21100282D 1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 1795** 2 3 4 Offered January 13, 2021 Prefiled January 4, 2021 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 35 of Title 54.1 a section 5 numbered 54.1-3506.2, relating to licensure to practice professional counseling without examination. 6 Patrons—Cole, M.L., Avoli and Cole, J.G. 7 8 Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions 9 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 35 of Title 54.1 a 11 section numbered 54.1-3506.2 as follows: 12 § 54.1-3506.2. Licensure of certain persons without examination. 13 14 The Board shall issue a license as a licensed professional counselor without examination to a person **15** who has applied for such a license and who satisfies all other education, experience, and fitness to

practice requirements set forth in regulation and who, in the judgment of the Board, is qualified to

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practice professional counseling.