

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 54.1-3505 of the Code of Virginia, relating to issuance of temporary*  
3 *licenses; individuals engaged in counseling residency.*

4 [H 2282]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 54.1-3505 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 54.1-3505. Specific powers and duties of the Board.**9 In addition to the powers granted in § 54.1-2400, the Board shall have the following specific powers  
10 and duties:11 1. To cooperate with and maintain a close liaison with other professional boards and the community  
12 to ensure that regulatory systems stay abreast of community and professional needs.13 2. To conduct inspections to ensure that licensees conduct their practices in a competent manner and  
14 in conformance with the relevant regulations.

15 3. To designate specialties within the profession.

16 4. To administer the certification of rehabilitation providers pursuant to Article 2 (§ 54.1-3510 et  
17 seq.) of this chapter, including prescribing fees for application processing, examinations, certification and  
18 certification renewal.

19 5. [Expired.]

20 6. To promulgate regulations for the qualifications, education, and experience for licensure of  
21 marriage and family therapists. The requirements for clinical membership in the American Association  
22 for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT), and the professional examination service's national  
23 marriage and family therapy examination may be considered by the Board in the promulgation of these  
24 regulations. The educational credit hour, clinical experience hour, and clinical supervision hour  
25 requirements for marriage and family therapists shall not be less than the educational credit hour,  
26 clinical experience hour, and clinical supervision hour requirements for professional counselors.27 7. To promulgate, subject to the requirements of Article 1.1 (§ 54.1-3507 et seq.) of this chapter,  
28 regulations for the qualifications, education, and experience for licensure of licensed substance abuse  
29 treatment practitioners and certification of certified substance abuse counselors and certified substance  
30 abuse counseling assistants. The requirements for membership in NAADAC: the Association for  
31 Addiction Professionals and its national examination may be considered by the Board in the  
32 promulgation of these regulations. The Board also may provide for the consideration and use of the  
33 accreditation and examination services offered by the Substance Abuse Certification Alliance of Virginia.  
34 The educational credit hour, clinical experience hour, and clinical supervision hour requirements for  
35 licensed substance abuse treatment practitioners shall not be less than the educational credit hour,  
36 clinical experience hour, and clinical supervision hour requirements for licensed professional counselors.  
37 Such regulations also shall establish standards and protocols for the clinical supervision of certified  
38 substance abuse counselors and the supervision or direction of certified substance abuse counseling  
39 assistants, and reasonable access to the persons providing that supervision or direction in settings other  
40 than a licensed facility.41 8. To maintain a registry of persons who meet the requirements for supervision of residents. The  
42 Board shall make the registry of approved supervisors available to persons seeking residence status.43 9. To promulgate regulations for the registration of qualified mental health professionals, including  
44 qualifications, education, and experience necessary for such registration.45 10. To promulgate regulations for the registration of peer recovery specialists who meet the  
46 qualifications, education, and experience requirements established by regulations of the Board of  
47 Behavioral Health and Developmental Services pursuant to § 37.2-203.48 *11. To promulgate regulations for the issuance of temporary licenses to individuals engaged in a*  
49 *counseling residency so that they may acquire the supervised, postgraduate experience required for*  
50 *licensure.*51 **2. That the Board of Counseling shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this**  
52 **act within 280 days of enactment.**

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