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HOUSE BILL NO. 860

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health
on February 24, 1994)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Cunningham)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 54.1-3312 of the Code of Virginia, relating to licensure of pharmacists.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 54.1-3312 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 54.1-3312. Qualifications of pharmacist; approved school of pharmacy defined.

A. In order to be licensed as a pharmacist within the meaning of this chapter, an applicant shall present to the Board satisfactory evidence that he:

1. Is at least eighteen years of age;

2. Is of good moral character;

3. Is a graduate of a school of pharmacy approved by the Board of Pharmacy, or a foreign college of pharmacy, if the graduate has satisfactorily completed (i) a college of pharmacy equivalency examination program approved by the Board and (ii) written and oral communication ability tests of the English language approved by the Board;

4. Has had a suitable period of practical experience acceptable to the Board in the United States in accordance with the Board's regulations; however, such requirement shall not exceed twelve months; and

5. Has passed the examination prescribed by the Board.

B. ~~The period of practical experience required under this section shall not exceed twelve months.~~ As used in this article, an approved school of pharmacy shall be an institution which meets the minimum standards of the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education and appears on the Council's list of schools of pharmacy as published annually.

2. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on July 1, 1995.