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## **SENATE BILL NO. 293**

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE (Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health on February 1, 2018)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator McClellan)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 54.1-3304.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to license to dispense certain drugs and devices.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 54.1-3304.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 54.1-3304.1. Authority to license and regulate practitioners; permits.

A. The Board of Pharmacy shall have the authority to license and regulate the dispensing of controlled substances by practitioners of the healing arts. Except as prescribed in this chapter or by Board regulations, it shall be unlawful for any practitioner of the healing arts to dispense controlled substances within the Commonwealth unless licensed by the Board to sell controlled substances.

B. Facilities from which practitioners of the healing arts dispense controlled substances shall obtain a permit from the Board and comply with the regulations for practitioners of the healing arts to sell controlled substances. Facilities in which only one practitioner of the healing arts is licensed by the Board to sell controlled substances shall be exempt from fees associated with obtaining and renewing such permit.

C. The Board may issue a limited license at a reduced fee to a prescriber in a nonprofit facility to dispense controlled substances and devices for contraception or treatment of sexually transmitted disease. The non-profit facility from which a prescriber with such limited license dispenses such controlled substances and devices shall obtain a limited-use permit from the Board and comply with relevant Board regulations. Such non-profit facility shall be exempt from fees associated with obtaining and renewing such permit.

2. That the Board of Pharmacy shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this act to be effective within 280 days of its enactment.