacturer" means every person who manufactures, a manufacturer's co-licensed partner, or a
1908 repackager.

1909 "Marijuana" means any part of a plant of the genus Cannabis whether growing or not, its seeds, or
1910 its resin; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of such plant, its
1911 seeds, its resin, or any extract containing one or more cannabinoids. Marijuana does not include (i) the

1912 mature stalks of such plant, fiber produced from such stalk, or oil or cake made from the seeds of such
1913 plant, unless such stalks, fiber, oil, or cake is combined with other parts of plants of the genus Cannabis-
1914 ~~Marijuana does not include~~ (i); (ii) industrial hemp, as defined in § 3.2-4112, other than a regulated hemp
1915 product, that is possessed by a person registered pursuant to subsection A of § 3.2-4115 or his agent, ~~(ii);~~
1916 (iii) industrial hemp, as defined in § 3.2-4112, that is possessed by a person who holds a hemp producer
1917 license issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture pursuant to 7 C.F.R. Part 990, ~~or (iii);~~ (iv) a hemp
1918 product, as defined in § 3.2-4112, containing a total tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of no greater than
1919 0.3 percent that is derived from industrial hemp, as defined in § 3.2-4112, that is grown, ~~dealt~~ handled, or
1920 processed in compliance with state or federal law; (v) a regulated hemp product that does not exceed the
1921 maximum tetrahydrocannabinol concentration established pursuant to § 4.1-606 and that is derived from
1922 industrial hemp, as defined in § 3.2-4112, that is grown, handled, or processed in compliance with state
1923 or federal law; or (vi) any substance containing a tetrahydrocannabinol isomer or salts of such isomer
1924 where such tetrahydrocannabinol isomer or salts of such isomer have been placed by the Board of
1925 Pharmacy into one of the schedules set forth in the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) pursuant to §
1926 54.1-3443.

1927 "Medical equipment supplier" means any person, as defined in § 1-230, engaged in the delivery to
1928 the ultimate consumer, pursuant to the lawful order of a practitioner, of hypodermic syringes and needles,
1929 medicinal oxygen, Schedule VI controlled devices, those Schedule VI controlled substances with no
1930 medicinal properties that are used for the operation and cleaning of medical equipment, solutions for
1931 peritoneal dialysis, and sterile water or saline for irrigation.

1932 "Narcotic drug" means any of the following, whether produced directly or indirectly by extraction
1933 from substances of vegetable origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a
1934 combination of extraction and chemical synthesis: (i) opium, opiates, and any salt, compound, derivative,
1935 or preparation of opium or opiates; (ii) any salt, compound, isomer, derivative, or preparation thereof
1936 which is chemically equivalent or identical with any of the substances referred to in clause (i), but not
1937 including the isoquinoline alkaloids of opium; (iii) opium poppy and poppy straw; (iv) coca leaves and
1938 any salt, compound, derivative, or preparation of coca leaves, and any salt, compound, isomer, derivative,

1939 or preparation thereof which is chemically equivalent or identical with any of these substances, but not
1940 including decocainized coca leaves or extraction of coca leaves which do not contain cocaine or ecgonine.

1941 "New drug" means (i) any drug, except a new animal drug or an animal feed bearing or containing
1942 a new animal drug, the composition of which is such that such drug is not generally recognized, among
1943 experts qualified by scientific training and experience to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of drugs, as
1944 safe and effective for use under the conditions prescribed, recommended, or suggested in the labeling,
1945 except that such a drug not so recognized shall not be deemed to be a "new drug" if at any time prior to
1946 the enactment of this chapter it was subject to the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906, as amended, and
1947 if at such time its labeling contained the same representations concerning the conditions of its use, or (ii)
1948 any drug, except a new animal drug or an animal feed bearing or containing a new animal drug, the
1949 composition of which is such that such drug, as a result of investigations to determine its safety and
1950 effectiveness for use under such conditions, has become so recognized, but which has not, otherwise than
1951 in such investigations, been used to a material extent or for a material time under such conditions.

1952 "Nuclear medicine technologist" means an individual who holds a current certification with the
1953 American Registry of Radiological Technologists or the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification
1954 Board.

1955 "Official compendium" means the official United States Pharmacopoeia National Formulary,
1956 official Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States, or any supplement to any of them.

1957 "Official written order" means an order written on a form provided for that purpose by the U.S.
1958 Drug Enforcement Administration, under any laws of the United States making provision therefor, if such
1959 order forms are authorized and required by federal law, and if no such order form is provided then on an
1960 official form provided for that purpose by the Board of Pharmacy.

1961 "Opiate" means any substance having an addiction-forming or addiction-sustaining liability
1962 similar to morphine or being capable of conversion into a drug having such addiction-forming or
1963 addiction-sustaining liability. It does not include, unless specifically designated as controlled under Article
1964 4 (§ 54.1-3437 et seq.), the dextrorotatory isomer of 3-methoxy-n-methylmorphinan and its salts
1965 (dextromethorphan). It does include its racemic and levorotatory forms.

1966 "Opium poppy" means the plant of the species *Papaver somniferum* L., except the seeds thereof.

1967 "Original package" means the unbroken container or wrapping in which any drug or medicine is
1968 enclosed together with label and labeling, put up by or for the manufacturer, wholesaler, or distributor for
1969 use in the delivery or display of such article.

1970 "Outsourcing facility" means a facility that is engaged in the compounding of sterile drugs and is
1971 currently registered as an outsourcing facility with the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services and
1972 that complies with all applicable requirements of federal and state law, including the Federal Food, Drug,
1973 and Cosmetic Act.

1974 "Person" means both the plural and singular, as the case demands, and includes an individual,
1975 partnership, corporation, association, governmental agency, trust, or other institution or entity.

1976 "Pharmacist-in-charge" means the person who, being licensed as a pharmacist, signs the
1977 application for a pharmacy permit and assumes full legal responsibility for the operation of the relevant
1978 pharmacy in a manner complying with the laws and regulations for the practice of pharmacy and the sale
1979 and dispensing of controlled substances; the "pharmacist-in-charge" shall personally supervise the
1980 pharmacy and the pharmacy's personnel as required by § 54.1-3432.

1981 "Poppy straw" means all parts, except the seeds, of the opium poppy, after mowing.

1982 "Practitioner" means a physician, dentist, licensed nurse practitioner pursuant to § 54.1-2957.01,
1983 licensed physician assistant pursuant to § 54.1-2952.1, pharmacist pursuant to § 54.1-3300, TPA-certified
1984 optometrist pursuant to Article 5 (§ 54.1-3222 et seq.) of Chapter 32, veterinarian, scientific investigator,
1985 or other person licensed, registered, or otherwise permitted to distribute, dispense, prescribe and
1986 administer, or conduct research with respect to a controlled substance in the course of professional practice
1987 or research in the Commonwealth.

1988 "Prescriber" means a practitioner who is authorized pursuant to §§ 54.1-3303 and 54.1-3408 to
1989 issue a prescription.

1990 "Prescription" means an order for drugs or medical supplies, written or signed or transmitted by
1991 word of mouth, telephone, telegraph, or other means of communication to a pharmacist by a duly licensed

1992 physician, dentist, veterinarian, or other practitioner authorized by law to prescribe and administer such
1993 drugs or medical supplies.

1994 "Prescription drug" means any drug required by federal law or regulation to be dispensed only
1995 pursuant to a prescription, including finished dosage forms and active ingredients subject to § 503(b) of
1996 the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. § 353(b)).

1997 "Production" or "produce" includes the manufacture, planting, cultivation, growing, or harvesting
1998 of a controlled substance or marijuana.

1999 "Proprietary medicine" means a completely compounded nonprescription drug in its unbroken,
2000 original package which does not contain any controlled substance or marijuana as defined in this chapter
2001 and is not in itself poisonous, and which is sold, offered, promoted, or advertised directly to the general
2002 public by or under the authority of the manufacturer or primary distributor, under a trademark, trade name,
2003 or other trade symbol privately owned, and the labeling of which conforms to the requirements of this
2004 chapter and applicable federal law. However, this definition shall not include a drug that is only advertised
2005 or promoted professionally to licensed practitioners, a narcotic or drug containing a narcotic, a drug that
2006 may be dispensed only upon prescription or the label of which bears substantially the statement "Warning
2007 — may be habit-forming," or a drug intended for injection.

2008 "Radiopharmaceutical" means any drug that exhibits spontaneous disintegration of unstable nuclei
2009 with the emission of nuclear particles or photons and includes any non-radioactive reagent kit or
2010 radionuclide generator that is intended to be used in the preparation of any such substance, but does not
2011 include drugs such as carbon-containing compounds or potassium-containing salts that include trace
2012 quantities of naturally occurring radionuclides. The term also includes any biological product that is
2013 labeled with a radionuclide or intended solely to be labeled with a radionuclide.

2014 "Reference biological product" means the single biological product licensed pursuant to 42 U.S.C.
2015 § 262(a) against which a biological product is evaluated in an application submitted to the U.S. Food and
2016 Drug Administration for licensure of biological products as biosimilar or interchangeable pursuant to 42
2017 U.S.C. § 262(k).

2018 "Sale" includes barter, exchange, or gift, or offer therefor, and each such transaction made by any
2019 person, whether as an individual, proprietor, agent, servant, or employee.

2020 "Tetrahydrocannabinol" or "THC" means the same as that term is defined in § 4.1-600.

2021 "Therapeutically equivalent drug products" means drug products that contain the same active
2022 ingredients and are identical in strength or concentration, dosage form, and route of administration and
2023 that are classified as being therapeutically equivalent by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration pursuant
2024 to the definition of "therapeutically equivalent drug products" set forth in the most recent edition of the
2025 Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations, otherwise known as the "Orange
2026 Book."

2027 "Third-party logistics provider" means a person that provides or coordinates warehousing of or
2028 other logistics services for a drug or device in interstate commerce on behalf of a manufacturer, wholesale
2029 distributor, or dispenser of the drug or device but does not take ownership of the product or have
2030 responsibility for directing the sale or disposition of the product.

2031 "Total tetrahydrocannabinol concentration" means the same as that term is defined in § 4.1-600.

2032 "USP-NF" means the current edition of the United States Pharmacopeia-National Formulary.

2033 "Warehouser" means any person, other than a wholesale distributor, manufacturer, or third-party
2034 logistics provider, engaged in the business of (i) selling or otherwise distributing prescription drugs or
2035 devices to any person who is not the ultimate user or consumer and (ii) delivering Schedule VI prescription
2036 devices to the ultimate user or consumer pursuant to § 54.1-3415.1. No person shall be subject to any state
2037 or local tax by reason of this definition.

2038 "Wholesale distribution" means (i) distribution of prescription drugs to persons other than
2039 consumers or patients and (ii) delivery of Schedule VI prescription devices to the ultimate user or
2040 consumer pursuant to § 54.1-3415.1, subject to the exemptions set forth in the federal Drug Supply Chain
2041 Security Act.

2042 "Wholesale distributor" means any person other than a manufacturer, a manufacturer's co-licensed
2043 partner, a third-party logistics provider, or a repackager that engages in wholesale distribution.

2044 The words "drugs" and "devices" as used in Chapter 33 (§ 54.1-3300 et seq.) and in this chapter
2045 shall not include surgical or dental instruments, physical therapy equipment, X-ray apparatus, or glasses
2046 or lenses for the eyes.

2047 The terms "pharmacist," "pharmacy," and "practice of pharmacy" as used in this chapter shall be
2048 defined as provided in Chapter 33 (§ 54.1-3300 et seq.) unless the context requires a different meaning.

2049 **§ 54.1-3408.3. Certification for use of cannabis oil for treatment.**

2050 A. As used in this section:

2051 "Botanical cannabis" means cannabis that is composed wholly of usable cannabis from the same
2052 parts of the same chemovar of cannabis plant.

