

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2001 SESSION

CHAPTER 198

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 54.1-2911 and 54.1-3605 of the Code of Virginia and to repeal §§ 54.1-2940 and 54.1-3608 of the Code of Virginia, relating to membership of the Board of Medicine and regulation of clinical psychologists.

[H 2139]

Approved March 14, 2001

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 54.1-2911 and 54.1-3605 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 54.1-2911. Board; membership; terms of office; change of residence; executive director; etc.

The Board of Medicine shall consist of one medical physician from each congressional district, one osteopathic physician, one podiatrist, one chiropractor, ~~one clinical psychologist~~, and ~~two~~ four citizen members ~~from the Commonwealth at large~~. *No two citizen members shall reside in the same congressional district.* Citizen members shall have all voting and participation rights of other members. The term of office of the members of the Board shall be four years. If any medical physician member of the Board ceases to reside in the district from which he was appointed, except by reason of redistricting, his office shall be deemed vacant.

The officers of the Board shall be a president, vice-president and a secretary, who shall also act as treasurer, who shall be members of and selected by the Board.

Regular meetings of the Board shall be held at such times and places as prescribed by the Board. Special meetings may be held upon the call of the president and any ~~ten~~ eleven members. ~~Eleven~~ Twelve members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

The Board may establish an executive committee composed of the president, vice-president, the secretary and four other members of the Board appointed by the president. In the absence of the Board, the executive committee shall have full powers to take any action and conduct any business authorized by this chapter. Five members of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum. Any actions or business conducted by the executive committee shall be acted upon by the full Board as soon as practicable.

There shall be an executive director for the Board of Medicine who shall be licensed or eligible for licensure in the Commonwealth as a physician.

§ 54.1-3605. Powers and duties of the Board.

In addition to the powers granted in other provisions of this title, the Board shall have the following specific powers and duties:

1. To cooperate with and maintain a close liaison with other professional boards and the community to ensure that regulatory systems stay abreast of community and professional needs.

2. To conduct inspections to ensure that licensees conduct their practices in a competent manner and in conformance with the relevant regulations.

3. To designate specialties within the profession.

4. To issue a temporary license for such periods as the Board may prescribe to practice psychology to persons who are engaged in a residency or pursuant to subdivision 7 of § 54.1-3601.

5. To promulgate regulations for the voluntary certification of licensees as sex offender treatment providers. In promulgating such regulations, the Board shall consider the standards recommended by the Advisory Committee on Certified Practices pursuant to § 54.1-3610.

6. To administer the mandatory certification of sex offender treatment providers for those professionals who are otherwise exempt from licensure under subdivision 4 of §§ 54.1-3501, 54.1-3601 or § 54.1-3701 and to promulgate regulations governing such mandatory certification. The regulations shall include provisions for fees for application processing, certification qualifications, certification issuance and renewal and disciplinary action.

7. *To promulgate regulations establishing the requirements for licensure of clinical psychologists that shall include appropriate emphasis in the diagnosis and treatment of persons with moderate and severe mental disorders.*

2. That §§ 54.1-2940 and 54.1-3608 of the Code of Virginia are repealed.