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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1266**

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*A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 59.1-310.9 and 59.1-310.10 of the Code of Virginia, relating to septic system inspectors; requirements to perform a septic system inspection.*

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Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce

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

**1. That §§ 59.1-310.9 and 59.1-310.10 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 59.1-310.9. Requirements for accredited septic system inspectors and performance of septic system inspections.**

A. In order to use the title of "accredited septic system inspector" in connection with any real estate transaction, including refinancings, an applicant shall be accredited by the National Sanitation Foundation or an equivalent national accrediting organization, which accreditation shall include the passage of both a written and practical examination on the principles and practice of septic system inspections.

In addition, the applicant shall satisfy the following requirements:

1. Hold a high school diploma or equivalent; and

2. Have evidence of at least one year of active field experience conducting onsite septic systems inspections or completion of a nationally approved training course.

*B. Any individual who holds a valid alternative onsite sewage system operator, alternative onsite sewage system installer, or onsite soil evaluator license pursuant to Chapter 23 (§ 54.1-2300 et seq.) of Title 54.1 shall be authorized to perform a septic system inspection in connection with any real estate transaction, including refinancings.*

**§ 59.1-310.10. Penalty for violation.**

No person shall use the title "accredited septic system inspector" *or perform a septic system inspection in connection with any real estate transaction* unless he meets the requirements of this chapter. Any person who violates the provisions of this chapter ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

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