2053 "Cannabis oil" means any formulation of processed Cannabis plant extract, which may include
2054 industrial hemp extracts, including isolates and distillates, acquired by a pharmaceutical processor
2055 pursuant to § 54.1-3442.6, or a dilution of the resin of the Cannabis plant that contains no more than 10
2056 milligrams of ~~delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol~~ tetrahydrocannabinol per dose. "Cannabis oil" does not
2057 include industrial hemp, as defined in § 3.2-4112, that is grown, ~~dealt~~ handled, or processed in compliance
2058 with state or federal law, unless it has been grown and processed in the Commonwealth by a registered
2059 industrial hemp processor and acquired and formulated by a pharmaceutical processor.

2060 "Cannabis product" means a product that is (i) produced by a pharmaceutical processor, registered
2061 with the Board, and compliant with testing requirements and (ii) composed of cannabis oil or botanical
2062 cannabis.

2063 "Designated caregiver facility" means any hospice or hospice facility licensed pursuant to § 32.1-
2064 162.3, or home care organization as defined in § 32.1-162.7 that provides pharmaceutical services or home
2065 health services, private provider licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental
2066 Services pursuant to Article 2 (§ 37.2-403 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 37.2, assisted living facility
2067 licensed pursuant to § 63.2-1701, or adult day care center licensed pursuant to § 63.2-1701.

2068 "Practitioner" means a practitioner of medicine or osteopathy licensed by the Board of Medicine,
2069 a physician assistant licensed by the Board of Medicine, or a nurse practitioner jointly licensed by the
2070 Board of Medicine and the Board of Nursing.

2071 "Registered agent" means an individual designated by a patient who has been issued a written
2072 certification, or, if such patient is a minor or a vulnerable adult as defined in § 18.2-369, designated by
2073 such patient's parent or legal guardian, and registered with the Board pursuant to subsection G.

2074 "Usable cannabis" means any cannabis plant material, including seeds, but not (i) resin that has
2075 been extracted from any part of the cannabis plant, its seeds, or its resin; (ii) the mature stalks, fiber
2076 produced from the stalks, or any other compound, manufacture, salt, or derivative, mixture, or preparation
2077 of the mature stalks; or (iii) oil or cake made from the seeds of the plant.

2078 B. A practitioner in the course of his professional practice may issue a written certification for the
2079 use of cannabis products for treatment or to alleviate the symptoms of any diagnosed condition or disease
2080 determined by the practitioner to benefit from such use. The practitioner shall use his professional
2081 judgment to determine the manner and frequency of patient care and evaluation and may employ the use
2082 of telemedicine, provided that the use of telemedicine includes the delivery of patient care through real-
2083 time interactive audio-visual technology. If a practitioner determines it is consistent with the standard of
2084 care to dispense botanical cannabis to a minor, the written certification shall specifically authorize such
2085 dispensing. If not specifically included on the initial written certification, authorization for botanical
2086 cannabis may be communicated verbally or in writing to the pharmacist at the time of dispensing.

2087 C. The written certification shall be on a form provided by the Board of Pharmacy. Such written
2088 certification shall contain the name, address, and telephone number of the practitioner; the name and
2089 address of the patient issued the written certification; the date on which the written certification was made;
2090 and the signature or authentic electronic signature of the practitioner. Such written certification issued
2091 pursuant to subsection B shall expire no later than one year after its issuance unless the practitioner
2092 provides in such written certification an earlier expiration. A written certification shall not be issued to a
2093 patient by more than one practitioner during any given time period.

2094 D. No practitioner shall be prosecuted under § 18.2-248 or 18.2-248.1 for the issuance of a
2095 certification for the use of cannabis products for the treatment or to alleviate the symptoms of a patient's
2096 diagnosed condition or disease pursuant to a written certification issued pursuant to subsection B. Nothing
2097 in this section shall preclude the Board of Medicine from sanctioning a practitioner for failing to properly

2098 evaluate or treat a patient's medical condition or otherwise violating the applicable standard of care for
2099 evaluating or treating medical conditions.

2100 E. A practitioner who issues a written certification to a patient pursuant to this section shall register
2101 with the Board and shall hold sufficient education and training to exercise appropriate professional
2102 judgment in the certification of patients. The Board shall not limit the number of patients to whom a
2103 practitioner may issue a written certification. The Board may report information to the applicable licensing
2104 board on unusual patterns of certifications issued by a practitioner.

2105 F. No patient shall be required to physically present the written certification after the initial
2106 dispensing by any pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility under each written
2107 certification, provided that the pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility maintains an
2108 electronic copy of the written certification. Pharmaceutical processors and cannabis dispensing facilities
2109 shall electronically transmit, on a monthly basis, all new written certifications received by the
2110 pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility to the Board.

2111 G. A patient, or, if such patient is a minor or a vulnerable adult as defined in § 18.2-369, such
2112 patient's parent or legal guardian, may designate an individual to act as his registered agent for the purposes
2113 of receiving cannabis products pursuant to a valid written certification. Such designated individual shall
2114 register with the Board. The Board may set a limit on the number of patients for whom any individual is
2115 authorized to act as a registered agent.

2116 H. Upon delivery of a cannabis product by a pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing
2117 facility to a designated caregiver facility, any employee or contractor of a designated caregiver facility,
2118 who is licensed or registered by a health regulatory board and who is authorized to possess, distribute, or
2119 administer medications, may accept delivery of the cannabis product on behalf of a patient or resident for
2120 subsequent delivery to the patient or resident and may assist in the administration of the cannabis product
2121 to the patient or resident as necessary.

2122 I. Information obtained under the registration process shall be confidential and shall not be subject
2123 to the disclosure provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.). However,
2124 reasonable access to registry information shall be provided to (i) the Chairmen of the House Committee

2125 for Courts of Justice and the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, (ii) state and federal agencies or local
2126 law enforcement for the purpose of investigating or prosecuting a specific individual for a specific
2127 violation of law, (iii) licensed practitioners or pharmacists, or their agents, for the purpose of providing
2128 patient care and drug therapy management and monitoring of drugs obtained by a patient, (iv) a
2129 pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility involved in the treatment of a patient, or (v) a
2130 registered agent, but only with respect to information related to such patient.

2131 **§ 54.1-3423. Board to issue registration unless inconsistent with public interest;**
2132 **authorization to conduct research; application and fees.**

2133 A. The Board shall register an applicant to manufacture or distribute controlled substances
2134 included in Schedules I through V unless it determines that the issuance of that registration would be
2135 inconsistent with the public interest. In determining the public interest, the Board shall consider the
2136 following factors:

2137 1. Maintenance of effective controls against diversion of controlled substances into other than
2138 legitimate medical, scientific, or industrial channels;

2139 2. Compliance with applicable state and local law;

2140 3. Any convictions of the applicant under any federal and state laws relating to any controlled
2141 substance;

2142 4. Past experience in the manufacture or distribution of controlled substances, and the existence in
2143 the applicant's establishment of effective controls against diversion;

2144 5. Furnishing by the applicant of false or fraudulent material in any application filed under this
2145 chapter;

2146 6. Suspension or revocation of the applicant's federal registration to manufacture, distribute, or
2147 dispense controlled substances as authorized by federal law; and

2148 7. Any other factors relevant to and consistent with the public health and safety.

2149 B. Registration under subsection A does not entitle a registrant to manufacture and distribute
2150 controlled substances in Schedule I or II other than those specified in the registration.

2151 C. Practitioners must be registered to conduct research or laboratory analysis with controlled
2152 substances in Schedules II through VI, ~~tetrahydrocannabinol~~, or marijuana. Practitioners registered under
2153 federal law to conduct research with Schedule I substances, other than ~~tetrahydrocannabinol~~ marijuana,
2154 may conduct research with Schedule I substances within ~~this~~ the Commonwealth upon furnishing the
2155 evidence of that federal registration.

2156 D. The Board may register other persons or entities to possess controlled substances listed on
2157 Schedules II through VI upon a determination that (i) there is a documented need, (ii) the issuance of the
2158 registration is consistent with the public interest, (iii) the possession and subsequent use of the controlled
2159 substances complies with applicable state and federal laws and regulations, and (iv) the subsequent
2160 storage, use, and recordkeeping of the controlled substances will be under the general supervision of a
2161 licensed pharmacist, practitioner of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry, dentistry, or veterinary medicine as
2162 specified in the Board's regulations. The Board shall consider, at a minimum, the factors listed in
2163 subsection A of this section in determining whether the registration shall be issued. Notwithstanding the
2164 exceptions listed in § 54.1-3422 A, the Board may mandate a controlled substances registration for sites
2165 maintaining certain types and quantities of Schedules II through VI controlled substances as it may specify
2166 in its regulations. The Board shall promulgate regulations related to requirements or criteria for the
2167 issuance of such controlled substances registration, storage, security, supervision, and recordkeeping.

2168 E. The Board may register a public or private animal shelter as defined in § 3.2-6500 to purchase,
2169 possess, and administer certain Schedule II through VI controlled substances approved by the State
2170 Veterinarian for the purpose of euthanizing injured, sick, homeless, and unwanted domestic pets and
2171 animals and to purchase, possess, and administer certain Schedule VI drugs and biological products for
2172 the purpose of preventing, controlling, and treating certain communicable diseases that failure to control
2173 would result in transmission to the animal population in the shelter. Controlled substances used for
2174 euthanasia shall be administered only in accordance with protocols established by the State Veterinarian
2175 and only by persons trained in accordance with instructions by the State Veterinarian. The list of Schedule
2176 VI drugs and biological products used for treatment and prevention of communicable diseases within the
2177 shelter shall be determined by the supervising veterinarian of the shelter and the drugs and biological

2178 products shall be administered only pursuant to written protocols established or approved by the
2179 supervising veterinarian of the shelter and only by persons who have been trained in accordance with
2180 instructions established or approved by the supervising veterinarian. The shelter shall maintain a copy of
2181 the approved list of drugs and biological products, written protocols for administering, and training records
2182 of those persons administering drugs and biological products on the premises of the shelter.

2183 F. The Board may register a crisis stabilization unit established pursuant to § 37.2-500 or 37.2-601
2184 and licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to maintain a stock of
2185 Schedule VI controlled substances necessary for immediate treatment of patients admitted to the crisis
2186 stabilization unit, which may be accessed and administered by a nurse pursuant to a written or oral order
2187 of a prescriber in the absence of a prescriber. Schedule II through Schedule V controlled substances shall
2188 only be maintained if so authorized by federal law and Board regulations.

2189 G. The Board may register an entity at which a patient is treated by the use of instrumentation and
2190 diagnostic equipment through which images and medical records may be transmitted electronically for the
2191 purpose of establishing a bona fide practitioner-patient relationship and is prescribed Schedule II through
2192 VI controlled substances when such prescribing is in compliance with federal requirements for the practice
2193 of telemedicine and the patient is not in the physical presence of a practitioner registered with the U.S.
2194 Drug Enforcement Administration. In determining whether the registration shall be issued, the Board shall
2195 consider (i) the factors listed in subsection A, (ii) whether there is a documented need for such registration,
2196 and (iii) whether the issuance of the registration is consistent with the public interest.

2197 H. Applications for controlled substances registration certificates and renewals thereof shall be
2198 made on a form prescribed by the Board and such applications shall be accompanied by a fee in an amount
2199 to be determined by the Board.

2200 I. Upon (i) any change in ownership or control of a business, (ii) any change of location of the
2201 controlled substances stock, (iii) the termination of authority by or of the person named as the responsible
2202 party on a controlled substances registration, or (iv) a change in the supervising practitioner, if applicable,
2203 the registrant or responsible party shall immediately surrender the registration. The registrant shall, within

2204 14 days following surrender of a registration, file a new application and, if applicable, name the new
2205 responsible party or supervising practitioner.

2206 **§ 54.1-3442.6. Permit to operate pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility.**

2207 A. No person shall operate a pharmaceutical processor or a cannabis dispensing facility without
2208 first obtaining a permit from the Board. The application for such permit shall be made on a form provided
2209 by the Board and signed by a pharmacist who will be in full and actual charge of the pharmaceutical
2210 processor's dispensing area or cannabis dispensing facility. The Board shall establish an application fee
2211 and other general requirements for such application.

