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HOUSE BILL NO. 627

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 30-19.03:1.3 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the General Assembly; legislation increasing regulation or establishing initial professional or occupational regulation; evaluation required by Board for Professional and Occupational Regulation.

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Referred to Committee on Rules

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 30-19.03:1.3 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted 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 a profession or occupation is filed during any session of the General Assembly, the chairman of the committee to which the bill is referred shall request that 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 *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 *no later than 10 months after receipt of the bill* 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, and 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.

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