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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2212**

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 54.1-2408.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to summary restrictions of licenses by health regulatory boards.*

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Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

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

**1. That § 54.1-2408.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 54.1-2408.1. Summary action against licenses, certificates, registrations, or multistate licensure privilege; allegations to be in writing.

A. Any health regulatory board may suspend the license, certificate, registration or multistate licensure privilege of any person holding a license, certificate, registration, or licensure privilege 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 which warrants this action. A board may meet by telephone conference call when summarily suspending a license, certificate, registration, or licensure privilege 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 individual 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.

B. Any health regulatory board may restrict the license, certificate, registration or multistate licensure privilege of any person holding a license, certificate, registration, or licensure privilege issued by it without proceeding simultaneously with notification of an informal conference pursuant to §§ 2.2-4019 and 54.1-2400, if the relevant board finds that there is a substantial danger to the public health or safety that warrants this action. A board may meet by telephone conference call when summarily restricting a license, certificate, registration, or licensure privilege 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 individual constitutes a substantial danger to the public health or safety. The informal conference shall be scheduled within a reasonable time of the date of the summary restriction.

C. Allegations of violations of this title shall be made in writing to the relevant health regulatory board.

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