2212 B. Each permit shall expire annually on a date determined by the Board in regulation. The number
2213 of permits that the Board may issue or renew in any year is limited to one pharmaceutical processor and
2214 up to five cannabis dispensing facilities for each health service area established by the Board of Health.
2215 Permits shall be displayed in a conspicuous place on the premises of the pharmaceutical processor and
2216 cannabis dispensing facility.

2217 C. The Board shall adopt regulations establishing health, safety, and security requirements for
2218 pharmaceutical processors and cannabis dispensing facilities. Such regulations shall include requirements
2219 for (i) physical standards; (ii) location restrictions; (iii) security systems and controls; (iv) minimum
2220 equipment and resources; (v) recordkeeping; (vi) labeling, including the potency of each botanical
2221 cannabis product and the amounts recommended by the practitioner or dispensing pharmacist, and
2222 packaging; (vii) routine inspections no more frequently than once annually; (viii) processes for safely and
2223 securely dispensing and delivering in person cannabis products to a patient, his registered agent, or, if
2224 such patient is a minor or a vulnerable adult as defined in § 18.2-369, such patient's parent or legal
2225 guardian; (ix) dosage limitations for cannabis oil that provide that each dispensed dose of cannabis oil not
2226 exceed 10 milligrams of ~~delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol~~ tetrahydrocannabinol; (x) a process for the
2227 wholesale distribution of and the transfer of usable cannabis, botanical cannabis, cannabis oil, and
2228 cannabis products between pharmaceutical processors, between a pharmaceutical processors and a
2229 cannabis dispensing facility, and between cannabis dispensing facilities; (xi) an allowance for the sale of
2230 devices for administration of dispensed cannabis products and hemp-based CBD products that meet the

2231 applicable standards set forth in state and federal law, including the laboratory testing standards set forth
2232 in subsection M; (xii) an allowance for the use and distribution of inert product samples containing no
2233 cannabinoids for patient demonstration exclusively at the pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing
2234 facility, and not for further distribution or sale, without the need for a written certification; (xiii) a process
2235 for acquiring industrial hemp extracts and formulating such extracts into cannabis products; and (xiv) an
2236 allowance for the advertising and promotion of the pharmaceutical processor's products and operations,
2237 which shall not limit the pharmaceutical processor from the provision of educational material to
2238 practitioners who issue written certifications and patients. The Board shall also adopt regulations for
2239 pharmaceutical processors that include requirements for (a) processes for safely and securely cultivating
2240 Cannabis plants intended for producing cannabis products, (b) the secure disposal of agricultural waste,
2241 and (c) a process for registering cannabis oil products.

2242 D. The Board shall require that, after processing and before dispensing any cannabis products, a
2243 pharmaceutical processor shall make a sample available from each batch of cannabis product for testing
2244 by an independent laboratory located in Virginia meeting Board requirements. A valid sample size for
2245 testing shall be determined by each laboratory and may vary due to sample matrix, analytical method, and
2246 laboratory-specific procedures. A minimum sample size of 0.5 percent of individual units for dispensing
2247 or distribution from each homogenized batch of cannabis oil is required to achieve a representative
2248 cannabis oil sample for analysis. A minimum sample size, to be determined by the certified testing
2249 laboratory, from each batch of botanical cannabis is required to achieve a representative botanical cannabis
2250 sample for analysis. Botanical cannabis products shall only be tested for the following: total cannabidiol
2251 (CBD); total tetrahydrocannabinol (THC); terpenes; pesticide chemical residue; heavy metals;
2252 mycotoxins; moisture; and microbiological contaminants. Testing thresholds shall be consistent with
2253 generally accepted cannabis industry thresholds. The pharmaceutical processor may remediate botanical
2254 cannabis or cannabis oil that fails any quality testing standard except pesticides. Following remediation,
2255 all remediated botanical cannabis or cannabis oil shall be subject to laboratory testing and approved upon
2256 satisfaction of applicable testing standards, which shall not be more stringent than initial testing prior to
2257 remediation. If a batch of botanical cannabis fails retesting after remediation, it shall be considered usable

2258 cannabis and may be processed into cannabis oil. Stability testing shall not be required for any cannabis
2259 product with an expiration date assigned by the pharmaceutical processor of six months or less from the
2260 date of the cannabis product registration approval. Stability testing required for assignment of an
2261 expiration date longer than six months shall be limited to microbial testing, on a pass/fail basis, and
2262 potency testing, on a 10 percent deviation basis, of active ingredients.

2263 E. A laboratory testing samples for a pharmaceutical processor shall obtain a controlled substances
2264 registration certificate pursuant to § 54.1-3423 and shall comply with quality standards established by the
2265 Board in regulation.

2266 F. Every pharmaceutical processor's dispensing area or cannabis dispensing facility shall be under
2267 the personal supervision of a licensed pharmacist on the premises of the pharmaceutical processor or
2268 cannabis dispensing facility. The pharmaceutical processor shall ensure that security measures are
2269 adequate to protect the cannabis from diversion at all times, and the pharmacist-in-charge shall have
2270 concurrent responsibility for preventing diversion from the dispensing area.

2271 Every pharmaceutical processor shall designate a person who shall have oversight of the
2272 cultivation and production areas of the pharmaceutical processor and shall provide such information to
2273 the Board. The Board shall direct all communications related to enforcement of requirements related to
2274 cultivation and production of cannabis oil products by the pharmaceutical processor to such designated
2275 person.

2276 G. The Board shall require the material owners of an applicant for a pharmaceutical processor or
2277 cannabis dispensing facility permit to submit to fingerprinting and provide personal descriptive
2278 information to be forwarded along with his fingerprints through the Central Criminal Records Exchange
2279 to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of obtaining criminal history record information
2280 regarding the applicant's material owners. The cost of fingerprinting and the criminal history record search
2281 shall be paid by the applicant. The Central Criminal Records Exchange shall forward the results of the
2282 criminal history background check to the Board or its designee, which shall be a governmental entity. A
2283 pharmaceutical processor shall maintain evidence of criminal background checks for all employees and

2284 delivery agents of the pharmaceutical processor. Criminal background checks of employees and delivery
2285 agents may be conducted by any service sufficient to disclose any federal and state criminal convictions.

2286 H. In addition to other employees authorized by the Board, a pharmaceutical processor may
2287 employ individuals who may have less than two years of experience (i) to perform cultivation-related
2288 duties under the supervision of an individual who has received a degree in a field related to the cultivation
2289 of plants or a certification recognized by the Board or who has at least two years of experience cultivating
2290 plants, (ii) to perform extraction-related duties under the supervision of an individual who has a degree in
2291 chemistry or pharmacology or at least two years of experience extracting chemicals from plants, and (iii)
2292 to perform duties at the pharmaceutical processor and cannabis dispensing facility upon certification as a
2293 pharmacy technician.

2294 I. A pharmaceutical processor to whom a permit has been issued by the Board may establish up to
2295 five cannabis dispensing facilities for the dispensing of cannabis products that have been cultivated and
2296 produced on the premises of a pharmaceutical processor permitted by the Board. Each cannabis dispensing
2297 facility shall be located within the same health service area as the pharmaceutical processor.

2298 J. No person who has been convicted of a felony under the laws of the Commonwealth or another
2299 jurisdiction within the last five years shall be employed by or act as an agent of a pharmaceutical processor
2300 or cannabis dispensing facility.

2301 K. Every pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility shall adopt policies for pre-
2302 employment drug screening and regular, ongoing, random drug screening of employees.

2303 L. A pharmacist at the pharmaceutical processor's dispensing area and the cannabis dispensing
2304 facility shall determine the number of pharmacy interns, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy technician
2305 trainees who can be safely and competently supervised at one time; however, no pharmacist shall supervise
2306 more than six persons performing the duties of a pharmacy technician at one time in the pharmaceutical
2307 processor's dispensing area or cannabis dispensing facility.

2308 M. A pharmaceutical processor may acquire industrial hemp extracts grown and processed in
2309 Virginia, and in compliance with state or federal law, from a registered industrial hemp ~~dealer~~ handler or
2310 processor. A pharmaceutical processor may process and formulate such extracts into an allowable dosage

2311 of cannabis product. Industrial hemp extracts acquired and formulated by a pharmaceutical processor are
2312 subject to the same third-party testing requirements that may apply to cannabis plant extract. Testing shall
2313 be performed by a laboratory located in Virginia and in compliance with state law governing the testing
2314 of cannabis products. The industrial hemp ~~dealer~~ handler or processor shall provide such third-party
2315 testing results to the pharmaceutical processor before industrial hemp extracts may be acquired.

2316 N. With the exception of § 2.2-4031, neither the provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§
2317 2.2-4000 et seq.) nor public participation guidelines adopted pursuant thereto shall apply to the adoption
2318 of any regulation pursuant to this section. Prior to adopting any regulation pursuant to this section, the
2319 Board of Pharmacy shall publish a notice of opportunity to comment in the Virginia Register of
2320 Regulations and post the action on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall. Such notice of opportunity to
2321 comment shall contain (i) a summary of the proposed regulation; (ii) the text of the proposed regulation;
2322 and (iii) the name, address, and telephone number of the agency contact person responsible for receiving
2323 public comments. Such notice shall be made at least 60 days in advance of the last date prescribed in such
2324 notice for submittals of public comment. The legislative review provisions of subsections A and B of §
2325 2.2-4014 shall apply to the promulgation or final adoption process for regulations pursuant to this section.
2326 The Board of Pharmacy shall consider and keep on file all public comments received for any regulation
2327 adopted pursuant to this section.

2328 O. The Board shall register all cannabis products that meet testing, labeling, and packaging
2329 standards.

2330 **§ 54.1-3442.7. Dispensing cannabis products; report.**

2331 A. A pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility shall dispense or deliver cannabis
2332 products only in person to (i) a patient who is a Virginia resident or temporarily resides in Virginia and
2333 has been issued a valid written certification; (ii) such patient's registered agent; or (iii) if such patient is a
2334 minor or a vulnerable adult as defined in § 18.2-369, such patient's parent or legal guardian who is a
2335 Virginia resident or temporarily resides in Virginia. A companion may accompany a patient into a
2336 pharmaceutical processor's dispensing area or cannabis dispensing facility. Prior to the initial dispensing
2337 of cannabis products pursuant to each written certification, a pharmacist or pharmacy technician employed

2338 by the pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility shall make and maintain, on site or
2339 remotely by electronic means, for two years a paper or electronic copy of the written certification that
2340 provides an exact image of the document that is clearly legible; shall view, in person or by audiovisual
2341 means, a current photo identification of the patient, registered agent, parent, or legal guardian; and shall
2342 verify current board registration of the practitioner and the corresponding registered agent if applicable.
2343 Thereafter, an initial dispensing may be delivered to the patient, registered agent, parent, legal guardian,
2344 or designated caregiver facility. Prior to any subsequent dispensing of cannabis products pursuant to each
2345 written certification, an employee or delivery agent shall view a current photo identification of the patient,
2346 registered agent, parent, or legal guardian and the current board registration issued to the registered agent
2347 if applicable. No pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility shall dispense more than a 90-
2348 day supply, as determined by the dispensing pharmacist or certifying practitioner, for any patient during
2349 any 90-day period. A pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility may dispense less than a
2350 90-day supply of a cannabis product for any patient during any 90-day period; however, a pharmaceutical
2351 processor or cannabis dispensing facility may dispense more than one cannabis product to a patient at one
2352 time. No more than four ounces of botanical cannabis shall be dispensed for each 30-day period for which
2353 botanical cannabis is dispensed. The Board shall establish in regulation an amount of cannabis oil that
2354 constitutes a 90-day supply to treat or alleviate the symptoms of a patient's diagnosed condition or disease.
2355 In determining the appropriate amount of a cannabis product to be dispensed to a patient, a pharmaceutical
2356 processor or cannabis dispensing facility shall consider all cannabis products dispensed to the patient and
2357 adjust the amount dispensed accordingly.

2358 B. A pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility shall dispense only cannabis
2359 products produced on the premises of a pharmaceutical processor permitted by the Board or cannabis
2360 products that have been formulated with extracts from industrial hemp acquired by a pharmaceutical
2361 processor from a registered industrial hemp ~~dealer~~ handler or processor pursuant to § 54.1-3442.6. A
2362 pharmaceutical processor may begin cultivation upon being issued a permit by the Board.

