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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2457**

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 54.1-2937.1, relating to practitioners of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry, or chiropractic; inactive license; charity care.*

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Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

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

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 54.1-2937.1 as follows:

**§ 54.1-2937.1. Inactive license.**

A. The Board may issue an inactive license to any doctor of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry, or chiropractic who holds a valid license to practice in the Commonwealth upon receipt of a request made upon an application for renewal of such license and submission of the required fee. A person to whom an inactive license has been issued shall not be required to meet continuing competency requirements and shall not engage in the practice of medicine.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A, a person to whom an inactive license has been issued may engage in the practice of medicine for the purpose of providing (i) charity care, as defined in § 32.1-102.1, and (ii) in-home health care services to patients, including elderly individuals and others, for whom travel is a barrier to receiving medical care.

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