

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 54.1-3606.1, relating to*
3 *continuing education for psychologists.*

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5 Approved

[H 452]

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

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 54.1-3606.1 as follows:**

8 *§ 54.1-3606.1. Continuing education.*

9 *A. The Board shall promulgate regulations governing continuing education requirements for*
10 *psychologists licensed by the Board. Such regulations shall require the completion of the equivalent of*
11 *fourteen hours annually in Board-approved continuing education courses for any license renewal or*
12 *reinstatement after the effective date.*

13 *B. The Board shall approve criteria for continuing education courses that are directly related to the*
14 *respective license and scope of practice of school psychology, applied psychology and clinical*
15 *psychology. Approved continuing education courses for clinical psychologists shall emphasize, but not be*
16 *limited to, the diagnosis, treatment and care of patients with moderate and severe mental disorders. Any*
17 *licensed hospital, accredited institution of higher education, or national, state or local health, medical,*
18 *psychological or mental health association or organization may submit applications to the Board for*
19 *approval as a provider of continuing education courses satisfying the requirements of the Board's*
20 *regulations. Approved course providers may be required to register continuing education courses with*
21 *the Board pursuant to Board regulations. Only courses meeting criteria approved by the Board and*
22 *offered by a Board-approved provider of continuing education courses may be designated by the Board*
23 *as qualifying for continuing education course credit.*

24 *C. All course providers shall furnish written certification to licensed psychologists attending and*
25 *completing respective courses, indicating the satisfactory completion of an approved continuing*
26 *education course. Each course provider shall retain records of all persons attending and those persons*
27 *satisfactorily completing such continuing education courses for a period of four years following each*
28 *course. Applicants for renewal or reinstatement of licenses issued pursuant to this article shall retain for*
29 *a period of four years the written certification issued by any course provider. The Board may require*
30 *course providers or licensees to submit copies of such records or certification, as it deems necessary to*
31 *ensure compliance with continuing education requirements.*

32 *D. The Board shall have the authority to grant exemptions or waivers or to reduce the number of*
33 *continuing education hours required in cases of certified illness or undue hardship.*

34 **2. That the Board shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this act within 280**
35 **days of the effective date of this act.**

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