2363 C. The Board shall report annually by December 1 to the Chairmen of the House Committee for
2364 Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Education and Health on the operation of
2365 pharmaceutical processors and cannabis dispensing facilities issued a permit by the Board.

2366 D. The concentration of ~~delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol~~ tetrahydrocannabinol in any cannabis
2367 product on site may be up to 10 percent greater than or less than the level of ~~delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol~~
2368 tetrahydrocannabinol measured for labeling. A pharmaceutical processor and cannabis dispensing facility
2369 shall ensure that such concentration in any cannabis product on site is within such range. A pharmaceutical
2370 processor producing cannabis products shall establish a stability testing schedule of cannabis products.

2371 **§ 54.1-3443. Board to administer article.**

2372 A. The Board shall administer this article and may add substances to or deschedule or reschedule
2373 all substances enumerated in the schedules in this article pursuant to the procedures of the Administrative
2374 Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.). In making a determination regarding a substance, the Board shall consider
2375 the following:

- 2376 1. The actual or relative potential for abuse;
- 2377 2. The scientific evidence of its pharmacological effect, if known;
- 2378 3. The state of current scientific knowledge regarding the substance;
- 2379 4. The history and current pattern of abuse;
- 2380 5. The scope, duration, and significance of abuse;
- 2381 6. The risk to the public health;
- 2382 7. The potential of the substance to produce psychic or physical dependence; and
- 2383 8. Whether the substance is an immediate precursor of a substance already controlled under this
2384 article.

2385 B. After considering the factors enumerated in subsection A, the Board shall make findings and
2386 issue a regulation controlling the substance if it finds the substance has a potential for abuse.

2387 C. If the Board designates a substance as an immediate precursor, substances which are precursors
2388 of the controlled precursor shall not be subject to control solely because they are precursors of the
2389 controlled precursor.

2390 D. If the Board, in consultation with the Department of Forensic Science, determines the substance
2391 shall be placed into Schedule I or II pursuant to § 54.1-3445 or 54.1-3447, the Board may amend its
2392 regulations pursuant to Article 2 (§ 2.2-4006 et seq.) of the Administrative Process Act. Prior to making
2393 such amendments, the Board shall conduct a public hearing. At least 30 days prior to conducting such
2394 hearing, it shall post notice of the hearing on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall and shall send notice of
2395 the hearing to any persons requesting to be notified of a regulatory action. In the notice, the Board shall
2396 include a list of all substances it intends to schedule by regulation. The Board shall notify the House
2397 Committee for Courts of Justice and the Senate Committee on the Judiciary of any new substance added
2398 to Schedule I or II pursuant to this subsection. Any substance added to Schedule I or II pursuant to this
2399 subsection shall remain on Schedule I or II for a period of 18 months. Upon expiration of such 18-month
2400 period, such substance shall be descheduled unless a general law is enacted adding such substance to
2401 Schedule I or II. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude the Board from adding substances to or
2402 descheduling or rescheduling all substances enumerated in the schedules pursuant to the provisions of
2403 subsections A, B, and E.

2404 E. If any substance is designated, rescheduled, or descheduled as a controlled substance under
2405 federal law and notice of such action is given to the Board, the Board may similarly control the substance
2406 under this chapter after the expiration of 30 days from publication in the Federal Register of a final or
2407 interim final order or rule designating a substance as a controlled substance or rescheduling or
2408 descheduling a substance by amending its regulations in accordance with the requirements of Article 2 (§
2409 2.2-4006 et seq.) of the Administrative Process Act. Prior to making such amendments, the Board shall
2410 post notice of the hearing on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall and shall send notice of the hearing to
2411 any persons requesting to be notified of a regulatory action. The Board shall include a list of all substances
2412 it intends to schedule by regulation in such notice.

2413 F. Authority to control under this section does not extend to distilled spirits, wine, malt beverages,
2414 or tobacco as those terms are defined or used in Title 4.1.

2415 G. The Board shall exempt any nonnarcotic substance from a schedule if such substance may,
2416 under the provisions of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. § 301 et seq.) or state law,
2417 be lawfully sold over the counter without a prescription.

2418 H. Any tetrahydrocannabinol isomer, ester, ether, salt, or salts or isomers, esters, or ethers
2419 scheduled pursuant to this section shall not be included in the definition of marijuana set forth in § 4.1-
2420 600, 18.2-247, or 54.1-3401.

2421 **§ 54.1-3446. Schedule I.**

2422 The controlled substances listed in this section are included in Schedule I:

2423 1. Any of the following opiates, including their isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers,
2424 esters, and ethers, unless specifically excepted, whenever the existence of these isomers, esters, ethers and
2425 salts is possible within the specific chemical designation:

2426 1-{ 1-[1-(4-bromophenyl)ethyl]-4-piperidinyl}-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-one (other name:
2427 Brorphine);

2428 1-[2-methyl-4-(3-phenyl-2-propen-1-yl)-1-piperazinyl]-1-butanone (other name: 2-methyl AP-
2429 237);

2430 1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-phenyl-4-acetyloxypiperidine (other name: PEPAP);

2431 1-methyl-4-phenyl-4-propionoxypiperidine (other name: MPPP);

2432 2-[(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl]-N,N-diethyl-5-nitro-1H-benzimidazole-1-ethanamine (other name:
2433 Metonitazene);

2434 2-methoxy-N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-acetamide (other name: Methoxyacetyl
2435 fentanyl);

2436 3,4-dichloro-N-[2-(dimethylamino)cyclohexyl]-N-methyl-benzamide (other name: U-47700);

2437 3,4-dichloro-N-[[1-(dimethylamino)cyclohexyl]methyl]benzamide (other name: AH-7921);

2438 Acetyl fentanyl (other name: desmethyl fentanyl);

2439 Acetylmethadol;

2440 Allylprodine;

- 2441 Alphacetylmethadol (except levo-alphacetylmethadol, also known as levo-alpha-acetylmethadol,
2442 levomethadyl acetate, or LAAM);
- 2443 Alphameprodine;
- 2444 Alphamethadol;
- 2445 Benzethidine;
- 2446 Betacetylmethadol;
- 2447 Betameprodine;
- 2448 Betamethadol;
- 2449 Betaprodine;
- 2450 Clonitazene;
- 2451 Dextromoramide;
- 2452 Diampromide;
- 2453 Diethylthiambutene;
- 2454 Difenoxin;
- 2455 Dimenoxadol;
- 2456 Dimepheptanol;
- 2457 Dimethylthiambutene;
- 2458 Dioxaphetylbutyrate;
- 2459 Dipipanone;
- 2460 Ethylmethylthiambutene;
- 2461 Etonitazene;
- 2462 Etoxidine;
- 2463 Furethidine;
- 2464 Hydroxypethidine;
- 2465 Ketobemidone;
- 2466 Levomoramide;
- 2467 Levophenacymorphan;

- 2468 Morpheridine;
- 2469 MT-45 (1-cyclohexyl-4-(1,2-diphenylethyl)piperazine);
- 2470 N-(1-phenethylpiperidin-4-yl)-N-phenylcyclopropanecarboxamide (other name: Cyclopropyl
2471 fentanyl);
- 2472 N-(1-phenethylpiperidin-4-yl)-N-phenyltetrahydrofuran-2-carboxamide (other name:
2473 Tetrahydrofuran fentanyl);
- 2474 N-[1-[1-methyl-2-(2-thienyl)ethyl]-4-piperidyl]-N-phenylpropanamide (other name: alpha-
2475 methylthiofentanyl);
- 2476 N-[1-(1-methyl-2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidyl]-N-phenylacetamide (other name: acetyl-alpha-
2477 methylfentanyl);
- 2478 N-{1-[2-hydroxy-2-(2-thienyl)ethyl]-4-piperidinyl}-N-phenylpropanamide (other name: beta-
2479 hydroxythiofentanyl);
- 2480 N-[1-(2-hydroxy-2-phenyl)ethyl-4-piperidyl]-N-phenylpropanamide (other name: beta-
2481 hydroxyfentanyl);
- 2482 N-[1-(alpha-methyl-beta-phenyl)ethyl-4-piperidyl]propionanilide (other names: 1-(1-methyl-2-
2483 phenylethyl)-4-(N-propanilido) piperidine, alpha-methylfentanyl);
- 2484 N-(2-fluorophenyl)-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-propanamide (other names: 2-
2485 fluorofentanyl, ortho-fluorofentanyl);
- 2486 N-(3-fluorophenyl)-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-propanamide (other name: 3-
2487 fluorofentanyl);
- 2488 N-[3-methyl-1-(2-hydroxy-2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidyl]-N-phenylpropanamide (other name: beta-
2489 hydroxy-3-methylfentanyl);
- 2490 N-[3-methyl-1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidyl]-N-phenylpropanamide (other name: 3-
2491 methylfentanyl);
- 2492 N-[3-methyl-1-(2-thienyl)ethyl-4-piperidinyl]-N-phenylpropanamide (other name: 3-
2493 methylthiofentanyl);

- 2494** N-(4-chlorophenyl)-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-propanamide (other names: para-
2495 chlorofentanyl, 4-chlorofentanyl);
- 2496** N-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-methyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-propanamide (other name:
2497 para-fluoroisobutyryl fentanyl);
- 2498** N-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-butanamide (other name: para-
2499 fluorobutyrylfentanyl);
- 2500** N-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-propanamide (other name: para-
2501 fluorofentanyl);
- 2502** N,N-diethyl-2-(2-(4-isopropoxybenzyl)-5-nitro-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)ethan-1-amine (other
2503 name: Isotonitazene);
- 2504** N,N-diethyl-2-[[4-ethoxyphenyl] methyl]-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl}-ethan-1-amine (other names:
2505 Etazene, Desnitroetonitazene);
- 2506** N,N-diethyl-2-[(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl]-1H-benzimidazole-1-ethanamine (other name:
2507 Metodesnitazene);
- 2508** N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-2-furancarboxamide (other name: N-benzyl
2509 Furanyl norfentanyl);
- 2510** N-phenyl-N-(4-piperidinyl)-propanamide (other name: Norfentanyl);
- 2511** Noracymethadol;
- 2512** Norlevorphanol;
- 2513** Normethadone;
- 2514** Norpipanone;
- 2515** N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-2-furancarboxamide (other name: Furanyl
2516 fentanyl);
- 2517** N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-2-propenamide (other name: Acryl fentanyl);
- 2518** N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-butanamide (other name: butyryl fentanyl);
- 2519** N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-pentanamide (other name: Pentanoyl fentanyl);
- 2520** N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-thienyl)ethyl-4-piperidinyl]-propanamide (other name: thiofentanyl);

- 2521 Phenadoxone;
- 2522 Phenampromide;
- 2523 Phenomorphan;
- 2524 Phenoperidine;
- 2525 Piritramide;
- 2526 Proheptazine;
- 2527 Properidine;
- 2528 Propiram;
- 2529 Racemoramide;
- 2530 Tilidine;
- 2531 Trimeperidine;
- 2532 N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-1,3-benzodioxole-5-carboxamide (other name:
- 2533 Benzodioxole fentanyl);
- 2534 3,4-dichloro-N-[2-(diethylamino)cyclohexyl]-N-methylbenzamide (other name: U-49900);
- 2535 2-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-N-[2-(dimethylamino)cyclohexyl]-N-methyl acetamide (other name: U-
- 2536 48800);
- 2537 2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-N-[2-(dimethylamino)cyclohexyl]-N-methyl acetamide (other name: U-
- 2538 51754);
- 2539 N-(2-fluorophenyl)-2-methoxy-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-acetamide (other name:
- 2540 Ocfentanil);
- 2541 N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-butanamide (other name: 4-
- 2542 methoxybutyrylfentanyl);
- 2543 N-phenyl-2-methyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-propanamide (other name: Isobutyryl
- 2544 fentanyl);
- 2545 N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-cyclopentanecarboxamide (other name:
- 2546 Cyclopentyl fentanyl);
- 2547 N-phenyl-N-(1-methyl-4-piperidinyl)-propanamide (other name: N-methyl norfentanyl);

