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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 54.1-516.1, relating to the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors; summary suspension of licenses.

Patron—Drake

Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 54.1-516.1 as follows:

§ 54.1-516.1. Summary suspension of licenses; allegations to be in writing.

The Board may suspend the license of any person holding a license issued by it without a hearing simultaneously with the institution of proceedings for a hearing, if the relevant board finds that there is a substantial danger to the public health or safety that warrants this action. The Board may meet by telephone conference call when summarily suspending a license, certificate or registration if a good faith effort to assemble a quorum of the Board has failed and, in the judgment of a majority of the members of the Board, the continued practice by the licensee constitutes a substantial danger to the public health or safety. Institution of proceedings for a hearing shall be provided simultaneously with the summary suspension. The hearing shall be scheduled within a reasonable time of the date of the summary suspension. Allegations of violations of this section shall be made in writing to the Board.