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Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority

Item 489	First Year - FY2027	Second Year - FY2028
Crime Detection, Investigation, and Apprehension (30400)	**$41,212,034**	**$39,856,759**
Enforcement and Regulation of Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws (30403)	$41,212,034	$39,856,759
Fund Sources:		
Enterprise	$40,512,034	$39,156,759
Federal Trust	$700,000	$700,000

Authority: § 4.1-100 through § 4.1-133, Code of Virginia.

A. No funds appropriated for this program shall be used for enforcement personnel to enforce local ordinances.

B. Revenues of the fund appropriated in this Item and Item 490 of this act are limited to those received pursuant to Title 4, Code of Virginia, except taxes collected by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

C. By September 1 of each year, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board shall report for the prior fiscal year the dollar amount of total wine liter tax collections in Virginia; the portion, expressed in dollars, of such tax collections attributable to the sale of Virginia wine in both ABC stores and in private stores; and, the percentage of total wine liter tax collections attributable to the sale of Virginia wine. Such report shall be submitted to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, Director, Department of Planning and Budget and the Virginia Wine Board.

D. Included in this appropriation for this item is $839,752 the first year and $839,752 the second year from the Enterprise Fund to be used to support civilian licensing technicians.

E. Included in the appropriation for this item is $2,500,000 the first year and $2,500,000 the second year from the Enterprise Fund to support licensing agents in association with the Authority's licensing reform efforts.

F. Included in the appropriation for this item is $1,000,000 the first year and $1,000,000 the second year from the Enterprise Fund to support enforcement activities related to the unlawful direct shipment into Virginia of alcoholic beverages by unlicensed businesses and fulfillment centers.

G. Out of this appropriation, $150,000 the first year from the Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems Fund, which shall be transferred from the Office of the Attorney General, shall be used for the costs associated with conducting unannounced investigations of retailers in the business of selling liquid nicotine or nicotine vapor products, as defined in § 58.1-1021.01, Code of Virginia, to verify that such retailer is not selling liquid nicotine or nicotine vapor products to persons under 21 years of age.

H. The State Comptroller shall transfer $1,400,000 in unexpended balances at the Department of Taxation, which were previously appropriated from the Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems Fund, to the Virginia Alcoholic

Beverage Control Authority no later than July 15, 2026 to support implementation of Chapter 1021 and Chapter 1044, 2026 Acts of Assembly.

I. Out of this appropriation, $1,737,272 the first year from the Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems Fund, which shall be transferred from the Office of the Attorney General no later than July 15, 2026, shall be used to support costs associated with implementation of Chapters 1021 and 1044, 2026 Acts of Assembly.

J. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 4-3.02 of this act, the State Comptroller may authorize an interest-free treasury loan of up to $2,000,000, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Finance, for the Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority to fund costs associated with Chapters 1021 and 1044, 2026 Acts of Assembly.