- 2548 N-[2-(dimethylamino)cyclohexyl]-N-methyl-1,3-benzodioxole-5-carboxamide (other names: 3,4-
- 2549 methylenedioxy U-47700 or 3,4-MDO-U-47700);
- 2550 N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-2-butenamide (other name: Crotonyl fentanyl);
- 2551 N-phenyl-N-[4-phenyl-1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-propanamide (other name: 4-
- 2552 phenylfentanyl);
- 2553 N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-benzamide (other names: Phenyl fentanyl, Benzoyl
- 2554 fentanyl);
- 2555 N-[2-(dimethylamino)cyclohexyl]-N-phenylfuran-2-carboxamide (other name: Furanyl UF-17);
- 2556 N-[2-(dimethylamino)cyclohexyl]-N-phenylpropionamide (other name: UF-17);
- 2557 3,4-dichloro-N-[2-(dimethylamino)cyclohexyl]-N-isopropyl-benzamide (other name: Isopropyl
- 2558 U-47700).
- 2559 2. Any of the following opium derivatives, their salts, isomers and salts of isomers, unless
- 2560 specifically excepted, whenever the existence of these salts, isomers and salts of isomers is possible within
- 2561 the specific chemical designation:
- 2562 Acetorphine;
- 2563 Acetyldihydrocodeine;
- 2564 Benzylmorphine;
- 2565 Codeine methylbromide;
- 2566 Codeine-N-Oxide;
- 2567 Cyprenorphine;
- 2568 Desomorphine;
- 2569 Dihydromorphine;
- 2570 Drotebanol;
- 2571 Etorphine;
- 2572 Heroin;
- 2573 Hydromorphanol;
- 2574 Methyldesorphine;

- 2575 Methyldihydromorphine;
- 2576 Morphine methylbromide;
- 2577 Morphine methylsulfonate;
- 2578 Morphine-N-Oxide;
- 2579 Myrophine;
- 2580 Nicocodeine;
- 2581 Nicomorphine;
- 2582 Normorphine;
- 2583 Pholcodine;
- 2584 Thebacon.
- 2585 3. Unless specifically excepted or unless listed in another schedule, any material, compound,
- 2586 mixture, or preparation, which contains any quantity of the following hallucinogenic substances, or which
- 2587 contains any of its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers, whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and
- 2588 salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation (for purposes of this subdivision only,
- 2589 the term "isomer" includes the optical, position, and geometric isomers):
- 2590 Alpha-ethyltryptamine (some trade or other names: Monase; a-ethyl-1H-indole-3-ethanamine; 3-
- 2591 2-aminobutyl] indole; a-ET; AET);
- 2592 4-Bromo-2,5-dimethoxyphenethylamine (some trade or other names: 2-4-bromo-2,5-
- 2593 dimethoxyphenyl]-1-aminoethane;alpha-desmethyl DOB; 2C-B; Nexus);
- 2594 3,4-methylenedioxy amphetamine;
- 2595 5-methoxy-3,4-methylenedioxy amphetamine;
- 2596 3,4,5-trimethoxy amphetamine;
- 2597 Alpha-methyltryptamine (other name: AMT);
- 2598 Bufotenine;
- 2599 Diethyltryptamine;
- 2600 Dimethyltryptamine;
- 2601 4-methyl-2,5-dimethoxyamphetamine;

- 2602 2,5-dimethoxy-4-ethylamphetamine (DOET);
- 2603 4-fluoro-N-ethylamphetamine;
- 2604 2,5-dimethoxy-4-(n)-propylthiophenethylamine (other name: 2C-T-7);
- 2605 Ibogaine;
- 2606 5-methoxy-N,N-diisopropyltryptamine (other name: 5-MeO-DIPT);
- 2607 Lysergic acid diethylamide;
- 2608 Mescaline;
- 2609 Parahexyl (some trade or other names: 3-Hexyl-1-hydroxy-7,8,9,10-tetrahydro-6,6,9-trimethyl-
- 2610 6H-dibenzo [b,d] pyran; Synhexyl);
- 2611 Peyote;
- 2612 N-ethyl-3-piperidyl benzilate;
- 2613 N-methyl-3-piperidyl benzilate;
- 2614 Psilocybin;
- 2615 Psilocyn;
- 2616 Salvinorin A;
- 2617 ~~Tetrahydrocannabinols, except as present in (i) industrial hemp, as defined in § 3.2-4112, that is~~
- 2618 ~~possessed by a person registered pursuant to subsection A of § 3.2-4115 or his agent; (ii) a hemp product,~~
- 2619 ~~as defined in § 3.2-4112, containing a tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of no greater than 0.3 percent~~
- 2620 ~~that is derived from industrial hemp, as defined in § 3.2-4112, that is grown, dealt, or processed in~~
- 2621 ~~compliance with state or federal law; (iii) marijuana; (iv) dronabinol in sesame oil and encapsulated in a~~
- 2622 ~~soft gelatin capsule in a drug product approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration; or (v) industrial~~
- 2623 ~~hemp, as defined in § 3.2-4112, that is possessed by a person who holds a hemp producer license issued~~
- 2624 ~~by the U.S. Department of Agriculture pursuant to 7 C.F.R. Part 990;~~
- 2625 2,5-dimethoxyamphetamine (some trade or other names: 2,5-dimethoxy-a-methylphenethylamine;
- 2626 2,5-DMA);
- 2627 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA), its optical, positional and geometric isomers,
- 2628 salts and salts of isomers;

- 2629** 3,4-methylenedioxy-N-ethylamphetamine (also known as N-ethyl-alpha-methyl-3,4
2630 (methylenedioxy)phenethylamine, N-ethyl MDA, MDE, MDEA);
- 2631** N-hydroxy-3,4-methylenedioxyamphetamine (some other names: N-hydroxy-alpha-methyl-
2632 3,4(methylenedioxy)phenethylamine, and N-hydroxy MDA);
- 2633** 4-bromo-2,5-dimethoxyamphetamine (some trade or other names: 4-bromo-2,5-dimethoxy-a-
2634 methylphenethylamine; 4-bromo-2,5-DMA);
- 2635** 4-methoxyamphetamine (some trade or other names: 4-methoxy-a-methylphenethylamine;
2636 paramethoxyamphetamine; PMA);
- 2637** Ethylamine analog of phencyclidine (some other names: N-ethyl-1-phenylcyclohexylamine, (1-
2638 phenylcyclohexyl) ethylamine, N-(1-phenylcyclohexyl) ethylamine, cyclohexamine, PCE);
- 2639** Pyrrolidine analog of phencyclidine (some other names: 1-(1-phenylcyclohexyl)-pyrrolidine,
2640 PCPy, PHP);
- 2641** Thiophene analog of phencyclidine (some other names: 1-[1-(2-thienyl)-cyclohexyl]-piperidine,
2642 2-thienyl analog of phencyclidine, TPCP, TCP);
- 2643** 1-1-(2-thienyl)cyclohexyl]pyrrolidine (other name: TCPy);
- 2644** 3,4-methylenedioxypropylone (other name: MDPV);
- 2645** 4-methylmethcathinone (other names: mephedrone, 4-MMC);
- 2646** 3,4-methylenedioxymethcathinone (other name: methylone);
- 2647** Naphthylpropylone (other name: naphyrone);
- 2648** 4-fluoromethcathinone (other names: flephedrone, 4-FMC);
- 2649** 4-methoxymethcathinone (other names: methedrone; bk-PMMA);
- 2650** Ethcathinone (other name: N-ethylcathinone);
- 2651** 3,4-methylenedioxyethylcathinone (other name: ethylone);
- 2652** Beta-keto-N-methyl-3,4-benzodioxolylbutanamine (other name: butylone);
- 2653** N,N-dimethylcathinone (other name: metamfepramone);
- 2654** Alpha-pyrrolidinopropiophenone (other name: alpha-PPP);
- 2655** 4-methoxy-alpha-pyrrolidinopropiophenone (other name: MOPPP);

- 2656 3,4-methylenedioxy-alpha-pyrrolidinopropiophenone (other name: MDPPP);
- 2657 Alpha-pyrrolidinovalerophenone (other name: alpha-PVP);
- 2658 6,7-dihydro-5H-indeno-(5,6-d)-1,3-dioxol-6-amine (other name: MDAI);
- 2659 3-fluoromethcathinone (other name: 3-FMC);
- 2660 4-Ethyl-2,5-dimethoxyphenethylamine (other name: 2C-E);
- 2661 4-Iodo-2,5-dimethoxyphenethylamine (other name: 2C-I);
- 2662 4-Methylethcathinone (other name: 4-MEC);
- 2663 4-Ethylmethcathinone (other name: 4-EMC);
- 2664 N,N-diallyl-5-methoxytryptamine (other name: 5-MeO-DALT);
- 2665 Beta-keto-methylbenzodioxolypentanamine (other names: Pentylone, bk-MBDP);
- 2666 Alpha-methylamino-butyrophenone (other name: Buphedrone);
- 2667 Alpha-methylamino-valerophenone (other name: Pentedrone);
- 2668 3,4-Dimethylmethcathinone (other name: 3,4-dmmc);
- 2669 4-methyl-alpha-pyrrolidinopropiophenone (other name: MPPP);
- 2670 4-Iodo-2,5-dimethoxy-N-[(2-methoxyphenyl)methyl]-benzeneethanamine (other names: 25-I,
- 2671 25I-NBOMe, 2C-I-NBOMe);
- 2672 Methoxetamine (other names: MXE, 3-MeO-2-Oxo-PCE);
- 2673 4-Fluoromethamphetamine (other name: 4-FMA);
- 2674 4-Fluoroamphetamine (other name: 4-FA);
- 2675 2-(2,5-Dimethoxy-4-methylphenyl)ethanamine (other name: 2C-D);
- 2676 2-(4-Chloro-2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)ethanamine (other name: 2C-C);
- 2677 2-[4-(Ethylthio)-2,5-dimethoxyphenyl]ethanamine (other name: 2C-T-2);
- 2678 2-[4-(Isopropylthio)-2,5-dimethoxyphenyl]ethanamine (other name: 2C-T-4);
- 2679 2-(2,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)ethanamine (other name: 2C-H);
- 2680 2-(2,5-Dimethoxy-4-nitro-phenyl)ethanamine (other name: 2C-N);
- 2681 2-(2,5-Dimethoxy-4-(n)-propylphenyl)ethanamine (other name: 2C-P);
- 2682 (2-aminopropyl)benzofuran (other name: APB);

- 2683 (2-aminopropyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran (other name: APDB);
- 2684 4-chloro-2,5-dimethoxy-N-[(2-methoxyphenyl)methyl]-benzeneethanamine (other names: 2C-C-
2685 NBOMe, 25C-NBOMe, 25C);
- 2686 4-bromo-2,5-dimethoxy-N-[(2-methoxyphenyl)methyl]-benzeneethanamine (other names: 2C-B-
2687 NBOMe, 25B-NBOMe, 25B);
- 2688 Acetoxymethyltryptamine (other names: AcO-Psilocin, AcO-DMT, Psilacetin);
- 2689 Benocyclidine (other names: BCP, BTCP);
- 2690 Alpha-pyrrolidinobutiophenone (other name: alpha-PBP);
- 2691 3,4-methylenedioxy-N,N-dimethylcathinone (other names: Dimethylone, bk-MDDMA);
- 2692 4-bromomethylcathinone (other name: 4-BMC);
- 2693 4-chloromethylcathinone (other name: 4-CMC);
- 2694 4-Iodo-2,5-dimethoxy-N-[(2-hydroxyphenyl)methyl]-benzeneethanamine (other name: 25I-
2695 NBOH);
- 2696 Alpha-Pyrrolidinoheptiophenone (other name: alpha-PHP);
- 2697 Alpha-Pyrrolidinoheptiophenone (other name: PV8);
- 2698 5-methoxy-N,N-methylisopropyltryptamine (other name: 5-MeO-MIPT);
- 2699 Beta-keto-N,N-dimethylbenzodioxolylbutanamine (other names: Dibutylone, bk-DMBDB);
- 2700 Beta-keto-4-bromo-2,5-dimethoxyphenethylamine (other name: bk-2C-B);
- 2701 1-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-2-(ethylamino)-1-pentanone (other name: N-ethylpentylone);
- 2702 1-[1-(3-methoxyphenyl)cyclohexyl]piperidine (other name: 3-methoxy PCP);
- 2703 1-[1-(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclohexyl]piperidine (other name: 4-methoxy PCP);
- 2704 4-Chloroethylcathinone (other name: 4-CEC);
- 2705 3-Methoxy-2-(methylamino)-1-(4-methylphenyl)-1-propanone (other name: Mexedrone);
- 2706 1-propionyl lysergic acid diethylamide (other name: 1P-LSD);
- 2707 (2-Methylaminopropyl)benzofuran (other name: MAPB);
- 2708 1-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-2-(dimethylamino)-1-pentanone (other names: N,N-Dimethylpentylone,
2709 Dipentylone);

