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HOUSE BILL NO. 1240

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

on _____)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Scott, P.A.)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 35 of Title 54.1 a section numbered 54.1-3506.2, relating to licensure to practice professional counseling without examination during emergency.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 35 of Title 54.1 a section numbered 54.1-3506.2 as follows:

§ 54.1-3506.2. Licensure of certain persons without examination during emergency.

During an emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to § 44-146.17, the Board shall issue a license to practice as a licensed professional counselor, without examination, to an applicant who (i) meets the academic, experiential, and other requirements for licensure established by the Board in regulation and (ii) in the judgment of the Board, is qualified to practice professional counseling.

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