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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - CHAPTER

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 6 of Chapter 39 of Title 54.1 a section numbered 54.1-3938.1, relating to subpoen issued pursuant to law of another jurisdiction in lawyer disciplinary proceedings.

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Approved

7 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

8 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 6 of Chapter 39 of Title 54.1 a 9 section numbered 54.1-3938.1 as follows:

10 § 54.1-3938.1. Subpoena issued pursuant to law of another jurisdiction.

11 Whenever a subpoena is sought in this Commonwealth pursuant to the laws of another jurisdiction 12 for use in lawyer discipline or disability proceedings, and where the request for the subpoend has been 13 duly approved under the laws of the other jurisdiction, the chair or a vice-chair of the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board, upon receiving an application from Bar Counsel, may issue a subpoena as 14 provided in this section to compel the attendance of witnesses and production of documents in the 15 county or city in the Commonwealth where the witness resides or is employed or elsewhere as agreed 16 17 by the witness. The circuit courts shall have the power to enforce a subpoena issued pursuant to this 18 section and to adjudge disobedience thereof as contempt. The privilege extended by this section shall be 19 available only to those jurisdictions that extend a similar privilege for disciplinary proceedings in this

20 Commonwealth.

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