

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2019 SESSION

CHAPTER 812

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 30-19.03:1.3, relating to legislation increasing or beginning regulation of an occupation; evaluation required.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 30-19.03:1.3 as follows:

§ 30-19.03:1.3. Evaluations to be prepared for legislation increasing or beginning regulation of an occupation.

A. For the purposes of this section, "regulation" means any statement of general application, having the force of law and affecting the rights or conduct of any person, adopted by an agency in accordance with the authority conferred on it by the Constitution and applicable statutes of the Commonwealth.

B. When any legislative bill requiring the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation to increase or begin regulation of an occupation is filed during any session of the General Assembly, the Board for Professional and Occupational Regulation (the Board) shall prepare an evaluation of the legislation using the criteria outlined in § 54.1-311.

C. The Division of Legislative Services shall examine all bills filed during any legislative session for the purpose of identifying and forwarding to the Board those bills requiring an evaluation pursuant to this section.

As soon thereafter as may be practicable, the Board shall forward copies of such evaluations to the Clerk of the House of Delegates for House bills and to the Clerk of the Senate for Senate bills for transmittal to each patron of the legislation and to the chairman of each committee of the General Assembly to consider the same.

All departments, agencies of government, and the Division of Legislative Services are directed to make available such information and assistance as the Board may request in preparing the evaluations required by this section.