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### HOUSE BILL NO. 745

Offered January 12, 2022

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 54.1-2955 of the Code of Virginia, relating to practice of respiratory therapists; practice pending licensure.*

Patron—Bell

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

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

**1. That § 54.1-2955 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

#### **§ 54.1-2955. Restriction of titles.**

A. It is unlawful for any person not holding a current and valid license from the ~~Virginia~~ Board of ~~Medicine~~ to practice as a respiratory therapist or to assume the title "Respiratory Therapist" or to use, in conjunction with his name, the letters "RT."

B. *Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A, a person who has graduated from an accredited respiratory therapy education program may practice with the title "Respiratory Therapist, License Applicant" or "RT-Applicant" until he has received a failing score on any examination required by the Board for licensure or six months from the date of graduation, whichever occurs sooner. Any person practicing pursuant to this subsection as shall be identified with the title "Respiratory Therapist, License Applicant" or "RT-Applicant" on any identification issued by an employer and in conjunction with any signature in the course of his practice.*

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