- 2710 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)octan-1-one (other name: 4-methoxy-PV9);
- 2711 3,4-tetramethylene-alpha-pyrrolidinovalerophenone (other name: TH-PVP);
- 2712 4-allyloxy-3,5-dimethoxyphenethylamine (other name: Allylescaline);
- 2713 4-Bromo-2,5-dimethoxy-N-[(2-hydroxyphenyl)methyl]-benzeneethanamine (other name: 25B-
2714 NBOH);
- 2715 4-chloro-alpha-methylamino-valerophenone (other name: 4-chloropentedrone);
- 2716 4-chloro-alpha-Pyrrolidinovalerophenone (other name: 4-chloro-alpha-PVP);
- 2717 4-fluoro-alpha-Pyrrolidinoheptiophenone (other name: 4-fluoro-PV8);
- 2718 4-hydroxy-N,N-diisopropyltryptamine (other name: 4-OH-DIPT);
- 2719 4-methyl-alpha-ethylaminopentiophenone;
- 2720 4-methyl-alpha-Pyrrolidinohexiophenone (other name: MPHP);
- 2721 5-methoxy-N,N-dimethyltryptamine (other name: 5-MeO-DMT);
- 2722 5-methoxy-N-ethyl-N-isopropyltryptamine (other name: 5-MeO-EIPT);
- 2723 6-ethyl-6-nor-lysergic acid diethylamide (other name: ETH-LAD);
- 2724 6-allyl-6-nor-lysergic acid diethylamide (other name: AL-LAD);
- 2725 (N-methyl aminopropyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran (other name: MAPDB);
- 2726 2-(methylamino)-2-phenyl-cyclohexanone (other name: Deschloroketamine);
- 2727 2-(ethylamino)-2-phenyl-cyclohexanone (other name: deschloro-N-ethyl-ketamine);
- 2728 2-methyl-1-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-2-morpholinopropiophenone (other name: MMMP);
- 2729 Alpha-ethylaminohexanophenone (other name: N-ethylhexedrone);
- 2730 N-ethyl-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)cyclohexylamine (other name: 3-methoxy-PCE);
- 2731 4-fluoro-alpha-pyrrolidinohexiophenone (other name: 4-fluoro-alpha-PHP);
- 2732 N-ethyl-1,2-diphenylethylamine (other name: Ephendidine);
- 2733 2,5-dimethoxy-4-chloroamphetamine (other name: DOC);
- 2734 3,4-methylenedioxy-N-tert-butylcathinone;
- 2735 Alpha-pyrrolidinoisohexiophenone (other name: alpha-PiHP);
- 2736 1-[1-(3-hydroxyphenyl)cyclohexyl]piperidine (other name: 3-hydroxy PCP);

- 2737 4-acetyloxy-N,N-diallyltryptamine (other name: 4-AcO-DALT);
- 2738 4-hydroxy-N,N-methylisopropyltryptamine (other name: 4-hydroxy-MiPT);
- 2739 3,4-Methylenedioxy-alpha-pyrrolidinohexanophenone (other name: MDPHP);
- 2740 5-methoxy-N,N-dibutyltryptamine (other name: 5-methoxy-DBT);
- 2741 1-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-2-(ethylamino)-1-butanone (other names: Eutylone, bk-EBDB);
- 2742 1-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-2-(butylamino)-1-pentanone (other name: N-butylpentylone);
- 2743 N-benzyl-3,4-dimethoxyamphetamine (other name: N-benzyl-3,4-DMA);
- 2744 1-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-(sec-butylamino)pentan-1-one (other name: N-sec-butyl
2745 Pentylone);
- 2746 1-cyclopropionyl lysergic acid diethylamide (other name: 1cP-LSD);
- 2747 2-(ethylamino)-1-phenylheptan-1-one (other name: N-ethylheptedrone);
- 2748 (2-ethylaminopropyl)benzofuran (other name: EAPB);
- 2749 4-ethyl-2,5-dimethoxy-N-[(2-hydroxyphenyl)methyl]-benzeneethanamine (other name: 25E-
2750 NBOH);
- 2751 2-fluoro-Deschloroketamine (other name: 2-(2-fluorophenyl)-2-(methylamino)-cyclohexanone);
- 2752 4-hydroxy-N-ethyl-N-propyltryptamine (other name: 4-hydroxy-EPT);
- 2753 2-(isobutylamino)-1-phenylhexan-1-one (other names: N-Isobutyl Hexedrone, alpha-
2754 isobutylaminohexanphenone);
- 2755 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-N-methylpropan-2-amine (other names: para-Methoxymethamphetamine,
2756 PMMA);
- 2757 N-ethyl-1-(3-hydroxyphenyl)cyclohexylamine (other name: 3-hydroxy-PCE);
- 2758 N-heptyl-3,4-dimethoxyamphetamine (other name: N-heptyl-3,4-DMA);
- 2759 N-hexyl-3,4-dimethoxyamphetamine (other name: N-hexyl-3,4-DMA);
- 2760 4-fluoro-3-methyl-alpha-pyrrolidinovalerophenone (other name: 4-fluoro-3-methyl-alpha-PVP);
- 2761 4-fluoro-alpha-methylamino-valerophenone (other name: 4-fluoropentedrone);
- 2762 N-(1,4-dimethylpentyl)-3,4-dimethoxyamphetamine (other name: N-(1,4-dimethylpentyl)-3,4-
2763 DMA);

- 2764 4,5-methylenedioxy-N,N-diisopropyltryptamine (other name: 4,5-MDO-DiPT);
- 2765 Alpha-pyrrolidinocyclohexanophenone (other name: alpha-PCYP);
- 2766 3,4-methylenedioxy-alpha-pyrrolidinoheptiophenone (other name: MDPV8);
- 2767 4-chloro-alpha-methylaminobutiophenone (other name: 4-chloro Buphedrone).
- 2768 4. Unless specifically excepted or unless listed in another schedule, any material, compound,
- 2769 mixture or preparation which contains any quantity of the following substances having a depressant effect
- 2770 on the central nervous system, including its salts, isomers and salts of isomers whenever the existence of
- 2771 such salts, isomers and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation:
- 2772 5-(2-chlorophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-3-methyl-7-nitro-2H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one (other name:
- 2773 Meclonazepam);
- 2774 7-chloro-5-(2-fluorophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one (other name:
- 2775 Norfludiazepam);
- 2776 Bromazolam;
- 2777 Clonazolam;
- 2778 Deschloroetizolam;
- 2779 Etizolam;
- 2780 Flualprazolam;
- 2781 Flubromazepam;
- 2782 Flubromazolam;
- 2783 Gamma hydroxybutyric acid (some other names include GHB; gamma hydroxybutyrate; 4-
- 2784 hydroxybutyrate; 4-hydroxybutanoic acid; sodium oxybate; sodium oxybutyrate);
- 2785 Mecloqualone;
- 2786 Methaqualone.
- 2787 5. Unless specifically excepted or unless listed in another schedule, any material, compound,
- 2788 mixture or preparation which contains any quantity of the following substances having a stimulant effect
- 2789 on the central nervous system, including its salts, isomers and salts of isomers:
- 2790 2-(3-fluorophenyl)-3-methylmorpholine (other name: 3-fluorophenmetrazine);

- 2791 Aminorex (some trade or other names; aminoxaphen; 2-amino-5-phenyl-2-oxazoline; 4,5-dihydro-
2792 5-phenyl-2-oxazolamine);
- 2793 Cathinone (some trade or other names: 2-amino-1-phenyl-1-propanone, alpha-
2794 aminopropiophenone, 2-aminopropiophenone, norephedrone), and any plant material from which
2795 Cathinone may be derived;
- 2796 Cis-4-methylaminorex (other name: cis-4,5-dihydro-4-methyl-5-phenyl-2-oxazolamine);
- 2797 Ethylamphetamine;
- 2798 Ethyl phenyl(piperidin-2-yl)acetate (other name: Ethylphenidate);
- 2799 Fenethylamine;
- 2800 Methcathinone (some other names: 2-(methylamino)-propionophenone; alpha-(methylamino)-
2801 propionophenone; 2-(methylamino)-1-phenylpropan-1-one; alpha-N-methylaminopropionophenone;
2802 monomethylpropion; ephedrone; N-methylcathinone; methylcathinone; AL-464; AL-422; AL-463 and
2803 UR 1432);
- 2804 N-Benzylpiperazine (some other names: BZP, 1-benzylpiperazine);
- 2805 N,N-dimethylamphetamine (other names: N,N-alpha-trimethyl-benzeneethanamine, N,N-alpha-
2806 trimethylphenethylamine);
- 2807 Methyl 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-(2-piperidinyl)acetate (other name: 4-fluoromethylphenidate);
- 2808 Isopropyl-2-phenyl-2-(2-piperidinyl)acetate (other name: Isopropylphenidate);
- 2809 4-chloro-N,N-dimethylcathinone;
- 2810 3,4-methylenedioxy-N-benzylcathinone (other name: BMDP).
- 2811 6. Any substance that contains one or more cannabimimetic agents or that contains their salts,
2812 isomers, and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible
2813 within the specific chemical designation, and any preparation, mixture, or substance containing, or mixed
2814 or infused with, any detectable amount of one or more cannabimimetic agents.
- 2815 a. "Cannabimimetic agents" includes any substance that is within any of the following structural
2816 classes:

2817 2-(3-hydroxycyclohexyl)phenol with substitution at the 5-position of the phenolic ring by alkyl or
2818 alkenyl, whether or not substituted on the cyclohexyl ring to any extent;

2819 3-(1-naphthoyl)indole or 1H-indol-3-yl-(1-naphthyl)methane with substitution at the nitrogen
2820 atom of the indole ring, whether or not further substituted on the indole ring to any extent, whether or not
2821 substituted on the naphthoyl or naphthyl ring to any extent;

2822 3-(1-naphthoyl)pyrrole with substitution at the nitrogen atom of the pyrrole ring, whether or not
2823 further substituted in the pyrrole ring to any extent, whether or not substituted on the naphthoyl ring to
2824 any extent;

2825 1-(1-naphthylmethyl)indene with substitution of the 3-position of the indene ring, whether or not
2826 further substituted in the indene ring to any extent, whether or not substituted on the naphthyl ring to any
2827 extent;

2828 3-phenylacetylindole or 3-benzoylindole with substitution at the nitrogen atom of the indole ring,
2829 whether or not further substituted in the indole ring to any extent, whether or not substituted on the phenyl
2830 ring to any extent;

2831 3-cyclopropoylindole with substitution at the nitrogen atom of the indole ring, whether or not
2832 further substituted on the indole ring to any extent, whether or not substituted on the cyclopropyl ring to
2833 any extent;

2834 3-adamantoylindole with substitution at the nitrogen atom of the indole ring, whether or not further
2835 substituted on the indole ring to any extent, whether or not substituted on the adamantyl ring to any extent;

2836 N-(adamantyl)-indole-3-carboxamide with substitution at the nitrogen atom of the indole ring,
2837 whether or not further substituted on the indole ring to any extent, whether or not substituted on the
2838 adamantyl ring to any extent; and

2839 N-(adamantyl)-indazole-3-carboxamide with substitution at a nitrogen atom of the indazole ring,
2840 whether or not further substituted on the indazole ring to any extent, whether or not substituted on the
2841 adamantyl ring to any extent.

