

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 54.1-2930 of the Code of Virginia and to repeal § 54.1-2935 of the*  
3 *Code of Virginia, relating to licensure of doctors of medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic, and podiatry;*  
4 *requirements.*

5 [H 2277]

6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**8 **1. That § 54.1-2930 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**9 **§ 54.1-2930. Requirements for licensure.**10 The Board may issue a license to practice medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic, and podiatric medicine  
11 to any candidate who has submitted satisfactory evidence verified by affidavits that he:

12 1. Is 18 years of age or more;

13 2. Is of good moral character;

14 3. Has successfully completed all or such part as may be prescribed by the Board, of an educational  
15 course of study of that branch of the healing arts in which he desires a license to practice, which course  
16 of study and the educational institution providing that course of study are acceptable to the Board; and17 4. Has completed at least 12 months of satisfactory postgraduate training in one program or  
18 institution approved by an accrediting agency recognized by the Board for internships or residency  
19 training. At the discretion of the Board, the postgraduate training may be waived if an applicant for  
20 licensure in podiatry has been in active practice for four continuous years while serving in the military  
21 and is a diplomate of the American Board of Podiatric Surgery. Applicants for licensure in chiropractic  
22 need not fulfill this requirement.23 In determining whether such course of study and institution are acceptable to it, the Board may  
24 consider the reputation of the institution and whether it is approved or accredited by regional or national  
25 educational or professional associations including, but not limited to, such organizations as the  
26 Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, Liaison Committee on Medical Education,  
27 Council on Postgraduate Training of the American Osteopathic Association, Council on Osteopathic  
28 College Accreditation, College of Family Physicians of Canada, Committee for the Accreditation of  
29 Canadian Medical Schools, Education Commission on Foreign Medical Graduates, Royal College of  
30 Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, or their appropriate subsidiary agencies; by any appropriate agency  
31 of the United States government; or by any other organization approved by the Board. Supervised  
32 clinical training that is received in the United States as part of the curriculum of an international medical  
33 school shall be obtained in an approved hospital, institution or school of medicine offering an approved  
34 residency program in the specialty area for the relevant clinical training or in a program acceptable to  
35 the Board and deemed a substantially equivalent experience. The Board may also consider any other  
36 factors that reflect whether that institution and its course of instruction provide training sufficient to  
37 prepare practitioners to practice their branch of the healing arts with competency and safety in the  
38 Commonwealth.39 **2. That § 54.1-2935 of the Code of Virginia is repealed.**

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