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SENATE BILL NO. 1547**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health
on January 31, 2019)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Vogel)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 4 of Chapter 29 of Title 54.1 a section numbered 54.1-2957.23, relating to music therapists.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 4 of Chapter 29 of Title 54.1 a section numbered 54.1-2957.23 as follows:

§ 54.1-2957.23. Music therapy; use of title; registration.

A. No person shall use or assume the title "music therapist" unless such person is registered with the Board.

B. The Board shall register as a music therapist any applicant who presents satisfactory evidence that he has passed the examination for board certification offered by the Certification Board for Music Therapists or any successor organization or is currently certified by the Certification Board for Music Therapists or any successor organization.

2. That the provisions of the first enactment of this act shall expire on July 1, 2020.

3. That the Board of Health Professions shall, pursuant to subdivision 2 of § 54.1-2510 of the Code of Virginia, evaluate whether music therapists and the practice of music therapy should be regulated and the degree of regulation to be imposed. The Board of Health Professions shall report the results of its evaluation to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Education and Health and the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions by November 1, 2019.

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