Virginia Association of Commonwealth’s Attorneys  
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Dear Commonwealth’s Attorneys,  

I am looking forward to meeting with all of you this week to discuss the recent decision by the Supreme Court of Virginia in *Commonwealth v. Sadler Brothers Oil Company*.  

On Friday, the Supreme Court overruled a lower court’s decision and reinstated the statewide ban on “skill game” machines as defined in Va. Code § 18.2-325(6). The law — which criminalizes “playing, or offering for play” skill games — is now in effect, and Commonwealth’s Attorneys are free to enforce it.  

Because these games are located in businesses throughout the Commonwealth, the Attorney General recommends that Commonwealth’s Attorneys delay enforcement until November 15, allowing local businesses an adjustment period to comply with the order. This period is intended to facilitate an orderly transition and to ensure that all affected parties have adequate time to comply with the law.  

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.  

Very truly yours,  

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Chief Deputy Attorney General