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SENATE BILL NO. 192

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions  
on March 1, 2022)

(Patrons Prior to Substitute--Senators Mason and Locke [SB 617])

A BILL to amend and reenact § 32.1-30 of the Code of Virginia, relating to local health director;  
qualifications.

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

**1. That § 32.1-30 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 32.1-30. Local health departments.**

Each county and city shall establish and maintain a local department of health ~~which~~ that shall be headed by a local health director. Each such local health director shall (i) be a physician licensed to practice medicine in ~~this~~ the Commonwealth, (ii) possess a master's or doctoral degree in the area of public health and have at least three years of professional experience in a full-time position in either a public health agency or public health-related position, or (iii) be otherwise qualified for the position as determined by the Commissioner. If a local health director is not a physician licensed to practice medicine and there is no licensed physician on staff, the local health director shall enter into a consulting agreement with a licensed physician to execute prescribing duties, consult on clinical matters, and perform all other duties as requested.

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