



- The elimination of the mandatory six-month operator’s license suspension on all drug convictions because the suspension serves no public safety interest and is an inappropriate punishment unrelated to the criminal behavior;
- The ability to expunge convictions from one’s record to enable one to have a meaningful “second chance”;
- The removal of mandatory minimum sentences from the law, allowing judges to take into account the needs and facts of each person’s case before their court;
- The expansion of deferred disposition in all cases where the attorney for the accused and Commonwealth agree; and
- The clarification of the discretionary powers of the prosecutor.

We stand ready to be of assistance to you and the members of the General Assembly in the lead-up to and during the Special Session. We applaud your willingness to make these most needed changes that will directly and positively impact the communities in which we are honored and privileged to serve each and every day.

We look forward to the outcome of the Special Session with great anticipation that the results will serve the citizens of Virginia in a fairer, more equitable, and less discriminatory way. In any way that we can assist to accomplish those goals, we stand ready and pledge to do so.

Sincerely,

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