2842 b. The term "cannabimimetic agents" includes:

2843 5-(1,1-Dimethylheptyl)-2-[3-hydroxycyclohexyl]-phenol (other name: CP 47,497);

- 2844 5-(1,1-Dimethylhexyl)-2-[3-hydroxycyclohexyl]-phenol (other name: CP 47,497 C6 homolog);
- 2845 5-(1,1-Dimethyloctyl)-2-[3-hydroxycyclohexyl]-phenol (other name: CP 47,497 C8 homolog);
- 2846 5-(1,1-Dimethylnonyl)-2-[3-hydroxycyclohexyl]-phenol (other name: CP 47,497 C9 homolog);
- 2847 1-pentyl-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (other names: JWH-018, AM-678);
- 2848 1-butyl-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (other name: JWH-073);
- 2849 1-pentyl-3-(2-methoxyphenylacetyl)indole (other name: JWH-250);
- 2850 1-hexyl-3-(naphthalen-1-oyl)indole (other name: JWH-019);
- 2851 1-[2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl]-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (other name: JWH-200);
- 2852 (6aR,10aR)-9-(hydroxymethyl)-6,6-dimethyl-3-(2-methyloctan-2-yl)-6a,7,10,10a-tetrahydrobenzo[c]chromen-1-ol (other name: HU-210);
- 2853
- 2854 1-pentyl-3-(4-methoxy-1-naphthoyl)indole (other name: JWH-081);
- 2855 1-pentyl-3-(4-methyl-1-naphthoyl)indole (other name: JWH-122);
- 2856 1-pentyl-3-(2-chlorophenylacetyl)indole (other name: JWH-203);
- 2857 1-pentyl-3-(4-ethyl-1-naphthoyl)indole (other name: JWH-210);
- 2858 1-pentyl-3-(4-chloro-1-naphthoyl)indole (other name: JWH-398);
- 2859 1-(5-fluoropentyl)-3-(2-iodobenzoyl)indole (other name: AM-694);
- 2860 1-((N-methylpiperidin-2-yl)methyl)-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (other name: AM-1220);
- 2861 1-(5-fluoropentyl)-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (other name: AM-2201);
- 2862 1-[(N-methylpiperidin-2-yl)methyl]-3-(2-iodobenzoyl)indole (other name: AM-2233);
- 2863 Pravadoline (4-methoxyphenyl)-[2-methyl-1-(2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl)indol-3-yl]methanone
- 2864 (other name: WIN 48,098);
- 2865 1-pentyl-3-(4-methoxybenzoyl)indole (other names: RCS-4, SR-19);
- 2866 1-(2-cyclohexylethyl)-3-(2-methoxyphenylacetyl)indole (other names: RCS-8, SR-18);
- 2867 1-pentyl-3-(2,2,3,3-tetramethylcyclopropylmethanone)indole (other name: UR-144);
- 2868 1-(5-fluoropentyl)-3-(2,2,3,3-tetramethylcyclopropylmethanone)indole (other names: XLR-11, 5-fluoro-UR-144);
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- 2870 N-adamantyl-1-fluoropentylindole-3-carboxamide (other name: STS-135);

- 2871 N-adamantyl-1-pentylindazole-3-carboxamide (other names: AKB48, APINACA);
- 2872 1-pentyl-3-(1-adamantoyl)indole (other name: AB-001);
- 2873 (8-quinoliny)(1-pentylindol-3-yl)carboxylate (other name: PB-22);
- 2874 (8-quinoliny)(1-(5-fluoropentyl)indol-3-yl)carboxylate (other name: 5-fluoro-PB-22);
- 2875 (8-quinoliny)(1-cyclohexylmethyl-indol-3-yl)carboxylate (other name: BB-22);
- 2876 N-(1-amino-3-methyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)-1-pentylindazole-3-carboxamide (other name: AB-
- 2877 PINACA);
- 2878 N-(1-amino-3-methyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)-1-(4-fluorobenzyl)indazole-3-carboxamide (other name:
- 2879 AB-FUBINACA);
- 2880 1-(5-fluoropentyl)-3-(1-naphthoyl)indazole (other name: THJ-2201);
- 2881 N-(1-amino-3,3-dimethyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)-1-pentylindazole-3-carboxamide (other name: ADB-
- 2882 PINACA);
- 2883 N-(1-amino-3-methyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)indazole-3-carboxamide (other
- 2884 name: AB-CHMINACA);
- 2885 N-(1-amino-3-methyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)-1-(5-fluoropentyl)indazole-3-carboxamide (other name:
- 2886 5-fluoro-AB-PINACA);
- 2887 N-(1-amino-3,3-dimethyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)indazole-3-carboxamide (other
- 2888 names: ADB-CHMINACA, MAB-CHMINACA);
- 2889 Methyl-2-(1-(5-fluoropentyl)-1H-indazole-3-carboxamido)-3-methylbutanoate (other name: 5-
- 2890 fluoro-AMB);
- 2891 1-naphthalenyl 1-(5-fluoropentyl)-1H-indole-3-carboxylate (other name: NM-2201);
- 2892 1-(4-fluorobenzyl)-3-(2,2,3,3-tetramethylcyclopropylmethanone)indole (other name: FUB-144);
- 2893 1-(5-fluoropentyl)-3-(4-methyl-1-naphthoyl)indole (other name MAM-2201);
- 2894 N-(1-Amino-3,3-dimethyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)-1-[(4-fluorophenyl)methyl]-1H-indazole-3-
- 2895 carboxamide (other name: ADB-FUBINACA);
- 2896 Methyl 2-[1-[(4-fluorophenyl)methyl]-1H-indazole-3-carboxamido]-3,3-dimethylbutanoate
- 2897 (other name: MDMB-FUBINACA);

- 2898** Methyl 2-[1-(5-fluoropentyl)-1H-indazole-3-carboxamido]-3,3-dimethylbutanoate (other names:
2899 5-fluoro-ADB, 5-Fluoro-MDMB-PINACA);
- 2900** Methyl 2-({1-[(4-fluorophenyl)methyl]-1H-indazole-3-carbonyl} amino)-3-methylbutanoate
2901 (other names: AMB-FUBINACA, FUB-AMB);
- 2902** N-(adamantan-1-yl)-1-(4-fluorobenzyl)-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide (other names: FUB-AKB48,
2903 5F-APINACA);
- 2904** N-(adamantan-1-yl)-1-(5-fluoropentyl)-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide (other name: 5F-AKB48);
- 2905** N-(adamantanyl)-1-(5-chloropentyl) indazole-3-carboxamide (other name: 5-chloro-AKB48);
- 2906** Naphthalen-1-yl 1-pentyl-1H-indazole-3-carboxylate (other name: SDB-005);
- 2907** N-(1-amino-3-methyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)indole-3-carboxamide (other name:
2908 AB-CHMICA);
- 2909** 1-pentyl-N-(phenylmethyl)-1H-indole-3-carboxamide (other name: SDB-006);
- 2910** Quinolin-8-yl 1-(4-fluorobenzyl)-1H-indole-3-carboxylate (other name: FUB-PB-22);
- 2911** Methyl N-[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1H-indole-3-carbonyl]valinate (other name: MMB-CHMICA);
- 2912** N-(1-amino-3,3-dimethyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)-1-(5-fluoropentyl)indazole-3-carboxamide (other
2913 name: 5-fluoro-ADB-PINACA);
- 2914** 1-(4-cyanobutyl)-N-(1-methyl-1-phenylethyl)-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide (other name: 4-cyano
2915 CUMYL-BUTINACA);
- 2916** Methyl 2-[1-(5-fluoropentyl)-1H-indole-3-carboxamido]-3,3-dimethylbutanoate (other names: 5-
2917 fluoro MDMB-PICA, 5F-MDMB-PICA);
- 2918** Ethyl 2-({1-[(4-fluorophenyl)methyl]-1H-indazole-3-carbonyl} amino)-3-methylbutanoate (other
2919 name: EMB-FUBINACA);
- 2920** Methyl 2-[1-4-fluorobutyl)-1H-indazole-3-carboxamido]-3,3-dimethylbutanoate (other name: 4-
2921 fluoro-MDMB-BUTINACA);
- 2922** 1-(5-fluoropentyl)-N-(1-methyl-1-phenylethyl)-1H-indole-3-carboxamide (other name: 5-fluoro
2923 CUMYL-PICA);

- 2924** Methyl 2-[1-(pent-4-enyl)-1H-indazole-3-carboxamido]-3,3-dimethylbutanoate (other name:
2925 MDMB-4en-PINACA);
- 2926** Methyl 2-({1-[(4-fluorophenyl)methyl]-1H-indole-3-carbonyl}amino)-3-methylbutanoate (other
2927 names: MMB-FUBICA, AMB-FUBICA);
- 2928** Methyl 2-[1-(4-penten-1-yl)-1H-indole-3-carboxamido]-3-methylbutanoate (other names:
2929 MMB022, MMB-4en-PICA);
- 2930** Methyl 2-[1-(5-fluoropentyl)-1H-indole-3-carboxamido]-3-methylbutanoate (other name: MMB
2931 2201);
- 2932** Methyl 2-[1-(5-fluoropentyl)-1H-indole-3-carboxamido]-3-phenylpropanoate (other name: 5-
2933 fluoro-MPP-PICA);
- 2934** N-(1-amino-3,3-dimethyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)-1-butylindazole-3-carboxamide (other name: ADB-
2935 BUTINACA);
- 2936** N-(1-amino-3-methyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)-1-(5-chloropentyl)indazole-3-carboxamide (other name:
2937 5-chloro-AB-PINACA);
- 2938** 1-(5-fluoropentyl)-N-(2-phenylpropan-2-yl)-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide (other names: 5F-
2939 CUMYL-PINACA, 5-fluoro CUMYL-PINACA, CUMYL-5F-PINACA);
- 2940** Ethyl 2-[1-(5-fluoropentyl)-1H-indazole-3-carboxamido]-3,3-dimethylbutanoate (other names:
2941 5F-EDMB-PINACA, 5-fluoro EDMB-PINACA);
- 2942** Ethyl-2-[1-(5-fluoropentyl)-1H-indazole-3-carboxamido]-3-methylbutanoate (other names: 5-
2943 fluoro-EMB-PINACA, 5F-AEB);
- 2944** Ethyl 2-[1-(5-fluoropentyl)-1H-indole-3-carboxamido]-3-methylbutanoate (other name: 5-fluoro-
2945 EMB-PICA);
- 2946** Ethyl-2-[1-(5-fluoropentyl)-1H-indole-3-carboxamido]-3,3-dimethylbutanoate (other name: 5-
2947 fluoro EDMB-PICA);
- 2948** Methyl 2-[1-(4-fluorobutyl)-1H-indole-3-carboxamido]-3,3-dimethylbutanoate (other name: 4-
2949 fluoro-MDMB-BUTICA);

2950 Methyl 2-(1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1H-indole-3-carboxamido)-3,3-dimethylbutanoate (other names:
2951 MDMB-CHMICA, MMB-CHMINACA);

2952 N-(1-amino-3,3-dimethyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)-1-(pent-4-enyl)indazole-3-carboxamide (other name:
2953 ADB-4en-PINACA).

