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SENATE BILL NO. 192
AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health
on January 27, 2022)
(Patron Prior to Substitute--Senator Mason)

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 be a physician licensed to practice medicine in ~~this~~ the Commonwealth, 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 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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