2954 **2. That Article 5 (§§ 3.2-5145.1 through 3.2-5145.5) of Chapter 51 of Title 3.2 of the Code of Virginia**
2955 **is repealed.**

2956 **3. That the provisions of this act creating in Chapter 51 of Title 3.2 an article numbered 6, consisting**
2957 **of sections numbered 3.2-5145.6 through 3.2-5145.9, and repealing Article 5 (§§ 3.2-5145.1 through**
2958 **3.2-5145.5) of Chapter 51 of Title 3.2 of the Code of Virginia shall become effective on the earlier of**
2959 **(i) the promulgation by the Board of Directors of the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority of final**
2960 **regulations governing regulated hemp products pursuant to § 4.1-606 of the Code of Virginia, as**
2961 **amended by this act, or (ii) January 1, 2024. Any regulation promulgated by the Department of**
2962 **Agriculture and Consumer Services pursuant to Article 5 of Chapter 51 of Title 3.2 of the Code of**
2963 **Virginia, as repealed by this act, shall remain in full force and effect and continue to be administered**
2964 **by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services until the effective date of the repeal of**
2965 **Article 5 of Chapter 51 of Title 3.2 of the Code of Virginia.**

2966 **4. That, except as otherwise provided in the third enactment, the Board of Directors (the Board) of**
2967 **the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions**
2968 **of the first enactment by September 1, 2023. With the exception of § 2.2-4031 of the Code of Virginia,**
2969 **neither the provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq. of the Code of Virginia)**
2970 **nor public participation guidelines adopted pursuant thereto shall apply to the Board's initial**
2971 **adoption of regulations to implement the provisions of the first enactment. However, prior to**
2972 **adopting any regulation, the Board shall publish a notice of opportunity to comment in the Virginia**
2973 **Register of Regulations and post the action on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall. Such notice of**
2974 **opportunity to comment shall contain (i) a summary of the proposed regulation; (ii) the text of the**
2975 **proposed regulation; and (iii) the name, address, and telephone number of the agency contact**
2976 **person responsible for receiving public comments. Such notice shall be made at least 60 days in**

2977 advance of the last date prescribed in such notice for submittals of public comment. The legislative
2978 review provisions of subsections A and B of § 2.2-4014 of the Code of Virginia shall apply to the
2979 promulgation or final adoption process for regulations pursuant to this section. The Board shall
2980 consider and keep on file all public comments received for any regulation adopted pursuant to this
2981 act.

2982 5. That, except as otherwise provided in the sixth enactment of this act, the Board of Directors of
2983 the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority shall not issue any license pursuant to the provisions of
2984 this act prior to July 1, 2024.

2985 6. § 1. That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, any pharmaceutical processor that holds a
2986 permit pursuant to § 54.1-3442.6 of the Code of Virginia shall be authorized to sell cannabis
2987 products as defined in § 54.1-3408.3 of the Code of Virginia to persons who are 21 years of age or
2988 older without the need for a written certification. The Board of Directors of the Virginia Cannabis
2989 Control Authority (the Board) shall adopt, by January 1, 2024, and enforce regulations governing
2990 sales and related activities conducted pursuant to this enactment that shall model, to the greatest
2991 extent practicable, the regulations of the Board of Pharmacy governing pharmaceutical processors
2992 set forth in 18VAC110-60 of the Virginia Administrative Code, subject to the following exceptions
2993 and requirements:

2994 1. Part II (18VAC110-60-30 et seq.) of 18VAC110-60 and 18VAC110-60-310 of the Virginia
2995 Administrative Code shall not apply;

2996 2. Pharmaceutical processors engaging in sales pursuant to the provisions of this enactment
2997 shall:

2998 a. Sell cannabis products only in opaque, child-resistant, tamper-evident, and resealable
2999 packaging;

3000 b. Report quarterly to the Board data regarding all sales conducted pursuant to this
3001 enactment, including information regarding violations, errors, and omissions;

3002 c. Be permitted to cultivate in no more than 80,000 square feet of canopy the number of
3003 cannabis plants, as determined by the pharmaceutical processor, necessary to serve the demand for
3004 sales created by this enactment;

3005 d. Dedicate a sufficient number of registers at each facility to registered patient sales and
3006 maintain sufficient inventory of cannabis products to satisfy the demands of such patients;

3007 e. Submit to the Board and, upon approval by the Board, comply with a diversity, equity,
3008 and inclusion plan describing how the pharmaceutical processor will, in its health service area or
3009 other area determined by the Board, (i) educate consumers about responsible consumption of
3010 cannabis products and (ii) incubate five retail franchisees in a historically economically
3011 disadvantaged community for a period of three years and support and educate applicants in a
3012 historically economically disadvantaged community that wish to participate in the cannabis market.
3013 The Board shall begin accepting applicants from retail franchisee applicants on July 1, 2023, vet
3014 such applicants, and present the Board's selections to each pharmaceutical processor. Each
3015 pharmaceutical processor shall select five retail franchisees from such pool by September 1, 2023.
3016 Such retail franchisees shall have the same retail sale authority granted to the pharmaceutical
3017 processor and may begin sales on January 1, 2024; and

3018 f. Pay a one-time \$6 million fee to the Department of Taxation prior to engaging in sales
3019 pursuant to this enactment;

3020 3. Pharmaceutical processors engaging in sales pursuant to the provisions of this enactment
3021 shall not:

3022 a. Deliver cannabis products or sell cannabis products at any location other than the
3023 pharmaceutical processor and cannabis dispensing facilities for which the pharmaceutical
3024 processor holds a permit pursuant to § 54.1-3442.6 of the Code of Virginia;

3025 b. Advertise cannabis products to persons younger than 21 years of age;

3026 c. Sell to a person in a single transaction more than (i) one ounce of botanical cannabis
3027 products, (ii) five grams of cannabis concentrate products, or (iii) a quantity of infused cannabis
3028 products that contains more than 500 milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol;

3029 d. Sell any nonbotanical cannabis product with an individual unit dose containing more than
3030 10 milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol;

3031 e. Be required to comply with any Board regulation, requirement, or restriction that does
3032 not model, to the greatest extent practicable, the regulations of the Board of Pharmacy or exceptions
3033 thereto set forth in this enactment unless such regulation, requirement, or restriction is adopted by
3034 the General Assembly; or

3035 f. Be subject to administrative action, liability, or other penalty based on the acts or omissions
3036 of any independent cannabis retailer; and

3037 4. Persons without a written certification shall be permitted to access pharmaceutical
3038 processor and dispensing facilities for the purpose of purchasing cannabis products in accordance
3039 with the provisions of this enactment.

3040 For the purposes of this enactment, "canopy" means any area dedicated to live marijuana
3041 plant cultivation, including areas in which plants are grown, propagated, cloned, or maintained. If
3042 any such areas are stacked vertically, each level of space shall be measured and included in the total
3043 canopy square footage.

3044 § 2. The Board of Directors of the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority may suspend the
3045 privileges of a pharmaceutical processor to engage in sales under this enactment for substantial and
3046 repeated violations of the provisions of this enactment.

3047 § 3. A tax of 21 percent shall be levied on the sale of cannabis products pursuant to this
3048 enactment, which shall be in addition to any tax imposed under Chapter 6 (§ 58.1-600 et seq.) of
3049 Title 58.1 of the Code of Virginia or any other provision of federal, state, or local law.
3050 Pharmaceutical processors shall remit such tax to the Department of Taxation. The Department of
3051 Taxation shall deposit tax revenues from the 21 percent excise tax, as well as the fees received from
3052 pharmaceutical processors pursuant to § 1, into the account of the Virginia Cannabis Control
3053 Authority to be used to provide loans to applicants in a historically economically disadvantaged
3054 community who are in need of capital for the start-up of a licensed cannabis business.

3055 Any locality may by ordinance levy a three percent tax on the sale of cannabis products
3056 pursuant to this enactment. Such local tax shall be in addition to any local sales tax imposed under
3057 Chapter 6 (§ 58.1-600 et seq.) of Title 58.1, any food and beverage tax imposed under Article 7.1 (§
3058 58.1-3833 et seq.) of Chapter 38 of Title 58.1, and any excise tax imposed on meals under § 58.1-
3059 3840. If a town imposes a tax under this section, any tax imposed by its surrounding county under
3060 this section shall not apply within the limits of the town. Nothing in this section shall be construed
3061 to prohibit a locality from imposing any tax authorized by law on a person or property regulated
3062 under this enactment. Any locality that enacts an ordinance pursuant to this section shall, within 30
3063 days, notify the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority and any pharmaceutical processor in such
3064 locality of the ordinance's enactment. The ordinance shall take effect on the first day of the second
3065 month following its enactment. Any local tax levied under this section shall be remitted and
3066 disbursed to the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority in the same manner as the 21 percent state
3067 excise tax and, thereafter, disbursed to the applicable locality.

3068 § 4. The Board of Directors of the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority and the Department
3069 of Taxation may assess and collect fees from each pharmaceutical processor that sells cannabis
3070 products pursuant to this enactment in an amount sufficient to recover the costs associated with the
3071 implementation of the provisions of this enactment.

3072 § 5. The provisions of this enactment shall not apply to or otherwise affect the sale of cannabis
3073 products to patients with written certifications by pharmaceutical processors pursuant to Article
3074 4.2 (§ 54.1-3442.5 et seq. of the Code of Virginia) of the Drug Control Act.

3075 § 6. No agent or employee of a pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility shall
3076 be prosecuted under Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 4.1 or § 18.2-248, 18.2-248.1, or 18.2-
3077 250 of the Code of Virginia for possession or manufacture of marijuana or for possession,
3078 manufacture, or distribution of cannabis products, subject to any civil penalty, denied any right or
3079 privilege, or subject to any disciplinary action by a professional licensing board if such agent or
3080 employee (i) possessed or manufactured such marijuana for the purposes of producing cannabis
3081 products in accordance with the provisions of this enactment or (ii) possessed, manufactured, or

3082 distributed such cannabis products that are consistent with generally accepted cannabis industry
3083 standards in accordance with the provisions of this enactment.

3084 § 7. The Board of Directors of the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority's (the Board) initial
3085 adoption of regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this enactment shall be exempt
3086 from the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq. of the Code of Virginia), except that the
3087 Board shall provide an opportunity for public comment on the regulations prior to adoption.

3088 § 8. That the provisions of this enactment shall become effective on January 1, 2024.

3089 § 9. That the provisions of this enactment shall expire when the Virginia Cannabis Control
3090 Authority (the Authority) provides written notice to the Division of Legislative Services that
3091 pharmaceutical processors engaging in the sale of cannabis products pursuant to the provisions of
3092 this enactment are authorized by the Authority to apply for and be granted licenses to cultivate,
3093 manufacture, wholesale, and sell at retail to consumers 21 years of age or older retail marijuana
3094 and retail marijuana products at the pharmaceutical processor and cannabis dispensing facilities
3095 for which the pharmaceutical processor holds a permit pursuant to § 54.1-3442.6 of the Code of
3096 Virginia.

3097 7. That on or before September 1, 2023, the Department of Corrections, sheriff of a local jail,
3098 regional director of a regional jail, and the Department of Juvenile Justice, respectively, shall
3099 determine which individuals currently incarcerated in such state correctional facility, local
3100 correctional facility, or secure facility, or placed on community supervision, respectively, meet the
3101 criteria for a hearing on the modification of sentence as set forth in subsections A and B of § 19.2-
3102 303.03 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act, and shall (i) provide an electronic list of such
3103 individuals to the clerk of each circuit court in the jurisdiction where the individual was sentenced
3104 and (ii) notify all such individuals that they may be eligible for modification of their sentence, a
3105 hearing will be scheduled for such determination, and that they may file a petition for assistance of
3106 counsel and a statement of indigency.

3107 8. That within 30 days of receiving the electronic list provided under the seventh enactment of this
3108 act, the clerk of each circuit court shall notify the chief judge of that circuit court who shall

3109 subsequently set a hearing within the timeframes required pursuant to subsections A and B of §
3110 19.2-303.03 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act, for each individual to determine whether
3111 to modify such individual's sentence.

3112 9. That the provisions of § 19.2-303.03 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act, and the seventh
3113 and eighth enactments of this act shall expire on July 1, 2026.

3114 10. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment or
3115 commitment. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, the estimated amount of the necessary
3116 appropriation cannot be determined for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional
3117 facilities; therefore, Chapter 2 of the Acts of Assembly of 2022, Special Session I, requires the
3118 Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission to assign a minimum fiscal impact of \$50,000. Pursuant
3119 to § 30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation cannot
3120 be determined for periods of commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.

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